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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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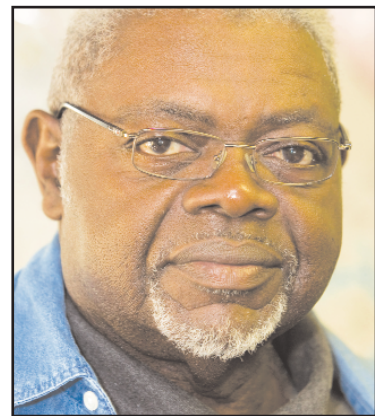


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BERNEST HEWETT

DO NOT FORGET

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

One of the greatest legal minds in the United States will be in this area June 1, 2019, at St. James Community Building. He will be the speaker of the night at the Juneteenth Dinner!

Anyone who is acquainted with North Carolina Central University Law School has been around him and his professional teaching system. He has touched the lives of many Black and White lawyers, judges, governors, etc. here and over the state of North Carolina and other states.

I write this article again because I want North Carolina Central Law School's graduates and all others to come out and support him.

For tickets, call 910-540-1761 or 910-559-5999. Tickets are still available. Come out and offer support for this event and "give ear" to this great speaker.

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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"SLAVERY GAME" PROBE CONCLUDED; NEW VETTING RULES ADOPTED

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

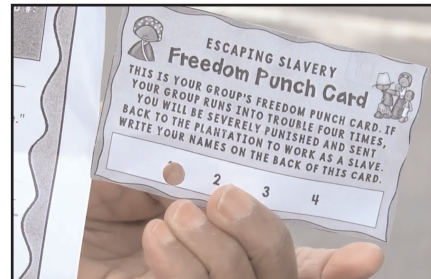
New Hanover County Public Schools Supt. Tim Markley's investigation into how a controversial "Monopoly-like role-playing slavery game," used by fourth grade teachers in their classrooms is reportedly complete, and, while none will lose their jobs because of it, new policies have been put into place to prevent "culturally insensitive" teaching materials from being used again without careful review, says a NHC Public Schools spokesperson.

Controversy erupted over two weeks ago when it was revealed that fourth-grade teachers at

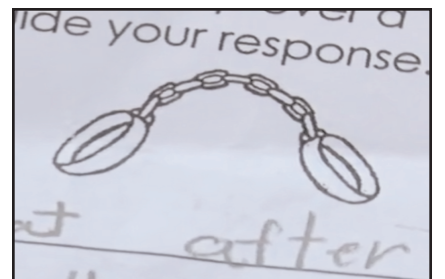
majority White Codrington Elementary School used a game titled "Escaping Slavery," and, according to materials that come with the activity, most notably a "Freedom Punch Card," students indeed assume the role of runaway slaves during the Underground Railroad and are told on the card, "...If your group runs into trouble four times, you will be severely punished and sent back to the plantation to work as a slave. Write your name on the back of this card."

Among the materials with the game were illustrations of shackles and Black slave families.

A Black grandmother complained to a local television about the game, concerned that her



GAME PIECES



grandchild was not being taught appropriately about perhaps the most painful historical period in the lives of most African-Americans.

She called it "horrifying." NHC School Board chair, Lisa Estep, in a letter to the community, countered an early statement of

support for the game by Codrington Elementary principal, Graham Elmore, saying that use of the game was not appropriate and promising that Supt. Markley and

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REAVES CHAPEL

Conservation partners joined together and purchased Reaves Chapel

BY HERBERT BEATTY AND CAMILLA HERLEVICH CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Coastal Land Trust and Cedar Hill/West Bank Heritage Foundation are pleased to announce that one of the Cape Fear region's most culturally and historically significant African American structures, Navassa's Reaves Chapel, has been purchased by the Coastal Land Trust. The purchase of Reaves Chapel was made possible thanks to a generous grant from The Orton Foundation.

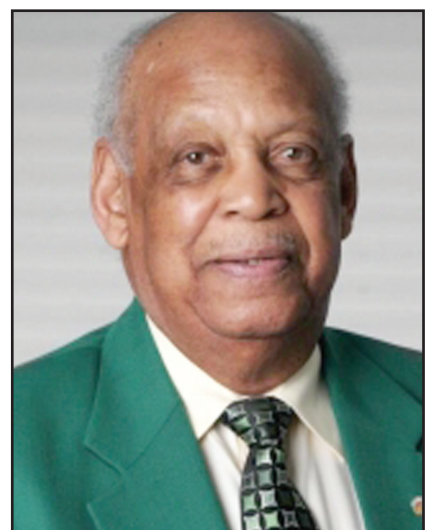
Reaves Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was built along the Cape Fear's riverfront after the Civil War by formerly enslaved people of Cedar Hill Plantation. The congregation was made up of formerly enslaved people who farmed the property where the Cedar Hill Plantation once stood, and other neighboring rice plantations. When Mount

Misery and Cedar Hill roads were built, roads replaced the river as the main mode of transportation. In response, around 1922, the congregation, with logs and a team of oxen, moved the church from the riverfront to its present location. Reaves Chapel now stands on a small plot of land on Cedar Hill Road, which was given to the church by Edward Reaves, the church's namesake.

