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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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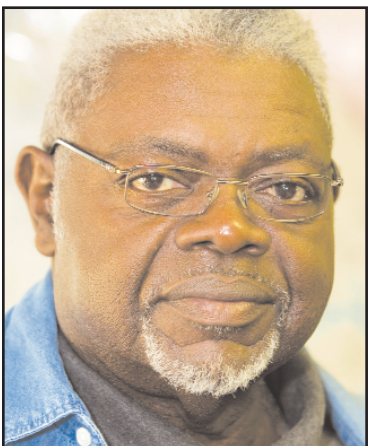
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

Mr. Benjamin Fullwood October 1843-July 1906

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Mr. Benjamin Fullwood was born in October 1843 and died in July 1908. He was married to Ms. Phoebe Bryant Fullwood. They were the parents of three children. They were Sarah Fullwood Gore, of the Cedar Grove area, who had one child, Elijah Benjamin Fullwood. She was buried in the Riley Hewett Cemetery in the Cedar Grove community.

A son, James Butler Fullwood, married Sarah Parker Fullwood, and they were the parents of 5 children (Sarah J. Fullwood, Lucinda Fullwood Davis, James Solomon Fullwood, Benjamin Levi Fullwood, and William Fullwood).

A daughter, Mary A. Fullwood, lived in the Supply community. She married Joseph Allen Burney, and their children are as follows: Mr. Jethro Burney, Mr. Willie Burney, Mr. Gaston Burney, Mr. Simon Burney, and Mr. Orina Burney.

Mr. Benjamin Fullwood was one of Brunswick County's first

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FORMER BLADEN BLACK SHERIFF ALLEGES RACE, FRAUD LED TO DEFEAT

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The former Bladen County sheriff, an African-American Democrat, alleges not only that he lost his re-election bid in 2014 because of some of the same election fraud allegations being probed now in the Rev. Mark Harris (R) - Dan McCready (D) Ninth District congressional contest, but he also believes that race was a factor as well.

"Race was an issue when I first ran...", said former Bladen Sheriff Prentis Benston, "... and it's going to remain an issue. I don't know when it will be over with."

In an exclusive interview Saturday, immediately after the NCNAACP Convention in Raleigh concluded, Benston, who served from 2010-2014, as sheriff, completing a 27 year career with the department, charged that Leslie McCrae Dowless, the two-time convicted felon and political operative, hired by the Mark Harris campaign to "get out the vote," also worked for Republican Jim McVicker, the current Bladen County sheriff, who unseated Benston in 2014.

"Yes, as of the 2014 election, the

absentee balloting process [was] not being done above board," Benston replied when asked if he were a victim of election "fraud" then. That fraud allegedly involved unsealed ballots from Black elderly and/or afflicted voters that could be manipulated before being turned in.

"Certainly, we have found out that [Dowless'] way of doing absentee ballots through going out and picking them up from voters (which is illegal), [along with] the improper witnessing of absentee ballots (also illegal)," Benston maintained.

Now the 2018 McVicker re-election campaign has admitted that Dowless was on their payroll again, this time to help defeat African-American Democratic challenger, Hakeem Brown, a former Bladen County deputy under Benston.

Brown has not made any public allegations yet, but the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement [SBEEE] has subpoenaed records from the McVicker re-election campaign, especially after the campaign admitted to paying Dowless \$8,800 between September 2017 and September 2018, according to campaign finance records.

Sources say whatever alleged election fraud impacted the Harris-McCready race, could have easily affected the McVicker - Brown contest too, especially if Dowless was involved.



CASH MICHAELS PHOTO

ATTORNEY AL MCSURELY WITH FORMER BLADEN SHERIFF PRENTIS BENSTON

Sheriff McVicker defeated Brown 52-48 percent.

A Dec. 21 SBEEE hearing is scheduled that could determine whether Brown files a formal complaint in his race.

Amazingly the North Carolina BOE actually cited Dowless in 2016 with doing exactly the same thing in the Benston-McVickers race that he's



BLADEN COUNTY SHERIFF JIM MCVICKER (R)

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS SANDRA BENITEZ (LEFT) AND CAMILLA AYIVI (RIGHT)

Douglass Academy celebrates Christmas Reward Party!

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Third grade students Sandra Benitez and Camilla Ayivi get in the Christmas spirit for this month's Douglass Academy reward party. All students with good behavior for the past month were invited. The event included snacks, cookies, candy, music, and dancing. All participants agreed the celebration was "a lot of fun!"

Nikki Chaney, Headmaster of Douglass Academy, commented, "It was great to see the students get in the Christmas spirit! Douglass Academy rewards students

who show respect teachers and follow the rules. We make sure good actions are not forgotten!"

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DR. SPEARMAN WELCOMES GOV. COOPER TO THE NCNAACP CONVENTION IN RALEIGH

"Come together and build power," says NC NAACP president

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The only way to fight harder and stronger for equal justice is to "...come together and build power," Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, fifth president of the NCNAACP said Saturday, during the State of the State of Civil Rights address at the 75th Annual Convention in Raleigh

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the State of North Carolina and
the County of Brunswick.
He also contracted with stores
and private businesses. He
owned his own boat that would
move lumber, tar, food and any
other goods for people up and
down the river. He was a Black
man who became independent
in a time when Blacks were not
allowed to sit in public places.
His will carried him through.
What are we waiting for? We
must push ahead! *Bernest
Hewett is President Emeritus
of the Brunswick County
Branch of the NAACP.*

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of the NC conference of
branches.

Echoing the words of the
NAACP's national board
Chairman Leon Russell,
Spearman told membership
gathered from across North
Carolina "...it's time to
organize and not agonize.
Try as you may to find it,
there is no halfway ground
between right and wrong.
Either the one or the other
must prevail, and I don't
know about you, but I'm
gonna push right with all
my might."

Dr. Spearman emphasized
the need for the NCNAACP
and its branches statewide
to intensify their political
action and community
action activities "...to build
a strategic year round
GOTV (get out the vote) cur-
riculum going forward."

"Certainly, we must
preach the gospel of morali-
ty and the NC NAACP has,
but when your civil and
political rights are being
encroached upon every
hour, we must also preach
the gospel of organization,"
The NC NAACP president
maintained. "People who
will not organize and put
themselves under the wisest
and best of their leaders
cannot expect other people
to look after their interests."

Spearman also declared
that the civil rights group
must recommit itself to
fighting voter suppression.

"We must find ways of fos-
tering an inclusive, informed
and more resolute electorate,"
he said. "This will take an
approach that considers com-
prehensive voter outreach,
education, civic engagement
and community organizing
and power building. In short,
we must broaden the framing
of the problem of voter sup-
pression and craft tools for
fighting it. The new wave of
voting restrictions demands
it."

The NC NAACP president
blasted the recent "lame duck"
session of the Republican-led
NC General Assembly, which
convened to pass new voter
photo ID legislation based on
their ratified voter ID amend-
ment that Spearman consid-
ers yet another extension of
the GOP's voter suppression
efforts.

"The NC NAACP contends
that this General Assembly
did not have the authority to
place any amendments on the
ballot by virtue that it is an
unconstitutionally constitu-
ted body. It falls into the cate-
gory of "usurper" government."

Spearman continued,
"There really is nothing new
under the sun here in the
state of North Carolina, lest
we forget that the year was
1898 when Alfred Moore
Waddell, the ex-congress-
man from black belt
Wilmington, told an election
evening crowd to "go to the
polls tomorrow and if you
find the Negro out voting,
tell him to leave the polls,
and if he refuses, kill him.
Shoot him down in his
tracks!"

On Friday, Governor Roy
Cooper visited the conven-
tion. The gubernatorial
visit was notable because
last year, then NCNAACP
Pres., Rev. Dr. William
Barber, refused to invite the
Democratic governor
because he would not look
into the Dontae Sharpe case,
a Black man supporters say

was convicted of a crime he
did not commit.

The convention also had to
be abbreviated to just a day
and a half because of an
impending snowstorm that
threatened to trap many con-
vention attendees in Raleigh
if they didn't adjourn by 12
noon Saturday.

The convention weekend
ended on a sad note.

NC NAACP members
received word Sunday of the
passing of 97 year old Rosa
Nell Eaton, a plaintiff in the
NC NAACP's successful law-
suit against the Republic-
an-led NC General Assembly
and its 2013 voter photo I.D. law,
which was eventually over-
turned by a federal court.
"While we mourn, at the same
time, we celebrate. We cele-
brate her steadfastness and
her strength. We celebrate her
commitment and her convic-
tion. We celebrate her right-
eousness and her resolve.
What an inspiration it was to
watch her lead the way for us
to fight and win the most mon-
strous voter suppression bill
of all," Dr. Spearman said in a
press release Sunday.
"Mother Eaton kept her eye
on the prize."



MRS. ROSA NELL EATON, SEEN HERE WITH NC NAACP PRES. IDENT DR. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN, DIED LAST WEEKEND. MS. EATON WAS A PLAINTIFF IN THE SUCCESSFUL LAWSUIT AGAINST THE 2013 VOTER ID LAW.

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STATE BRIEFS



COMPILED
BY CASH MICHAELS

THREE DEATHS REPORTED DURING STATEWIDE SNOWSTORM

[RALEIGH] At press time Tuesday, at least three deaths

were attributed to the monster snowstorm that crippled the state Sunday and Monday. A truck driver succumbed to a heart attack while digging his rig out of the snow, Sunday along Interstate 77 in Yadkin County. A woman in hospice care in Haywood County died when her oxygen supply was cut off due to a power outage. And a driver in Charlotte was killed when a tree fell on

his vehicle Sunday afternoon. Thousands of homes and businesses across the state experienced power outages, as residents had to dig out amidst upwards of 12 inches of snow.

RALEIGH WOMAN HELD IN WHITE SUPREMACIST ATTACK ON BLACK DISC JOCKEY

[SEATTLE, WASH] The FBI is investigating an alleged

attack by suspected white supremacists over the weekend on a black disc jockey at a local tavern, and one of the suspects is a white woman from Raleigh. Leah Northcraft, 25, is identified as being one of eight suspects who, according to authorities, who entered the Rec Room Bar and Grill, beat and stomped the black disc jockey as they tried to take over his equipment, calling

him racial slurs in the process. They also attacked an Asian man who came to assist the DJ. Police apprehended the suspects as they attempted to get away. Court papers identify the suspects as being members of the Aryan Brotherhood.

UNC HEALTH CARE TO RAISE MINIMUM TO \$15.00 PER HOUR

[CHAPEL HILL] All employ-

ees of the UNC Health Care System will, as of July 19th, earn a minimum of \$15.00 per hour. The move is to "...attract and retain a talented workforce" said the system through a press release issued Tuesday. The increase is more than double the national and state minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, and will affect 9,000 employees, costing the system \$15 million annually.

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accused of doing in the Harris-McCready race now. Attorney Irv Joyner said that the North Carolina BOE referred that evidence to the US Attorney for the Eastern District at the time, who did nothing.

"The office of sheriff is an office that requires a person to be of high standards," Benston said, noting that Bladen Sheriff's Dept. policy prohibits its officers from associating with known felons unofficially, let alone hiring them. "Certainly, I support the investigation to remove any corruption or corrupt individual from that position."

In addition, African-American officials of the Bladen Improvement Association (BIA) - the nonpartisan Black political action committee that endorses candidates, are bracing themselves for what they say will, once again, be unfounded accusations of election fraud from Republicans who are desperate to deflect attention on

their Ninth District controversy from the national media.

In 2016, then-Republican Gov. Pat McCrory falsely accused the BIA of mishandling absentee ballots when he was narrowly defeated by Democrat, Roy Cooper. After an investigation by the State BOE, the BIA was cleared. That didn't stop Republicans and conservative media from

maintaining that, because BIA accepts money from the NC Democratic Party and its members, it had to be "corrupt."

Prentis Benston, who is also chair of the BIA, insists that the group has endorsed Republicans too and has operated transparently since the 1960s, and, if the GOP insists on trying to smear them again,

per the 2018 midterms, they're in for a surprise.

The BIA deliberately did not engage in any absentee balloting work during the 2018 midterms, Attorney Joyner revealed.

However, that fact, he says, probably won't stop the NC Republican Party from accusing the BIA of something again.



94 YEAR OLD ROSANELL EATON SPEAKS AT NC'S AMERICA'S JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE RALLY

PHOTO: YOUTUBE

Rosanell Eaton, Queen Mother of Voting Rights, dies at 97

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Considered a Queen Mother and a leader in the

struggle and movement for freedom, justice and equality, Rosanell Eaton proved a true matriarch to many civil rights leaders - especially when it came to the fight against voter suppression.

Eaton died on Saturday, Dec. 8, in her home in Louisburg, North Carolina. She was 97.

"Ms. Rosanell Eaton was the 97-year-old matriarch in our four-year successful court fight against voter suppression, from 2013 to 2016," Rev. Dr. William Barber, the architect of the Forward Together Moral Monday Movement, and president of the North Carolina NAACP, said in a statement early Sunday.

"While alive, she stayed focused on the prize of justice for all," said Barber, who also serves as pastor of the Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro and is president of Repairers of the Breach. "She once told me, 'They think I'm gonna die before this case is over, but I'm not gonna die. I'm fed up and fired up.'"

Social media users joined the millions who mourned Eaton.

"May her memory be for a blessing," wrote Jody Drezner Alperin on her Twitter feed.

"May she rest in peace and rise in glory," Anne Hartley wrote on Twitter.

"RIP Queen Warrior," wrote Olga Melendez on Twitter.

Said Veronica Wade, "Thank you for your legacy Mother Eaton. Now take your rest."

In a tribute, *The New York Times* noted that

Eaton was "an obscure civil rights pioneer in her younger years, who became a cause célèbre after President Barack Obama cited her courage in his response to a 2015 article in *The New York Times Magazine* about growing efforts to dismantle the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"I was inspired to read about unsung American heroes like Rosanell Eaton in Jim Rutenberg's 'A Dream Undone: Inside the 50-year campaign to roll back the Voting Rights Act,' " Obama wrote in a letter to the editor. "I am where I am today only because men and women like Rosanell Eaton refused to accept anything less than a full measure of equality."

As noted in the *Times* tribute, a year after the president's letter, the Supreme Court, in a 4-4 vote, let stand a federal appeals court judgment upholding the lawsuit spearheaded by Ms. Eaton and other plaintiffs. The ruling struck down a North Carolina statute whose provisions "target African-Americans with almost surgical precision" in what the court called an effort to depress black turnout at the polls.

One of seven children born on a farm in North Carolina, Eaton attended segregated schools and used segregated bathrooms. However, she always counted as an advocate for voting

rights.

The *Times* noted that in her first act of defiance, when she was 21, she went to the Franklin County Courthouse in Louisburg. Three white men confronted her there and demanded to know what she wanted.

"I'm here to register to vote," she said.

They told her that she could register only if she could recite from memory the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States. It was a common ruse, disguised as a literacy test, to turn away black voters. The valedictorian of her high school class, she complied without hesitation.

"We the People of the United States," she said, "in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

"Well, little lady," one of the men conceded. "You did it."

She registered and cast her ballot that year, 1942, becoming one of the state's first black voters since Reconstruction.

She voted in nearly every election thereafter. For more than 40 years, she was a county poll worker on

election days, and a special registrar commissioner, helping some 4,000 people to register to vote.

In 1950, she joined the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and for more than 60 years participated in protests against racial discrimination, including the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

During the civil rights turmoil of the 1960s, she and her family were threatened repeatedly by night riders, according to federal court papers.

She awoke several times to the crackle of burning crosses outside her home. Farm equipment was damaged one night, and bullets were fired into a shed and into the farmhouse. One struck just below her bedroom window.

"In her 90s, Mother Eaton was arrested and taken to jail. She marched in the streets and testified in the courts," Barber said. "And, she even told Attorney General Eric Holder to tell his lawyers not to play with our case but to fight."

"God bless [Eaton]," said NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., who was a close friend of Eaton's. "The struggle and movement for freedom, justice and equality continues," he said. "Matriarch Queen Mother Leader Rosanell Eaton ... rest in peace."

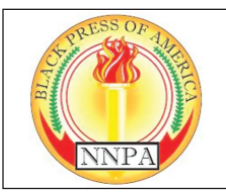
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“Green Book” – Not our story; His-story, their fiction

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“The greatest struggle of any oppressed group in a racist society is the struggle to reclaim collective memory and identity. At the level of culture, racism seeks to deny people of African, American Indian, Asian and Latino descent their own voices, histories and traditions. From the vantage-point of racism, black people have no story worth telling; that the master narrative woven into the national hierarchy of white prejudice, privilege and power represents the only legitimate experience worth knowing.” **Dr. Manning Marable** – “Escaping From Blackness: Racial Identity and Public Policy” September 2000

Dr. Marable also referenced Frantz Fanon’s book, *Black Skin, White Masks*, “...that the greatest triumph of racism is when black people lose touch with their own culture and identity, seeking to transcend their oppressed condition as the Other by becoming something they are not.” This is the false impression of Dr. Donald Shirley that one is left with given the many false narratives that are perpetuated in the film “Green Book”.



Dr. Wilmer Leon

“Green Book” is the story of Dr. Donald Shirley, a world-renown African-American classical and jazz pianist and composer who embarks on a concert tour from New York City into the Deep South in 1962. In need of a driver, Shirley hires Tony Lip, a racist Italian-American nightclub bouncer for the job. This is just about as far as the facts in the film go.

The film is formulaic. It plays to the prejudices of a predominantly White audience employing the too often used tropes and worn out stereotypes about African Americans to weave a totally false narrative about Dr. Shirley and his relationship with Lip. Even though Lip is Dr. Shirley’s driver, the film portrays Lip in the traditional but false position of the white “bwana” who introduces Dr. Shirley to African-American culture and who he “should be” as an African-American man.

To discover who the real Dr. Shirley was, I spent an hour interviewing his youngest brother, Maurice Shirley, Sr., his sister-in-law Mrs. Patricia Shirley and his niece, Mrs. Karole L. Shirley-Kimble. In addition to the interview, I also spent several hours speaking one-on-one with Mrs. Karole L. Shirley-Kimble about her uncle and family.

Here are a few of the lies told in the film that are important for the public to understand.

The film portrays Dr. Shirley as being raised by a single mother. In fact, he was one of five children born to Pastor Edwin Shirley, Sr. and his wife Mrs. Stella Shirley a school teacher. The children were Calvin, Lucille (died at birth), Edwin, Jr., Donald and Maurice. His mother passed when he was nine. The four boys were raised by their father. All four boys obtained advanced degrees; two were physicians. They all were very successful in their own right. Contrary to the film narrative, Dr. Donald Shirley remained very close to his family until his death in 2013.

His talent was recognized when he was 2 years old. His mother was his initial piano teacher and he was quickly recognized as a prodigy and provided with formal piano lessons. With a father who was an Episcopal Priest with a large congregation in Pensacola, FL, the boys were raised upper middle-class. Contrary to the film narrative, he and his mother never “pan-handled” for money.

Dr. Shirley did not have an issue with alcohol. The rare times he drank scotch he preferred Chivas Regal or Pinch. He did not have a bottle of Cutty Sark delivered to his room every night while on the road.

Tony Lip did not “introduce” Dr. Shirley to fried chicken, Kentucky Fried or any other kind. As a “PK” or preacher’s kid, there was plenty of “gospel bird” consumed on Sunday’s after services during his childhood.

Tony Lip did not “introduce” Dr. Shirley to the music of Little Richard, Aretha Franklin, R&B or Soul. Dr. Shirley was well versed in and appreciated all types of music genres and incorporated them into his own compositions. According to Karole, the Black community was, “...the center of his world...he pulled from African proverbs and spirituals...he was a Black man...” He was not out of touch with the Black community, its people or its culture. In fact, he was very good friends with the giants of his day, Lionel Hampton, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Leontyne Price, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also had long-lasting and great friendships with Paul Robeson, William Warfield, Harry Belafonte and many others.