"This was our community church," said Al Beatty, president of Cedar Hill/West Bank Heritage Foundation. "Everyone in the community went to church there. Major groups came there to perform. A revival would bring in 80 - 100 people. If somebody died, they rang the church bell," he added. The bell, incidentally, still hangs in place in the church tower.

As evident of the church photo, time and weather have taken its toll on this historic beautiful building. "Navassa Mayor Eulis Willis helped establish the

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CARTER W. NEWSOME

Carter Woodson Newsome honors namesake

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The death of Carter Woodson Newsome, former Williston Vocational Education instructor, local and state education administrator, offers linkages to his late parents' appreciation for history and upward mobility possibilities for the race.

The late Geno Newsome and Irene Jenkins Newsome Yeates connected their sixth child's name to greatness, that of Carter G. Woodson, the Father of Negro History.

Woodson focused needs for self-

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Adams, Butterfield, Black lawmakers demand release of Mueller Report

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

African-American members of Congress, many of whom are leaning strongly for the impeachment of President Donald Trump, have joined their Democratic colleagues in demanding the release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on alleged Russian interference into the 2016 presidential

campaign, and the Trump campaign's suspected collusion with Russian operatives to do so.

Both of North Carolina's African-American congressional representatives, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) and Rep. G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), have added their voices to the growing Democratic

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REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS AND BUTTERFIELD

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## SLAVERY

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his staff would immediately  
look into it.

After a March 22nd request  
for comment, NHC Public  
Schools Chief Communi-  
cations Officer, Ms. Valita  
Quattlebaum, responded to  
questions Monday.

"Dr. Markley's investiga-  
tion into the situation has  
concluded," she wrote, con-  
firming that the slavery  
game was only used in the  
fourth grade at Codrington.  
"The district determined  
that there was no ill will on  
the part of the teachers, but

they did fail to show the cul-  
tural competence and sensi-  
tivity needed to effectively  
instruct on the topic of slav-  
ery in the U. S. As a result,  
there are some diversity  
and equity training pro-  
grams that will happen  
throughout the district."

"Also, principals are now  
required to preview all third-  
party teaching materials  
before they can be used. The  
NHCS Instructional Services  
Department is reviewing  
guidelines for the use of out-  
side materials in the class-  
room. NHCS Human  
Resources is reviewing poli-  
cies and practices related to

onboarding for new staff to  
ensure that the district is pro-  
viding the necessary training  
regarding implicit bias and  
diversity."

Who approved the use of  
the slavery game in the first  
place?

"This activity was pur-  
chased by teachers from a  
[popular] third-party web-  
site and at the time not vet-  
ted or approved by the  
administration," Ms.  
Quattlebaum said. "The use  
of the activity was a part of  
a larger scope of related  
instruction connected to the  
Civil War. Going forward,  
all materials from this

third-party website and oth-  
ers must be vetted and  
approved by the adminis-  
tration of the school."

Quattlebaum maintains,  
"...there was no intent to  
belittle or trivialize this  
topic..." adding, "The dis-  
trict intends to improve  
overall in the teaching  
methods that are being used  
in presenting sensitive sub-  
ject matters..." She also  
confirmed that schools nor-  
mally "have flexibility in de-  
termining materials to include  
as a part of their curricu-  
lum..."

No rules were broken,  
but, again, new vetting poli-

cies are now in place for  
third-party instructional  
materials.

And while no one will be  
disciplined or terminated for  
their role in the "slavery  
game" episode, Ms.  
Quattlebaum says, "...the dis-  
trict intends to provide cul-  
tural competency training for  
all teachers and staff."

The NHC NAACP chapter  
did call for "...a timeline of  
when the implicit bias and  
cultural competency training  
will be implemented," and  
also recommended that mem-  
bers of Wilmington's African-  
American community be  
involved.

## NEWSOME

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reliance and racial respect.  
Newsome's legacy followed  
suit with decades of service  
related policies that aided stu-  
dents, colleagues, and the  
North Carolina Department of  
Education.