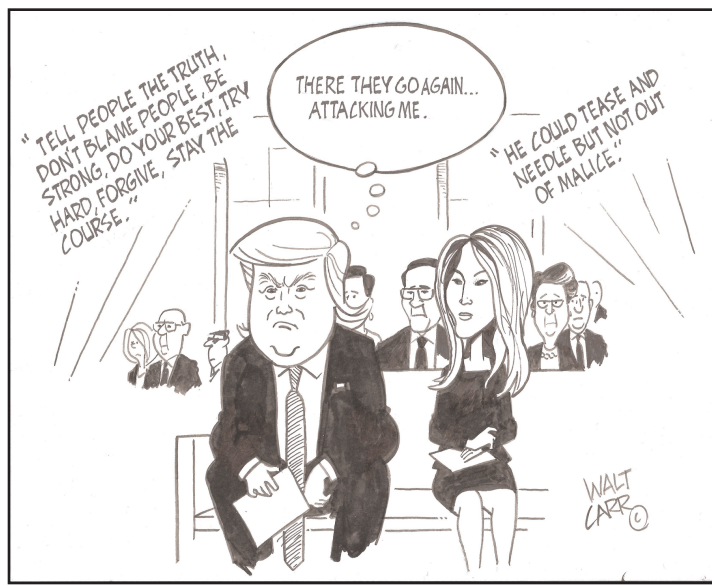
Dr. Shirley did not sit on a throne in his apartment like the “king of the coons” as was described. He did not own a throne. He knew who he was and from whence he had come.

There was no green Cadillac. He only rode in Black limousines. Tony would not have worn a personal suit. All of Dr. Shirley’s drivers wore a grey chauffeur’s uniform provided to them by Dr. Shirley. According to Mr. Maurice Shirley, “there was no friendship relationship between Donald and Tony...in fact, Donald could not stand him. He fired Tony.”

There are many other fallacies in the film that would take too long to point out. So you may ask, “Why is it important to point out all of these inconsistencies?” Why is the Shirley family upset over the portrayal of their brother/uncle? It’s simple, Marable writes, “Under colonialism and Jim Crow segregation, people of African descent were constantly pressured to conform to the racist stereotypes held of them by the dominant society.” This proud, educated and accomplished family cannot sit idly by and allow “Hollywood” to make them out to be anything other than

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MATTERS OF OPINION

It’s time for a focus on economics

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Now that the midterm elections are over, it’s time, once again, to alert Black folks to the peril and stupidity of putting nearly all of our time, energy and resources into electoral politics. If we spent at least half of that time, energy and especially resources into maximizing our individual and group economic potential we would be in a much stronger position to advance and protect our campaign for equal rights, equal opportunity and equal justice.

Our continued neglect of economics has a long history. Way back in 1899, Wilberforce University president, William S. Scarborough stated “I would be false to the race and my own convictions



A. Peter Bailey

did I not pause to give the warning that, after all, neither parties nor politics alone can save the Negro....He must pay less attention to politics and more to business, to industry, to education, to the building up of a strong and sturdy manhood everywhere...He must lop off, as so many incubi, the professional Negro office-seekers. The professional Negro office-holder and the Negro politician who aspires to lead the race, for the revenue that is in it...”

Marcus Garvey also spoke out on the importance of economics in the fight against white supremacy. “The most important area for the exercise of independent effort is economic. After a people have established successfully a firm industrial foundation they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics because the latter two cannot exist without the former.”

Agreeing with them, Booker T. Washington is

quoted as saying, “At the bottom of education, at the bottom of politics, even at the bottom of religion, there must be for our race, economic independence.”

A current proponent of the importance of economics is Prof. James Clingman, whose book, *Black Money Matters*, is a must-read. He insists that “Economics is about empowerment, and our dollars should be used more wisely to that end. Politics is about self-interest and our votes should reflect that truth...we must organize and rally around basic economic principles. And until we are really serious about playing the politics game, we must wear ourselves off the milk and pabulum of political dependence and get on a steady diet of cooperative economics and mutual support.”

W.E.B. DuBois, Brother Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune, Carter G. Woodson, Harold Cruse and Chancellor are others among

our ancestors who have attempted to alert us on the importance and necessity of a group economic agenda. Williams was the most emphatic. “The second great understanding should be that economic activities are so fundamental in any truly upward movement, so clearly indispensable at this stage in history that it should be unnecessary to state it even. The still existing slave mentality causes millions of us to shy away from these basics of life itself because it requires more initiative, training and work and less talk than politics.”

I will close with a stern warning attributed to Dr. DuBois. “May God write us off as asses if ever again we are found putting trust in either the Republican or Democratic parties.”

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Countdown to hope and change again!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Do you remember how much we looked forward to hope and change when President Barack Obama was running for office? As I talk with people daily, they long for those days and wish



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Barack Obama and Michelle Obama could return to the White House. Some even wish they could return with Michelle being President! I must confess that I’m among the dreamers!

Let’s be real because I doubt that the Obamas would want to return after all they had to endure. They’ve given us as much hope and change as we should expect of them. We loved what they did and we’re most grateful for their service.

Now, we must find our hope and change some place else. In an email conversation with my good friend Frank Watkins, he

was clear in showing us where we might find a bit of hope and change, but it won’t be in the White House soon. That’s not before January when the Democratic Party takes over the House and will be able to stop some of the craziness we’re having to endure.

Some of the things Frank said are: “Republicans want policies and programs that they argue will stimulate the economy from the top down—supply side economics—and by spending lavishly on the military to provide national security. They want to give tax cuts to the rich and corporations. 82% of their... tax cuts in the 115th Congress went to the top 1% and 63% went to the top .01% —with the idea that jobs and income will trickle down to the middle class, working Americans and the poor. Republicans want to reduce spending (except for the military, which they always want to be high) and government (except when it comes to controlling a woman’s body and choice) at all levels, and/or destroy (e.g., Steve Bannon) the “Administrative Accounts (MSA) for health care; vouchers for private and parochial

schools; gradually eliminating all public and subsidized housing and privatizing it, beginning with Section 8 housing; privatizing retirement accounts through Wall Street investments; contractors—i.e., there were more private contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan than U.S. military personnel. These priorities have always resulted in increased budget deficits and an expansion of the national debt.”

On the other hand, we look forward to the hope and change the Democrats can and should bring to us. “That should include policies and programs that stimulate the economy from the bottom up. Democrats (should) want investment in the present and the future based on everyone and all businesses and financial institutions paying their fair share of taxes so the nation can make investments in jobs and job training, education, infrastructure, health care, housing, inner city public transportation, modernization of all forms of rail transportation, modernization of airports and air travel, a significant raise in the minimum wage (\$15 per

hour and indexed to future inflation), voting rights, voter education and voter participation, investments in the environment in the form of clean ups and renewable energy, investments in science, technology, space exploration and more. The result would be economic stimulation and more balanced growth that created good paying jobs both now and in the future and would result in added tax revenues so we can increase investments in popular government programs (e.g., Social Security and Medicare) and services, all of which would reduce dependency on many government “welfare” programs (e.g., unemployment compensation, Food Stamps) and a faster reduction in the nation’s budget deficits and national debt.”

If the Democrats do the above, with the help of a few others, we’ll get back a measure of the hope and change we knew before November 6, 2016.

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what they are.

This film purposely and lazily infuses generally accepted stereotypes about African-American people such as being born impoverished to a single mother, no strong male figure, disconnected from his family, community and self. Here is a man that earned a doctorates in Music, Psychology and Liturgical Arts. Dr. Shirley was fluent in eight languages and was a talented painter. Still the film would have us believe that it wasn’t until the great White benefactor rode in on his trusty White steed (on in this case a green Cadillac) that Dr. Shirley was able to find himself and connect. Actually, he was never

lost or out of touch with his family or who he was as a Black man.

Dr. Shirley’s real-life story would have made a much better film. Had the screenwriters and producers taken the time to perform even the most rudimentary research and reached out to the Shirley family they would have uncovered a much more interesting, enlightening and empowering story. A story about a brilliant African American man, born in the deep South in 1927. A man born into a highly educated family, earns three Ph.D. degrees, becomes a world-renowned pianist and composer, millionaire, friend of Dr. King’s and supporter of the Civil Rights Movement. A man that died beloved by his entire family and community and is missed

to this very day.

Unfortunately, for the Shirley family and all of those who have viewed this film, they have been denied this great American story because those involved with the film chose to misinterpret this phenomenal man through the blurred lens of the American ethos of the White Man’s Burden. This racist mythology that the white man has a moral obligation to rule the non-white peoples of the earth, whilst encouraging their economic, cultural, and social progress through colonialism.

They were unable to properly assess and comprehend the complexities of Dr. Donald Shirley’s everyday existence as the man that he always was because they cannot understand DuBois’ “double-con-

sciousness” – the American, the Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder.”

Langston Hughes wrote in 1946, “America does not yet permit Negro artists and intellectuals to wash their hands in the water of cultural freedom.” So, it was in in 1946; so, it is with “Green Book” today.

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RAINBOW COALITION

White churches have a moral responsibility to stand up

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In 2019, we will commemorate 400 years since the first 20 slaves were transported by ship from Africa by white slave traders and landed in Jamestown, Va.

Now four centuries later, race remains a central dividing line. Today, for example, the racial wealth gap exposes a stark difference. The median wealth of a white household (median means half are above and half below) is 12 times greater than that of a black household. The median wealth of a white household is \$134,430, of blacks it is \$11,030.

This is virtually all about equity in a home, the leading source of middle income wealth. African-Americans still suffer from de facto segregation, after years of being red-lined from decent neighborhoods.

In the financial collapse, African-American households suffered the worse. Black unemployment rose twice as much as white unemployment in the Great Recession. Middle-class black

families, lacking inherited wealth, were targeted for the most aggressive and leveraged home loans. When the bust came, they were the most at risk and suffered the greatest loss of homes.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

The wealth gap is not erased by educational attainment, by full-time employment, by getting the right occupation. The typical black family with a head of household working full time has less wealth than a white family whose head of household is unemployed. Median wealth for a black family whose head has a college degree is about 1/8 that of a median white family similarly educated.

African-Americans are constantly told to pull themselves up by their bootstraps. In the black church, for example, ministers repeatedly preach the need for discipline, self-reliance, faith and hard work. Yet even those who suc-

ceed still remain behind.

The divide has deep historical roots. Two-hundred forty-six years of chattel slavery (1619-1865), only twelve years of Reconstruction (1865-1877), 19 years of Black Codes, KKK and white citizen council violence (1877-1896), 58 years of legal apartheid with nearly 5,000 African-Americans lynched and, even since the 1954 Brown decision, ongoing racial discrimination.