While Woodson's history  
includes being an author and  
founder of many projects and  
educational successes,  
Newsome's accomplishments  
mirror such acts. With a keen  
interest in the plight of stu-  
dents unable to participate in  
regular school matriculations,  
Newsome is credited with  
developing the first night high  
school for students in North  
Carolina. Referred to as the  
Extended Day project, the con-  
cept and realized plan allowed  
for expelled and suspended stu-  
dents to continue rather than  
disrupt formal learning.

According to Newsome's  
family, he also worked with  
Rock Sanders to design a pro-  
gram that introduced and  
exposed minority students to  
engineering disciplines. A  
forerunner to what is referred  
to as STEM education is  
ROCAME. Newsome and  
Sanders' names are not men-  
tioned in the online histories  
and accolades regarding the  
well-respected initiative.  
Defined in some narratives,  
the program idea was devel-  
oped by educators and local  
industries.

ROCAME, the Region O  
Council for the Advancement  
of Minorities in Engineering's  
founding and historical links  
are now dictated by a concept  
that Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the  
founder of Negro History  
Week respected greatly. That is  
the need to combine the oral  
traditions and actions of black  
people with primary docu-  
ments, if or whenever they  
exist. The family members of  
Newsome have brought the  
dictates of what's in his name  
full circle.

Carter Newsome's loved  
ones, included another educa-  
tor, the late Mercedes Jones  
Newsome. Their daughter, Dr.  
Paula Renee Newsome, and  
grandchild, Ayana Renee  
Washington reside in the  
Charlotte area where the 89-  
year-old patriarch died, on the  
last day of Black History  
Month, Feb 28.

The Hampton Institute, and  
East Carolina University gra-  
duate got his start in education  
from race conscious parents,  
and a public school, R.L. Vann

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One of North Carolina's  
long term vocational educa-  
tion consultants for the  
Department of Education  
made his initial mark in the  
lives of local Willistonians  
who learned from him the art  
of drafting, and the harness-  
ing of electricity.

Newsome's legacy like that  
of his namesake, Carter G.  
Woodson, highlights histories  
that might easily pass away if  
the people are allowed to for-  
get.

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**DR. JOHN MARSHALL KILIMANJARO, PUBLISHER OF THE CAROLINA PEACEMAKER, DIES**  
[GREENSBORO] Dr. John

Marshall Kilimanjaro, publisher of the Carolina Peacemaker, died Wednesday morning after a long illness. He was 88.  
Dr. Kilimanjaro, along with his wife, Vicki, started the Peacemaker in 1967, determined to give Greensboro's black community a voice in the midst of the civil rights movement, and tremendous change in the South. For 52 years, the Peacemaker has served the Greensboro community. Dr.

Kilimanjaro has received many honors throughout the years, including the prestigious Order of the long Leaf Pine.  
Funeral services for Dr. John Marshall Kilimanjaro will be held Friday, 11 a.m. at Temple Emmanuel in Greensboro.  
**US SUPREME COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON NC PARTISAN GERRYMANDERING**  
[WASHINGTON, D.C.]

Attorneys for both Republican legislative leaders, and plaintiffs against partisan gerrymandering in drawing voting districts in North Carolina, made their arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday. The High Court must decide whether GOP-leaning congressional voting districts, as the NC legislature have been drawing them since 2011, are indeed legal and constitutional, even though they have given Republican 10 of 13 con-

gressional districts; or if having such lop-sided voting districts will always deny Democratic voters there their constitutional right to choose their representation in Congress. A ruling is expected by late summer.  
**FEDERAL JUDGE STRIKES DOWN NC'S ABORTION LAW**  
[GREENSBORO] North Carolina's ban on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy was struck down Monday by a

federal judge, saying that the restriction was arbitrary, and denied a woman her constitutional to end an pregnancy before the fetus was viable. The judge, however, stayed his ruling for 60 days to give state lawmakers a chance to either appeal his ruling, or change the law. "[N]o matter what the state's legitimate interest in restricting abortion, this interest can never support an outright ban prior to viability," U.S. District Court Judge William Osteen ruled.

**CONSERVATION**

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Cedar Hill/West Bank Heritage Foundation in 2013 to enhance, develop and improve the region's cultural heritage," said Al Beatty. "Saving Reaves Chapel was the primary focus of the Foundation. Then, in 2015, Mayor Willis introduced the Coastal Land Trust, which had completed several conservation acquisitions in Brunswick County, and which has now been able to complete the purchase of Reaves Chapel from the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. We also appreciate the guidance of Rev. Jerould

Richburg and Rev. Dr. Patricia L. Freeman, who served as local liaisons for the Annual Conference."  
"The Coastal Land Trust is thrilled to have been asked to help save Reaves Chapel," said Camilla Herlevich, Executive Director of the Coastal Land Trust, "because of our more recent expanded focus on community conservation and serving communities that have not traditionally benefitted from land trust work. We are especially appreciative of the support and encouragement from The Orton Foundation, whose grant made this purchase possible."  
"This was an extraordinary opportunity to help save a beautiful, historically significant African American

structure that has fallen into disrepair," said Louis Bacon, chairman and founder of The Moore Charitable Foundation and its North Carolina Affiliate, the Orton Foundation. Reaves Chapel was an important pillar in the local community, and the Orton Foundation hopes that our role in helping to save and restore it opens a new chapter in its storied life."  
"We couldn't be more excited about finally acquiring this irreplaceable community treasure," said Camilla Herlevich. "However, we all know that the real work has just begun. We hope to clean up, repair, restore, and stabilize Reaves Chapel so that it can be a gathering place for the community once again.

With our partners at Cedar Hill/West Bank Heritage Foundation, we will be seeking and grateful for advice, assistance, and expertise-not to mention donations and grants-in the days and months ahead." Donations and grants may be made to <https://coastallandtrust.org/cedarhillwestbank>  
**About North Carolina Coastal Land Trust**  
Founded in 1992, the mission of the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust is to enrich the coastal communities of North Carolina through conservation of natural areas and working lands, education, and the promotion of good land stewardship. The Coastal Land Trust has saved more than 72,000 acres of spe-

cial places, and has offices in Wilmington, New Bern and Elizabeth City. [www.CoastalLandTrust.org](http://www.CoastalLandTrust.org). The Coastal Land Trust previously protected more than 17,000 acres of land along the western banks of the lower Cape Fear River and its tributaries, including a 900-acre tract that it purchased and donated to Brunswick County, now managed by the County as Brunswick Nature Park.  
**About Cedar Hill West Bank Community Foundation**  
Founded in 2013, Cedar Hill/West Bank Heritage Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance, develop and improve the cultural heritage of the Cedar Hill/West Bank Corridor through active com-

munity involvement. The Foundation has a volunteer Board of Directors.  
**About The Orton Foundation**  
The Orton Foundation, an affiliate of The Moore Charitable Foundation founded by Louis Bacon in 1992, focuses on protecting the Cape Fear River Basin's unique wetlands, lands, forests and wildlife habitats. The Orton Foundation also supports educational, health care and community programs in the region.  
For additional information, please contact Camilla Herlevich, at 910-297-0196 email at [Camilla@CoastalLandandTrust.org](mailto:Camilla@CoastalLandandTrust.org) or Al Beatty at 910-520-2517 or email at [al.beatty@att.net](mailto:al.beatty@att.net)

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Congressional chorus to U. S. Attorney General William Barr (a Trump appointee) to release the entire Mueller Report immediately or face legal subpoenas.  
"This is about trust and transparency," tweeted Rep. Adams Monday, a day after Barr released a four-page summary conclusion of Mueller's findings, determining that no evidence of collusion was found land

that Trump, arguably, did obstruct justice during Mueller's 22 month investigation.  
"AG Barr must listen to the American people," Rep. Adams continued, "...and #ReleaseTheReport."  
Her North Carolina colleague agreed.  
"Now that Special Counsel Robert Mueller has completed his investigation, transparency is paramount," Congressman G. K. Butterfield tweeted. "It is absolutely imperative that AG Barr expeditiously

release the report to Congress and the American people."  
Indeed, Butterfield and Adams were among the 420 U. S. House members, both Democrat and Republican, who unanimously voted March 21 for the full Mueller Report to be released.  
Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell blocked the U. S. Senate from even considering a similar measure, even though Pres. Trump told reporters he had no problem releasing the report.

Two powerful African-American House Democrats, Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), Chairwoman of the House Finance Committee, and Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Maryland), Chairman of the House Oversight Committee, joined four other House Democratic committee chairs in a March 25 letter to Attorney General Barr, demanding that he turn over the Mueller Report and all supporting documentation by April 2.  
"Those of us who chair these committees have the

responsibility to continue with our oversight," Rep. Waters told MSNBC Sunday.  
House Democrats are also planning to call Barr and Mueller to testify in congressional hearings to ask key questions they feel have not been satisfied by Barr's initial summary.  
Even the national NAACP is formally calling for the Mueller Report to be released, saying, "The people of this nation deserve transparency. The integrity of our democracy is at stake. Our country cannot afford any-

thing less than the unvarnished and unedited truth." Republicans, in response to the Democratic clamor for release of the full report, say that can't happen as long as it contains grand jury testimony and classified information. The GOP charges that Democrats are angry because the report "exonerates" Trump on charges of collusion and that Democrats and the media should be ashamed for "falsely" alleging that the President was guilty of colluding with the Russians.