During the recent midterm elections, I was constantly asked whether African-Americans would vote in high enough numbers and margins for Democrats so that candidates white and black had a chance to be elected. Democrats seem almost satisfied if 20 to 30 percent of whites turn out to vote for black or progressive white candidates.

What responsibility do white people have to register and turnout for progressive black and white Democrats running for office?

The nation is facing many morally relevant social, economic and political crises - voter suppression, income and wealth inequality, crimi-

nal justice reform and climate change - that now pose an existential threat to the next generation. Why does the white church remain so silent in the face of these mounting crises and denial of justice and opportunity?

In Birmingham in 1963, with dogs biting children, high-pressure fire hoses knocking down peaceful protesters, bombers blowing up churches and Dr. King in jail, many white church leaders chose to attack Dr. King's non-violent methodology rather than to fight for a non-discriminatory Public Accommodations Act.

One would have thought when the four little girls were bombed in the 16th Street Baptist Church, white churches would have at least held prayer services or services of reconciliation. Instead, most attacked Dr. King as an outside agitator, as if he had set the bombs.

Recently in Alabama, I witnessed a stark contrast. One extreme was the excitement

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Revising history in our faces

The remembrance of the late President George H.W. Bush was moving; his good work as president - i.e., ending the Cold War, getting the Berlin Wall down - was rightfully noted. His civility was understandably emphasized in light of the total lack of civility we are experiencing now. His family was surely comforted by affirmation of his inherent goodness.

But his racism was nearly totally closed over.

It was his administration that used the case of Willie Horton to feed into the racist fears of white people. In 1988 a group called "Americans for Bush" created and ran what came to be known as the "Willie Horton ad." It was so reprehensible that it still gives me chills. This group of white Americans capitalized on the sad fact that a man who was given a furlough by Bush's Democratic opponent, Michael Dukakis, raped a white woman twice while on a weekend furlough. Many governors in states across the nation granted furloughs at that time, but the impact of this ad on white people was enormous. Lee Atwater, the brains behind the Bush campaign, ended up apologizing for the ad on his deathbed, but at the time of the election, all bets were off. Dukakis was too much of a threat, and so white campaign strategists used what is being used



Rev. Susan K. Smith

today - race - to make sure their guy got into office. It was disgusting.

It is beyond dispute that President Bush 41 did some really good things while in office. Nobody can dispute that. But he did some things that were not so good (https://truthout.org/articles/i-will-not-speak-kindly-of-the-dead-bush-was-detestable/?utm_source=sharebuttons&utm_medium=facebook&utm_campaign=mashshare&fbclid=IwAR3lFOMPejr4FOtKXgkUda0PfqaaSjWchIG03LvF1uyVUm7AMBpb5hqZGPK) and in lifting him up as one of America's last great presidents, those things, which have had a tremendous impact on the world, have been ignored - including his racism.

White Americans have historically been able to separate their racism from their faith. In the ante-bellum South, whites would say that slavery was a problem but that it was not immoral or wrong; the Slavery Bible was written to contort the will of God to fit the racist mindset of Southerners who believed in it. White Christianity has always been different from the Christianity practiced by oppressed people. The god of white people has been ok with racism and all of its tentacles, but their god did not gel with the God of all people described in the Christian Bible.

Robert P. Jones in his book *The End of White Christian America* says that "White Christian America...has died." But has it? This sect of Christians is making a comeback, using race as their foundation, to maintain what has been the status quo. If the "swamp" was drained, it was refilled with these "good, Christian" people who believe in the sanctity of white supremacy. The noticeable silence on the part of the media about this president's racism supports that reality. Nobody expected the funeral of the late president to be the place where Bush's racism was mentioned, but the media should have. The role of racism in this country and its use by the "best of the best" as indicated by the Bush campaign, should have been noted more prominently, not to beat him over the head but to remind America that we still have a problem.

My guess is that the majority of white people, white Christians especially, do not know about the Willie Horton ad, and that if they did, it would not bother them. They would shrug and say that Willie Horton was a bad guy and that using him to win an election was fair game.

This attitude, even though the very architect of the ad struggled with the wrongness of that ad until he died.

Revising history when it comes to race seems to be the only way white Americans can survive. Dr. Joy DeGruy, the author of *Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome*, identifies the cognitive dissonance that white people have learned to use so well as a major reason why racism still fills this country with its stench.

The voter suppression that is running rampant throughout the country has a racist core; many of the policies being created have a racist core. We are a racist nation, and we will not admit it.

President George H.W. Bush was a good person to and for his family and friends. He did some things that perhaps helped the African American community during his presidency. He was certainly civil, unlike the current president; he was not an outright liar; again, as is the current president.

But he was racist and knew how to use racism to get what he wanted. I cannot forget that, and I suspect, many others cannot, either.

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in anticipation of the Georgia/Alabama SEC championship football game. When a young African-American athlete, Jalen Hurts, replaced an injured Tua Tagovailoa at quarterback, every Alabamian of every political persuasion, right, left and center, was pulling for him.

With Hurts' remarkable display of skill, Alabama won the game. He not only won the game, he arguably beat George Wallace and the legislators who earlier locked blacks out of the University of Alabama. He beat Bull Connor who unleashed the dogs on demonstrators and the KKK on Freedom Riders.

He beat the KKK bombers who watched as the church was decimated and four little girls were murdered.

The other extreme was witnessed in Hoover, Ala., where E.J. Bradford was shot in the back by a policeman. That police officer is still on the payroll. The patterns and prejudices of the old South are hard to overcome.

Here once more, the white church has the opportunity and the responsibility to stand up, to serve as a Christian witness. White voices of moral authority and inclusive leadership are needed now as much or more than ever.

That is why the silence seems so deafening.

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TO BE EQUAL

Incoming House majority's agenda must include the Main Street Marshall Plan

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"America is already a great country: our challenge is to make its greatness apply fairly and equitably to all of its people. As the only Member of elected Leadership from a red state and largely rural district, I will work tirelessly to be a voice for the millions of Americans who feel left out and communities that are too often left behind." - Newly-elected House Majority Whip Rep. James Clyburn



Marc Morial

An encouraging sign that the Democratic majority does intend to advance such an agenda was the unveiling of a legislative package - known as H.B. 1, to emphasize its importance - reforming the nation's political processes.

The bill includes new donor disclosure requirements for political organizations, public financing for political campaigns, a mandatory Supreme Court ethical code, expansion of access to the polls and a reduction of partisan gerrymandering.

We believe H.B. 1 is a good start. Among the other issues the incoming House majority must address on Day 1 are: increasing the federal minimum wage and indexing it to inflation, strengthening and

restoring the Affordable Care Act, a comprehensive and targeted infrastructure bill and protection for "Dreamers" - young immigrants covered by Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

The most significant and impactful initiatives the new House majority could adopt, which includes much of the above, can be found in the National Urban League's Main Street Marshall Plan, a comprehensive blueprint addressing lack of opportunity and economic inequality in America's urban communities.

Elements of the Main Street Marshall Plan were introduced as part of a major legislative proposal introduced by members of the Congressional Black Caucus earlier this year.

The Congressional Black Caucus' Jobs and Justice Act includes Main Street Marshall Plan proposals addressing investment in public schools and infrastructure, a living wage for all Americans, restorative justice for offenders, and tax incentives for hiring young people, veterans, and the unemployed.

It's significant that the incoming Congress is the most racially and culturally diverse in history, including first Native American congress-

women and the first Muslim congresswomen. The practical effect of such diversity is that Congress can more truly represent the interests of all its citizens - not just the wealthy, white men who still make up its largest contingent.

In an open letter to her colleagues, incoming Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi wrote, "It is my hope that as we deliver on our For The People agenda - lower health costs, higher wages by rebuilding America and restoring integrity in government - we do so in a way that will address economic disparity in this Country. This Freshman Class has also made integrity in government its priority, supporting H.R. 1, in our Better Deal for Our Democracy. As Justice Brandeis said, 'We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.'"

We look forward to working with Rep. Pelosi and her colleagues on both sides of the aisle to restore integrity to government and create economic, educational and social opportunity for all Americans.

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Democrats 2020 - Not the person but the program

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Now that the midterm elections are over, and Democrats are savoring their victory, more than a dozen Democrats say they are considering running for President in 2020. The Democratic Party needs to get its act together if any of them has even a prayer of beating the clown that white conservatives love to love. The fact that Republicans stole an election from Stacey Abrams in Georgia suggests that our electoral infrastructure isn't what it ought to be. The fact that Republicans in Michigan, Wisconsin, and North Carolina are attempting to change electoral rules suggests that the Party and civil society organizations need to spend some money ensuring fair elections. From where I sit, the focus on personalities is poorly placed. We ought, instead, think both about our election mechanics and an economic agenda to empower the majority of our citizens who live in an economically precarious situation.

Too many of us struggle to survive on the minimum wage, and too many unions have seen their influence erode in the face of hostile legislation. Too many do not have access to health care. Too many cities and states are willing to offer exorbitant

tax breaks to attract a few jobs. Meanwhile, our infrastructure is crumbling, our environment is decomposing, and civility is a thing of the past. There's a lot of rhetoric, but Democrats have to explain what they stand for more clearly.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Democrats have been so reactive, so anti-45, that they've not spun out a positive agenda. Oh, they say they stand for a living wage, for criminal justice reform, for access to health care and education, for racial economic justice (actually, they didn't say that I did), and more. But too often, Democrats have gone with the status quo instead of looking at the changing needs of our nation. And the party is expert at grabbing defeat from the jaws of victory, failing to support progressive candidates who sometimes upset the status quo.

Now, former Vice President Joe Biden says he is the most qualified person to be President. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren took a blood test to prove that she is 1/1024 Native American, falling for 45's BS. New Jersey Senator Corey Booker, also known as

Spartacus, is considering the race, as is the incandescently intelligent California Senator Kamala Harris. Bernie Sanders, the 2016 independent candidate, keeps threatening to run again. That's a non-starter for me! There are another couple of dozen potential candidates, from the very well known to the lesser known. Democrats run the risk of having a Republican-style circus during the primaries unless the field narrows. Already, two who were considering the race have dropped out. Nobody will miss Michael Avenatti since many of us did not know why he was in the race in the first place, but former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, who has just announced that he will not run, might have brought gravitas to the primaries. Patrick told Obama advisor David Axelrod that "It's hard to see how you even get noticed in such a big, broad field without being shrill, sensational or a celebrity, and I'm none of those things."

Our current President is shrill, sensational and a celebrity in his own mind. Democrats should not attempt to replicate that level of insanity that 45 brings to the table. The issue, also, should not be one of who is the most sensational, but who has the most focused program, and the basis of the Democratic program must be

economic justice for working Americans. Back in the day, we used to say, "It's not the man, it's the plan." In gender-neutral terms, it's not the person, it's the program. For Democrats to build on the momentum of the midterm election, they must drill down on communicating dynamic economic programs.

I'm encouraged by folks like LaTosha Brown and Black Voters Matter. They are doing ground up, not top down, organizing, going into communities and focusing on the races they deem essential, which are not always national or statewide races. When people come out for a key local, they will also vote in the "big" races. But too often the Democratic Party focuses only on the biggest elections, with an agenda people can't necessarily identify with. Democratic Party leaders need to sit down with Black Voters Matter as soon as they can and learn how to connect with the voters who can make a difference in 2020. Or, they can continue with business as usual and experience the consequences.

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USE It or LOSE It!

New Hanover County

Burnett-Eaton Museum Foundation Kwanzaa Committee will present its Kwanzaa Market Festival from December 26th- January 1st. Pre-registration is required by December 15th. For more information contact Islah Speller at 910-795-8597.



Community Briefs

Precint W29 will celebrate its Annual Christmas Gathering on Friday, December 14th at 6:46 p.m. at the International Longshoremen Hall, Fifth and Kidder Sts. Special guest is Anita Earls, newly elected NC Supreme Court Judge.

The New Hanover NAACP Winter Meeting and Officer Installation will be held Thursday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple of Truth & Light, 2166 Kent Avenue, Wilmington. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting and installation. Members and friends attending are encouraged to bring either a hat, scarf, or gloves to donate to those in need. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

The winter season is here

The winter season is here again, and it seems we might have a very cold winter this year. This is a time to think about the poor and the homeless. There are many who do not have food nor shelter. Some will be able to stay at shelters until they are able to leave and find more suitable places to live.



Verniece Stanley

Unfortunately, there are too many who do not have the very basic provisions and are struggling to survive. There are places in North Carolina where unemployment is increasing, and a major

reduction in food stamps and other assistance will greatly affect some families.

With that said, many people will be in great need during this season, particularly during the Christmas Holidays. It is true that many of us will give freely in hopes that what we give will go directly to the people in need of the help.

I hope that people will remain spiritually centered and hopeful throughout these times. In the meantime, let us be concerned about the less fortunate, who will have to struggle just to keep their families warm during these very cold days. We feel that the government will continue to cut assistance to many who receive it, but even with so much hopelessness, people to

continue to dream of peace, success, and prosperity.

African Americans are well used to this balance of hardship and hope. For centuries, our predecessors have had to persevere through numerous struggles. Not only have there been numerous economic issues in our community, but we've had to face various social issues. For instance, we have to grapple with the problems of urban violence. In order to achieve this, we must come together, rely on traditional cultural values, and support one another.

Let's work together to help each other deal with the cold weather that we are experiencing and that which is in store for us throughout this winter season! Stay warm, safe, and secure, and, most of

all, have a sense of inner peace!

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Heir property.....A blessing?

This week I want to share with you some of the different ways owning heir properties can be a blessing and sometimes on the other hand, not so much. I'm going to give you FOUR real-life scenarios.

(ONE) Starting with my own, I own a family home with my eldest brother and younger sister. I'm in the middle and I was the executrix of both my parents estates. When my last parent died he had in his will that the family home was not to be sold to satisfy any of his debt. That was good even though it had a mortgage on it, the 3 of us split that cost monthly and have vowed to keep it in the family. That is working well thus far and as long as the mortgage company continues letting us keep our parents old loan, none of us has to refinance and get that mortgage in 1 of our names. If made to do that, the

new debt could hurt future chances for that Heir to receive new debt for their own personal wants and needs.

(TWO) I know a sibling that is the executrix of a parents estate and she inherited/owns a home with a sibling. That sibling is out in the world consumed with drug addiction and seldom contacts the sibling handling the estate affairs. The executrix is ready to sell the property and after several attempts to find the sibling in the streets, they are considering exercising their right to sell. As executrix, they have that right and once the sale is complete they will leave the portion due to the missing sibling with the Clerk of Court to be claimed whenever they are ready.

(THREE) There is a sister that owns 10+ acres with nine other heirs. Three of the original 9 have since died and now their portion of the acreage past to their legal heirs. How many more heirs was gained when those 3 died? That is still being determined. That is the most troubling thing about having so many heirs owning a

property. When one dies, they multiply and also the liabilities. Did you know that when someone inherits a property and if they have ANY KIND of judgments filed downtown in the County where the property is located, those judgments attaches to the entire heir property? That is judgments like IRS or State income tax liens, bad debt personal loans, furniture debt, whatever. If it is filed downtown as a judgment, it attaches to the inherited real estate and the entire Estate must deal with the satisfaction of that debt.

Lastly, there are 4 siblings and 1 of the siblings has extensive medical needs and can't get Medicaid due to having ownership in heir property. The other siblings agreed to sell it to help the one but it was discovered it had 2 mortgages and the market will not support selling it for enough to clear both notes. Therefore the only option, let the 1st mortgage holder foreclose on the property and that will get it off all 4 heirs hands so the 1 can get the help they need. (Little FYI: The 1st mort-

gage company foreclosing will automatically knock out the 2nd mortgage holder. We will talk about that more at a later time.) So as you can see there are many different ways owning Heir properties can bless and on the other hand, TEST. At the end of the day, I'm always going to be an advocate for owning real estate to leave as an inheritance to your loved ones. The smart thing to do is to truly evaluate your loved ones personal situations and choose how best to leave the property behind that will benefit all the most. If you currently have heir property and need some guidance on your options, consult a realtor with knowledge of handling estate real estate and contact an attorney and let them guide you.

Until next week, please share this article with 3 people and reach out when ready to start your journey towards owning your 1st home in the next 18 months or less.

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Ronald Bruce Dailey

Ronald Bruce Dailey died November 27, 2018 in Hartford, Ct. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at New Covenant Holiness Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

"Ronnie" was born October 13, 1962 to Mr. Psalm Johnson and Mrs. Jettie Dailey Watson in Hartford, Connecticut. At an early age his family moved to Baton Rouge, LA. Years later they relocated to Wilmington, NC. "Ronnie" attended school in New Hanover County. He participated in JROTC, track, and wrestling, graduating in 1981. While in high school "Ronnie" enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard. He remained in the guard until 2004, when he retired. In 2016, he moved to East Hartford, CT to be by his father's side after the passing of his step-mother, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, where he remained until his untimely death.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his father, Psalm Johnson of East Hartford, CT; his mother, Jettie Watson of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Larry Dailey (Wanda) of Ellenwood, GA, James "June" Watson (Eva) of Douglasville, GA and Brian Watson of Wilmington, NC; sisters, Katherine Davis (Cedric) of North Las Vegas, NV, Velma Dailey (Juanita), Clara Watson and Pamela Murry, all of Wilmington, NC; ten nephews, two nieces; six great-nephews, four great-nieces, special cousins, Ruby Eaddy of Windsor, CT, Anita Frierson of Harford, CT and Daniel Robinson of Durham, NC; a very special friend, Ms. Sarvonia Shippy of Durham, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Kenneth L. Davis, Sr.

Kenneth L. Davis, Sr., died November 29, 2018. Funeral services were held Friday, December 7, 2018 at New Beginning Church. Burial followed in East Carolina State VA Cemetery.

Kenneth was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on October 12, 1945 to Annie Lee Russ and Alexander Davis. He moved to Philadelphia, PA in 1952 at the age of 7, where he was educated in the Philadelphia School District. After graduating, he enlisted in the US Army in August of 1964 and served as a Medical Corpsman in the 101st Airborne Paratrooper Infantry, during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in April of 1967. In 1969, he became an officer for the Philadelphia Police Department policing the 17th District for 4 years. He later became a CEA Agent for the Federal Narcotics Task Force. After being injured on duty, he left the police force on disability retirement in 1975. He studied at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and then transferred to Temple University where he studied Criminal Justice. He later became a private investigator for law firms in Southeastern Pennsylvania. In 1989, he relocated back to his hometown Wilmington, North Carolina after his mother became extremely ill. He worked at Corning Fiber Optic for 25 years and also as a general manager for an African American Newspaper, "The Challenger." He ended his professional career after 9 years as a Sync Specialist at Capital Ford in Wilmington, NC. He was a member of the NAACP and also helped run a half-way house known as Leading Into New Communities. He spoke on several radio stations and even received publishing rights to "We

Have Taken A City."

He met and married Marjorie Barfield and out of that union came seven children; Kenneth Lee Davis, Jr., Keith Davis and Kevin Leon Davis preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish in his loving memory: wife, Marjorie Davis; daughters, Angela Davis, Tanya Davis-Gallman (Covan), Marva Davis-Gibbs (Dominick), Lisa Davis-Caple (James), Kimberly Davis-Rogers (Johnathan) and one son, John Davis; 19 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Lizzie Mae Hankins Smith

Lizzie Mae Hankins Smith died December 3, 2018. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Southport, NC. Burial followed in John Smith Cemetery.

Lizzie was born on July 12, 1924 in Southport, NC to the late George and Ruth Wilson Hankins, Sr. She accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior at an early age and became a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. She sang in the choir and served as a Ward Leader of Number One. Lizzie graduated from Brunswick County Training School on May 31, 1942. In September 1942, she attended DeShazors Beauty School in Durham, NC. She operated a beauty salon and served as an Avon Representative for 20 years. Lizzie was an entrepreneur, business lady and the matriarch of the family. Her hobby was quilting and she had her own quilting club with Mrs. Carol Randolph and Mrs. Virginia Bellamy. On her 90th birthday she was given the key to the city of Southport, NC. She was a member of the Cape Fear Tent #765 for many years. Lizzie Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie E. Smith, Jr.; daughter, Gladys Mae Myrie; brothers, George Hankins, Jr., Jonathan Hankins, Norman Hankins and William Clemmons; sisters, Margaret Hankins, Annie Ruth Hankins and Almeta Hankins Eagles.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughters, Jo Ann (Noah) Hester of Southport, NC, Judy (Jackie) Foulter of Washington, DC, Vanessa (Russ) Elbaum of Florida and Joy Smith of Southport, NC; sons, Freddie (Sherri) Smith of Glassboro, NJ, Dennis (Anita) Smith of Leland, NC, twins, Leo and Leon Smith of Southport, NC; adopted daughter, Ethel Stanley of Southport, NC; sister, Gloria Hankins of Southport, NC; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Gore Hankins and Catherine Clemmons; brother, Harold (Carolyn) Hankins of Southport, NC; grandchildren, Leslie Myrie, Latonya Lee-Niag, Jediah Highsmith, Joshua Elbgum, Amber Mintz, Jemma Oliver and Alana Henry; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Goldia Mae Sparrow Evans

Goldia Mae Sparrow Evans died December 8, 2018. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 9, 2018 at St John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC. Burial followed in the Evans Cemetery.

Goldia was born on January 6, 1917 to the late Edward Samuel Sparrow and Annie Lou Johnson Sparrow. Goldia was the sixth of ten and the sole survivor. She completed her education at Midway School in Bolivia, NC. She married the late Arthur Mae Evans, Sr and to this union fourteen children were born. Goldia was caregiver

for over ten years for her quadriplegic son, the Reverend Kersell Evans. She served on the PTA and was one of the first life-long member of the NAACP in the county, providing memberships for her children and grandchildren. Goldia was one of the original and authentic strands that wove the community together. Being a mother of many, she was very giving and provided the community with food from her gardens, something she learned from her parents. Four children preceded her in death, Archie Lee Evans, Annie Frances Evans, Hubert Evans and Kersell Evans.

Goldia is survived by ten children, Rosa Lane McMillian of Wilmington, NC, Leroy Evans of Brooklyn, NY, Mary Lillie Smith Jordan (James) of Bolivia, NC, Gertrude Bailey of Bishopville, MD, Carlton Hollis Evans (Linda) of Leland, NC, Hurley Evans (Carolyn) of Wilmington, NC, Thomas Ray Evans (Victoria) of Augusta, Ga, Ellen Evans and Arthur Evans of Bolivia, NC and Bobby Evans (Joni) of Southport, NC; thirty-three grandchildren; fifty great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends., including special friends, Katy B. Johnson, Gloria Bryant and Venice Evans and a host of special sons whom assisted her with caring for her son, including Harell Johnson, Roger Robinson and Maceo Williams. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Carl Windham

Carl Windham died December 4, 2018. Funeral services were held Monday, December 10, 2018 at Crystal Springs MB Church, Northwest. Burial followed in the Perkinsville Cemetery.

Carl or "Carl Boy", as he was fondly known, was born on April 23, 1958 to the late Eugene and Maggie Windham of Northwest, North Carolina. Carl was educated in the Brunswick County Public School System. Carl accepted Christ in his life at an early age and was a member of Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church. He and his family later moved their membership to Perkinsville Missionary Baptist Church. In Carl's later years in life he once again moved his membership and reunited with his home church, Crystal Springs Missionary Baptist Church. There was never a day when Carl wasn't in good spirits and wearing his big smile. He loved the Lord, his family and fishing. In addition to his parents, Carl was preceded in death by his beloved brother, Eric NF Windham.

He leaves to cherish his sweet memories: his daughter, Sabrina Williams (Mike); one grandson, Zy'Aire; one granddaughter, Zion; one brother, James A. "Tony" Windham; sisters, May Ella Windham, Marjorie Windham and Alveta "Net" Windham; two nephews, Tori Bryant and Terrence Jackson; four nieces, Sherika Bryant, Chantell Roland, Lashanta Windham and Shanice Hughes; thirteen great-nephews; six great-nieces; a host of other relatives, loved ones and friends, including special friends, Gertrude Harlee, Leon McKoy and Bennie Andrews. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

William Gore

William Gore died December 5, 2018 in Buffalo, NY. Funeral services will be 12 Noon on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Southport, NC. Burial will follow in the Northwood Cemetery.

A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Estelle Davis

Estelle Davis died December 10, 2018 in Charlotte, NC. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Harvard R. Jennings

Harvard Rudolph Jennings, affectionately called "Howard" and "Butch", was born on July 11, 1945 to the late Rhueben Levi Jennings and Geneva McGilvery Jennings, in the Bronx, New York. After an incredibly courageous life journey, Harvard peacefully entered into eternal rest in the comfort of his home on Thursday, November 29, 2018. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Northwest Cemetery.

Harvard, the fifth of eight children, was seemingly born with a pure passion and exceptional ability for community service. He began fulfilling his calling as a front-line advocate for the betterment of humanity at the young age of 17 in New York, where he was state youth director of the NAACP. Harvard went on to become Vice President of the NAACP Long Island branch, and then Chapter President of the Congress of Racial Equality. Harvard continued to serve his community as an advocate for the Economic Opportunity Council, where he was an emphatic liaison for the community on health care, police-community relations, education, and economic development. Harvard's reputation as an ethical and effective servant-leader led to his opportunity to work closely with Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcom X, and later, his election of delegate to the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Indiana.

Harvard was as creative as he was conscious. Harvard was a song writer and a member of both the

American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI). During Harvard's time in New

York, he wrote songs for R&B acts the Trumains and Candi Staton. Harvard loved poetry and wrote a poem that was published by the

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In Loving Memory Of Tracy Lionel Simpson



Sunrise: September 15, 1964 Sunset: December 15, 2002

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I have found peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void Then fill it with
remembered joy. A friendship shared,
a laugh, a kiss; Oh yes, these things
I too will miss.

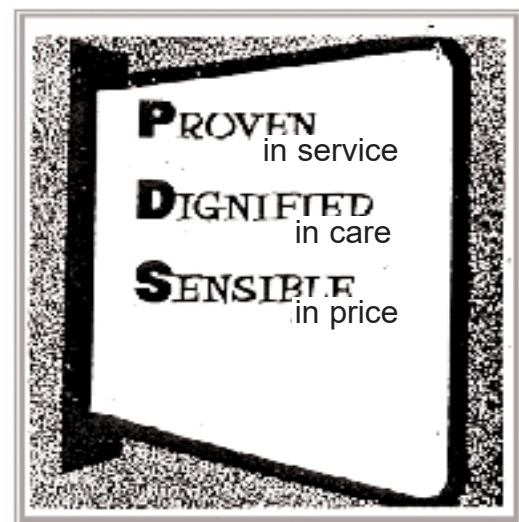
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your head and share with me, God wanted me now;
He set me free.

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New Hanover County

Faith Temple Church, 1119 S. 4th St., will hold a Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 p.m. It will feature the Faith Temple Sunshine Band, Youth Dancers and Special Guest, Saxophonist Darryl Murrill and other guest soloists. The public is invited to attend. WATCH NIGHT CELEBRATION will be held on Monday night, December 31st at 10:00 p.m. Join Faith Temple for Watch Night Service, featuring musical and dance groups, and special guest, Gospel Comedian and renowned evangelist Mother Spirit. This will be a time of rejoicing as we celebrate the "Victory at Midnight". The public is invited to attend.



Religious Briefs

December 31st.

Beverly Faison at 757-218-2223.

Rose of Sharon Salvation Deliverance Apostolic Ministries & Outreach, 1122 South 13th will present their Outreach Explosion on Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 noon. Praise, worship, dancing, testimonies, free food, clothe and door prizes. Please call Apostle Mary Edge at 910-200-3711 for more information.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Rd., will hold their Holiday Banquet, "Holidays Under the Stars" on Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Colors are purple, white and silver.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Let it go

BY FANNIE ALLEN
AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On another bright but cool Tuesday morning, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship met at our usual time and place. It was such a pleasure to see each other and find how the Lord has blessed us once again.

Mr. George Hill greeted us today and asked the choir to come forth and sing our opening hymn, "Joy to the World." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hilda Jacobs. We thank God for hearing our prayer. Next, we sang "Jesus the Light of the World." Minister Doris McQuillan talked about how grateful we were to be there.

Our speaker for today was Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Her message was "Let It Go!" She asked

us how many of us have something stored that we don't need. She referenced Luke 9:20 and gave us the message that letting go of the past is hard but challenged us to move on and move forward. She reminded us that life comes and goes too fast for us to hold on to so much. She said that people hold on to the past because they feel it is something they might need.

She admonished us to trust God because He has more for us in front of us than we have in the past. It mean letting go of a friend. We all struggle from time to time. She reminded us that I Peter 5:7 assures us that we can cast all our cares upon Him because He cares for us and that Ephesians 4:31 cautions us to let go of our wrath

(anger). Holding on can make us angry. We need to let go of bitterness. We hold on to the wrong things. We give them the guest room and roll out the red carpet. We have to let go ourselves. No one else can do it for us. We must make time now to let it go. Our help comes from the Lord. She challenged us with the question, "How many of us need to let go of a friend?"

Mrs. Taylor was thanked for a great message, a message to which we can relate. Expressions were given. Visitors were recognized and welcomed by Mrs. Marjorie Robinson. We had two visitors, Mrs. Mary Cromartie and Mrs. Bernice Hamilton.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Mary Greene. The roll was called,

and trip money was collected. Mrs. Julia Bibbs welcomed Mrs. Mildred Ellerby back after surgery.

The "Callers" report was given, and the winner was Mr. George Hill, who had nine present. The callers were all given a hand. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave the Sick Report and us to keep everyone in prayer. Mrs. Mary Martin made our day with her "Smiles" again.

We had a "sing off" of "Twelve Days of Christmas." Mrs. Julia Bibbs did a special reading of "They Will Talk About You."

Our circle was formed, and we sang "Bind Us Together."

We had our closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned. To God be the glory!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

God created he him

What is the family? God created he him; male and female created he them! We must turn to the teaching of the infallible Word of God, which is the fountainhead of all spiritual truth and the revelation of the complete will of God for man. First, the Bible is unique, it's the only one of its kind, it has no equal or like-ness; unparalleled. Secondly, it's not the deduction of human reason: 2 Tim. 3:17, (AMPC) "Every Scrip-ture is God-breathed (given by His



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action." Thirdly, God's Word is perfect, pure, an absolute: Psalm 19:7-9 (KJV) "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."

The basic structure of the family life and the principles whereby we live are ordained by the Creator and not by man or society in which he lives. "Basic is define as forming an essential foundation or starting point: fundamental". The Principles or laws are universal for Sustainability of growth and development of families, communities and nations and attach to it, is free will or the power to choose.

Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV) 26 "And God said, Let us make

man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air; and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air; and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Notice what these verses are saying; God made them the sovereign rulers in the earth: They were the gods of this world, having dominion (control) over every living thing that move upon the earth. Psalms 8:4-7, (KJV) 4 "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour: 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet."

God did not make man a robot, but a free moral agent, which mean the power or ability to choose or to make the right choice. They made the wrong choice and ate from the forbidden fruit. When the devil enter the garden as an intruder, Adam and Eve were still the most powerful beings in the earth all they had to do was say get out and don't come back: James 4:7, (KJV) "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!"

Notice the terminology use in the text" He created them male and female created he them". This is the pattern for the human race! God did not make a generic man or woman and any other design from the originate pattern is false to the truth. James 3:15, (KJV)

15 "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish". (AMPC) 15 "This [superficial] wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (animal), even devilish (demoniacal)".

There is a new world order pushing its way on the scene, as never before to destroy the original pattern of the family and in order to this they must discredit the Bible as the Word of God, which means they must deny the existence of God: Psalms 14:1, (KJV) "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good". (ERV) "Only fools think there is no God. People like that are evil and do terrible things. They never do what is right".

God has place this intuitive knowledge in every man, He left His finger print, His signature in the life of man, and the whole of creation, which cannot be abolish!

Psalms 19:1-7, (ERV) "The heavens tell about the glory of God. The skies announce what his hands have made. 2 Each new day tells more of the story, and each night reveals more and more about God's power: [a] 3 You cannot hear them say anything. They don't make any sound we can hear. 4 But their message goes throughout the world. Their teaching reaches the ends of the earth. The sun's tent is set up in the heavens. 5 It comes out like a happy bridegroom from his bedroom.

It begins its path across the sky like an athlete eager to run a race. 6 It starts at one end of the sky and runs all the way to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat".

Romans 1:19-28 (KJV) 19 "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the

things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient".

The Ten Commandment: is the basic moral law for all of mankind, which all other laws are (should be) founded upon; the Constitution of the United States of America should not be in conflict, but having its roots planted in it and drawing its life and power from it! What is the family?, Will continue next week!

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Seniors living alone

My Fellow Seniors:

What would you do if living alone became a problem? Would you go into a nursing home or send for your daughter to come live with you? Maybe your daughter lives in New York City, and maybe she has a life of her own. Should she drop everything to come and sit with you?

I have a better idea. Why not move in with a few close friends? You could get help when you need it and help someone else when he or she needs it. No one would have to interrupt the lives of his or her children nor have to move

into a nursing home. If we could find a house in the area with four or five bedrooms, we could all move in together. Mine is a rather large house, but I have a disabled son and a disabled daughter. We're doing okay right now, but who can say how long?

If you are seventy-five, or are getting there, it's time to put a plan on the table. Maybe you don't want to think about it, but there is nothing wrong with listening to plans that others are considering. Why not raise the question at your next group meeting? Even at Bible study, you can request a moment to discuss your options if living alone becomes a problem. Maybe you will never need help, but someone will.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.



Ruth Johnson

ELIZABETHTOWN

Celebrating

Martin Luther King, Jr. 2019

Plans are underway for the thirty-first (31st) annual parade honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which will be held in Elizabethtown, North Carolina on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

The national theme for 2019 is "We Are All One Humanity", a subject that Dr. King often contemplated. A Methodist Student at a Leadership Conference Address delivered in 1964, Lincoln, Nebraska once said the following "All I'm saying is simply this: that all life is interrelated, and in a real sense we are all courting an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. For some strange reason, I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality." This occurred fifty-four years ago, however is still relevant today.

Community, civic and school organizations, bands, step-teams, drill teams, queens and/or kings etc. are invited to participate. Call (910) 645-4995 for float or any parade information.

The line-up starts 9:00 AM at 805 West Broad Street; Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

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National Library of Poetry called "If I Were a Flower".

Harvard continued his work in Wilmington, NC as Executive Director of the Southeastern Sickle Cell Association and his impact contributed to extensive growth for the agency. He moved on to serve on many boards and commissions in the community. Harvard conducted diversity training sessions at the Wilmington Police Department, area churches, community colleges, UNCW, not to exclude our local school systems and various corporations.

Harvard later found his ultimate community service niche in talk radio, becoming a well-known producer and host. He was the first African American on the Wilmington, North Carolina talk show radio scene and remained a fixture on area air waves for over 20 years. He fell in love with radio broadcasting as it allowed him to give the community a voice and a platform for meaningful dialogue and subsequent positive growth. Harvard consistently operated from a stance of love. His agenda was always to shed light on the truth in a way that brought people together and built a consensus that united communities and ultimately created a more just and caring world.

Harvard was well known, loved and respected for his dedi-

cation to the community, so it should be no surprise that he was also a loving and devoted husband and father. Harvard married Elizabeth Brown on May 3rd, 1969 and together they had four beautiful children. Family life was very important to Harvard and he always enjoyed quality time with his loved ones. Some of his favorite leisure time activities included fishing, gardening, cooking, and just sitting around talking politics and current events with family and friends. If you've never had Harvard's lasagna, spaghetti, or lima beans, you have truly missed a good thing. Harvard's kind, loving personality made him a favorite amongst many of his family and friends. He never placed himself above anyone, he treated everyone with respect, and he always had a word of wisdom to share that you would never be able to forget.

Harvard was preceded in death by a son, Haji Ja'Mahl Jennings; a sister, Jacquelyn Jennings; three brothers, William Jennings, Nelson Jennings, and Carlton Jennings, Sr.

Precious memories of Harvard are left to his wife, Elizabeth Jennings; three daughters, Elisha Jennings of Riegelwood, North Carolina, Erica Jennings of Raleigh, North Carolina and Nerine Jennings of Wilmington, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Kaylin Raines of Atlanta, Georgia and Semira Jennings of Wilmington, North

Carolina; two sisters, Marion Gellineau (Lloyd) of Long Island, New York, Vanessa Connor of Long Island, New York; one brother, Larry Jennings (Jamie) of Roanoke, Virginia; one special brother-in-law, Frank "Spunky" Connor; two sisters-in-law, Erma Grady of Wilmington, North Carolina and Valerie Jennings of Brooklyn, New York; two special friends, William Goodwin and Louis Parker; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Mr. Edward Mapson, Sr.,

Mr. Edward Mapson, Sr., son of the late Dixie and Elizabeth Everett Mapson was born September 25, 1929 in Leland, North Carolina. He departed this life on November 28, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church cemetery.

He received salvation at an early age and was a member of Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church in Leland, North Carolina.

Edward attended and graduated from the public schools in Brunswick County. After graduation he enlisted in the US Army. He served from 1951 until 1953.

He then moved back home where he met and married the love of his life, Jeanette C. Farmer. They moved to Harlem, New York. To this union two children were born, Edward, Jr. and Serena. Jeanette preceded him in death after 60 plus years together on September 4, 2018.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walter Mapson and Dixie Mapson and one sister, Louise I. Burns.

Edward was a faithful member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, New York City. He also served as Deacon and Trustee while being a member. He was faithful in transporting members that were blind, disabled or handicapped, weekly to church. As a Deacon, he would serve communion to the home bound, and those in the hospital or nursing homes. One of his favorite past times was going to Golden Corral just to sit, eat and watch who came in.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Joe L. McKoy, Sr. (Barbara) of Wilmington, NC and Edward Mapson, Jr. (Linda) of Long Island, NY; one daughter: Serena Mapson Oliver (Vivian) of Bronx, NY; four grands, Nicole D. McKoy of Durham, NC, Joe L. McKoy, Jr. (Tommyette) of Ft. Meade, MD, Bryon J. McKoy (Christin) of Leland, NC, and Monique V. Mapson of Harlem, NY; three great-grands, Chloe, Zoe and Olivia; one sister, Jacklyn Ballard (Walter) of Leland, NC; five sisters-in-law, Gladys Mapson and Helen

Mapson both of Leland, NC, Joyce Farmer and Ella Ramsey both of Richmond, VA., and Nira Farmer of Detroit, MI; one brother-in-law, Theodore Farmer of Richmond, VA; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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"Wise Men Seeking"

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

Wise - Displaying common sense
Discernment for what is true, right, lasting
Seek - To search for To try to find or discover

From the time that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born until this present time, it is evident that wise men are still seeking him! "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7
 The wise men spoken of in this passage had spiritual discernment of something true, right, and lasting. In their search for the newborn Christ, they were guided by a shining star, which first appeared to them in the east,

and brought them to Jerusalem on their way to Bethlehem, the location of the prophesized birth of the newborn King.

These wise men were gifted with understanding of the royal status and significance of this special birth. They comprehended both the honor and the importance of being in the presence of this wonderful child. Before they made their presentations, they fell down and worshipped him, giving glory and honor to God. Even though Jesus was yet a young child when they found him, they also gave him gifts that were worthy of a king. They brought him the precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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appropriate gift fit for a newborn king.

FRANKINCENSE illustrates the role Jesus plays in our lives as our eternal High Priest and mediator between God and man.



Sylvia Hooper

MYRRH was made famous by the Egyptians who used it for embalming and could possibly signify that he was born to die for the sins of the whole world. In John 19:39, myrrh was in the mixture of the burial spices used to anoint the body of Jesus for his burial, after he

was crucified.

Wise men are still seeking Christ. We see these first wise men go to great lengths to seek and find the Savior. They traveled a great distance and left the comfort and convenience of their home to search for him. They invested their own time and resources to get in his presence and to worship him. If we are wise, we will seek to do the same, seeking to get in his presence.

Wise men are yet seeking the Savior. Hosea 10:12 says, Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, til he come and rain righteousness upon you. " Isaiah 54:6 says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye

upon him while he is near." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus placed great emphasis on seeking the Lord first to receive life's blessings. He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

When seeking the Lord becomes a priority wise men understand the importance of timing. Psalm 8:17 says, "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Wise men still seek him! Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A.

Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

The making of Hope Centers of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."(Hebrews 11:1 KJV)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
 Pictured L to R, Elder Gregory Edmond (Presiding Elder, Northern District, North Carolina Conference), Elder Evelyn Dunn (Presiding Elder, Southern District, North Carolina Conference), Servant Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding Prelate, Second Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church.

BY REV. DR. PATRICIA L. FREEMAN
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hope and faith have come together in the North Carolina Conference of the A.M.E. Church. On November 12, 2018 Servant Bishop James L. Davis, Presiding Prelate of the 2nd Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church made his way back to North Carolina for the second time after Hurricane Florence accompanied by, his caring

and compassionate wife Episcopal WMS Supervisor Arelis B. Davis. Other 2nd Episcopal District officials and assistants were with them. The Second Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church includes five (5) conferences; Baltimore, Virginia, Washington, North Carolina, and Western North Carolina.

He came to bring words of hope, encouragement, and relief. Rev. Evelyn G. Dunn, Presiding Elder of the

Southern District and Rev. Gregory Edmond, Presiding Elder of the Northern District were instructed to bring their churches to meet at New Pike Creek AME Church in Burgaw. The location is one of four newly formed Hope Centers located in the Southern District of the North Carolina Conference and led by Pastor Michael G. Redd.

Having seen the devastation of the churches and the people in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, Bishop Davis



MEMBERS SETTING UP DISASTER RELIEF RESOURCES

desired to provide aid to the utmost. His conviction is "if one hurts we all hurt." In his urgency to bring his churches together and provide relief, Hope Centers were created at St. Luke AME Church, (Rev. Artie Odom Jr.) Fayetteville, NC; New Pike Creek AME Church (Rev. Michael G. Redd) Burgaw, NC; St. Stephen AME Church (Rev. Thomas O. Nixon) Wilmington, NC; and St. James AME Church (Rev. Howard Johnson) Kinston, NC.

These centers serve as conduit between the generosity of 2nd Episcopal District and victims of the heavy rains, inca-

pacitating flood waters and devastating winds of Hurricane Florence.

In the aftermath of the storm, Wilmington and surrounding areas became like an island according to news reports, with aid cut off from the masses because of the conditions. Individuals and congregations in need of support and infusions of hope were beneficiaries of the 2nd District's love and care. Supplies for children as well as adults, clothing, food and money was distributed to those who have still not recovered from the storm.

Scripture says "Therefore,

as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 10:9 NIV)

Under the Bishop's leadership, we witnessed the love of God as the opportunity presented itself to do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Churches and recipients of the disaster relief resources were overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude shown toward them. Members of the North Carolina Conference are very appreciative of the love and service bestowed by Bishop Davis.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Mary W. Tomlin**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of December, 2018

Willie Toney, Executor
3645 McDowell Ct.
Dumfries, VA 22026-2685

December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Phyllis Ann Chisolm**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Herbert E. Chisolm, Executor
7317 Thurgood Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JA 196

**IN THE MATTER OF:
I.R.D.
(DOB: 16 March 2018)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS- PAR-
ENTS, NICOLE RENEE JONES
AND WILLIAM KEELER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Adjudication of Juvenile Petition filed on October 8, 2018 alleging that I.R.D. is a neglected and dependent juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Yulia Loshinsky has been assigned to represent Ms. Jones. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 939-1125, 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, NC. Attorney Jennifer Harjo has been assigned to represent Mr. Keeler. Counsel may be contacted at 910-343-5400, 320 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING TO ADUDICATE THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.**, OR upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of October, 2018.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax

November 29, December 6, 13, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, William McCoy, having qualified on the 9th day of November, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of **Martha Cox McCoy (18-E-1305)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **6th day of March, 2019** or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 29th day of November, 2018.

William McCoy, Executor
ESTATE OF MARTHA COX MCCOY
David Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John J. Bednarczyk**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Betty B. Bednarczyk AKA Betsy B. Bednarczyk, Executrix
648 Village Park Drive Unit 104
Wilmington, NC 28405

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Having qualified on the 14th day of August, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of **MORRIS DEAN EMS**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executor, Helen L. Ridenour, at 4109 Hearthsides Drive; #104, Wilmington, NC 28412, on or before the **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 6th day of December, 2018.

HELEN L. RIDENOUR, EXECUTOR
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
P.O. Box 12028
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405
Telephone (910) 256-3364

December 13, 20, 27, 2018,
January 4, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified on the 11th day of April, 2018, as Co-Administrators-CTA of the Estate of **EDRINE S. LUCKEY a/k/a NORMA EDRINE LUCKEY**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Co-Administrators-CTA, Diane Luckey Kerrigan and David W. Luckey, at 12945 SW Ridgefield Lane, Tigard, OR 97223, on or before the **18th day of July, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 11th day of April, 2018.

DIANE LUCKEY KERRIGAN and
DAVID W. LUCKEY,
CO-ADMINISTRATORS-CTA
Attorney for the Estate:
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Carolina Legal Counsel
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Telephone (910) 256-3364

April 19, 26, May 3, and 10, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **William Thomas Elrod, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Timothy Eric Elrod, Executor
50 Tylers Run
Rocky Point, NC 28457

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Julian Fulton**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of December, 2018

Gail Fulton, Executrix
1503 Rankin Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 228-9; 31-32

**IN THE MATTER OF:
J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2017)**

**J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2016)
J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)
J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
JESSYCA THOMPSON,
BIOLOGICAL MOTHER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Kristen Kelly Callihan has been appointed to represent Jessyca Thompson, and she can be reached at 319 N. 4th St., Wilmington, NC 28401 or (910) 763-6545.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **January 14, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 29th day of November, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

November 29, December 6, 13, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thelma Gates**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

Treba Donaldson, Executrix
3506 1/2 Victoria Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Brenda Faye Farmer**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018

Marvin Shane Farmer,
Administrator
305 Grovediere Ln.
Hampstead, NC 28443

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 110

**IN THE MATTER OF:
X.W.P. (dob: 8/6/13)**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
UNKNOWN-FATHER
OF MALE CHILD BORN IN
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
NORTH CAROLINA TO
TIFFANY DANIELLE BURNS**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **January 7, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 29th day of November, 2018.

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Janie Mae Anderson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018

Keecha Anderson, Executor
112 Glendale Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 13, 20, 27, January 4, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 17

**IN THE MATTER OF:
T.U.B. (DOB: 11/08/2016)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS: BET-
TIE JO PEPPER, BIOLOGICAL
MOTHER; KE'SHOWN BAR-
RETT; PUTATIVE FATHER;
ALQUON MOSLEY, PUTATIVE
FATHER; AND ANY UNKNOWN
FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAP-
TIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN
IN WILMINGTON, NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO BETTIE JO
PEPPER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Bettie Jo Pepper, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Shawn Evans has been appointed to represent Ke'Shown Barrett, and he can be reached at 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 251-6088.

Attorney Yuliya Loshinsky has been appointed to represent Alquon Mosley, and she can be reached at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 939-1125.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **December 10, 2018**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of November, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney
New Hanover County Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

November 29, December 6, 13, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Royce Eldred Ivey**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018

Jeannette Claudia Prevatté Ivey,
Administrator
226 Cherokee Trail
Wilmington, NC 28409

December 13, 20, 27, 2018, January 4, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Vera W. Sykes**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **13th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018

Veronica W. Faulk, Executor
3206 Ruby Lane
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

December 13, 20, 27, 2018, January 4, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF PENDER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 18 CVD 4184

**BEVERLY REECE, PLAINTIFF
VS.
JAMES DAVID REECE, JR.,
DEFENDANT
TO: JAMES DAVID REECE, the
above-names Defendant:**

TAKE NOTICE that a relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

You are required to make such defense to such pleading not later than the 22nd day of January 2019. Said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice and upon failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of December 2018

Jeffrey R. Baker
Attorney for plaintiff
107 Chestnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

December 13, 20, 27, 2018

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION ILE NO. 18 JT 64

IN THE MATTER OF: K.N.R. (DOB: 03/22/2018)

TO: RESPONDENTS: LANNIE BIGLEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO LANNIE BIGLEY

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following December 6, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Lannie Bigley, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **January 28, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 30th day of November, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
Wilmington, NC 28402
(910) 632-0424

December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 244

IN THE MATTER OF: J.A.M. (DOB: 08/06/2017)

TO: RESPONDENTS: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO DESTINY ANN HAWKE

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Dawn Oxendine has been appointed to represent Destiny Hawke, and she can be reached at 4932 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 or (910) 397-7979.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **January 14, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 26th day of November, 2018.

Karen F. Richards
Contract Attorney - New Hanover County Department of Social Services
PO Box 81
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(910) 632-0424

November 29, December 6, 13, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 273

IN THE MATTER OF: N.A.J.P. (DOB: 07/04/2017)

TO: RESPONDENTS: KIRA PRIDGEN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER; RANDOLPH PRIVOTT, PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA TO KIRA PRIDGEN

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following December 6, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Alexis Perkins has been appointed to represent Kira Pridgen, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney Chris Oring has been appointed to represent Randolph Privott, and he can be reached at 705 N. 4th St., Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 763-9925.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **December 10, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 6th day of December, 2018.

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December 6, 13, 20, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 73, 74

IN THE MATTER OF: S.B.L. (dob: 6 January 2007) A.J.L. (dob: 11 January 2005)

TO: RESPONDENT-FATHER, MICHAEL BETANCOURT, AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to S.B.L. and A.J.L.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 13, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel. Attorney Addison Palanza has been assigned to represent you. Counsel may be contacted at (910) 769-6884, 314 Walnut Street, Ste. 100, Wilmington, NC.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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December 13, 20, 27, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 16 JT 325

IN THE MATTER OF: A.F.S. (dob: 11 May 2014)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to A.F.S.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, December 13, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

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December 13, 20, 27, 2018

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 18 JT 227 & 228

IN THE MATTER OF: G.L.M. (DOB: 09/28/2018) C.S.M. (DOB: 09/28/2018)

TO: ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED FEMALE AND MALE CHILD BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor children.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following December 13, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **January 14, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.**

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

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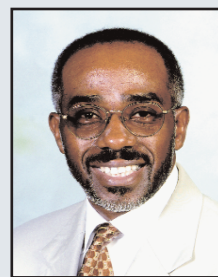
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