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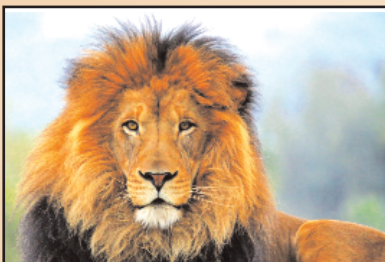
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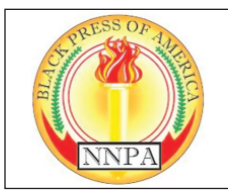
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### RAINBOW COALITION

#### Imposing a modern-day version of a poll tax is a new low

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Until 2018, Florida — the state vital to the presidential victories of George Bush and Donald Trump — deprived one in 10 voters, and two in 10 African Americans, of the right to vote with a constitutional provision banning felons from voting, even after they had fulfilled their sentences.

Many with nonviolent drug felonies, enforced by a systematically biased criminal justice system, are kept from the polls. The discriminatory effect and intent of this exclusion is obvious.

In a stunning act of decency in 2018, Floridians voted overwhelmingly to amend their constitution and restore the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions “after they complete all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation.” According to the Tallahassee Democrat, the “Voting Restoration Amendment,” would “grant most of the 1.7 million convicted felons the right to vote and help select their leaders for local, state and federal offices.”

Voting rights activists drew up plans to help contact and register them, with the charismatic young leader, former Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Andrew Gillum committed to leading the effort.

Now Republicans in the state legislature are moving to frustrate the will of citizens, adding a new burden to exclude voters, a new form of one of the most loathsome Jim Crow tactics — the poll tax. Republicans in a House committee have voted — contrary to the intent and the text of the referendum passed by voters — to exclude from voting those who haven’t paid their fines (even including those on a court-approved payment plan). Fines are imposed not by judges as part of the sentence, but by administrative clerks. They do not block any other voters from voting. If Republicans have their way — and they have a majority in the House legislature — they will likely use these fines to block a substantial portion of African Americans from voting. Despite the will of its people, Florida Republicans want to impose a racially biased poll tax to strip citizens of the right to vote — and to tilt elections in their favor.

Beginning in the 1890s, the poll tax was central to enforcing segregation in the South. Most of the laws had a “grandfather clause” that exempted those whose parents or grandparents had the right to vote prior to the Civil War. In 1964, this foul measure was outlawed for federal elections in the 24th Amendment to the Constitution. In 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional even in state elections. So states like Florida found other tricks and traps to limit the vote. Now, after the citizens of Florida have thrown out felony exclusion, Republicans threaten to impose a new Jim Crow poll tax.

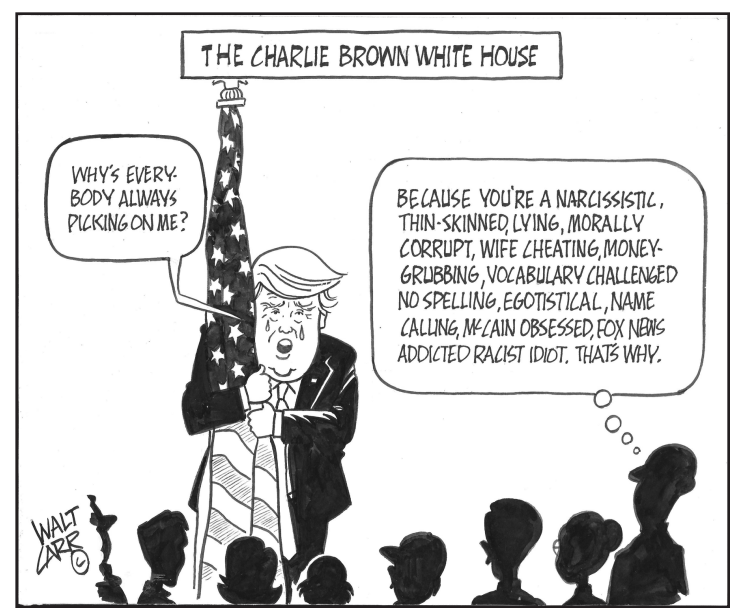
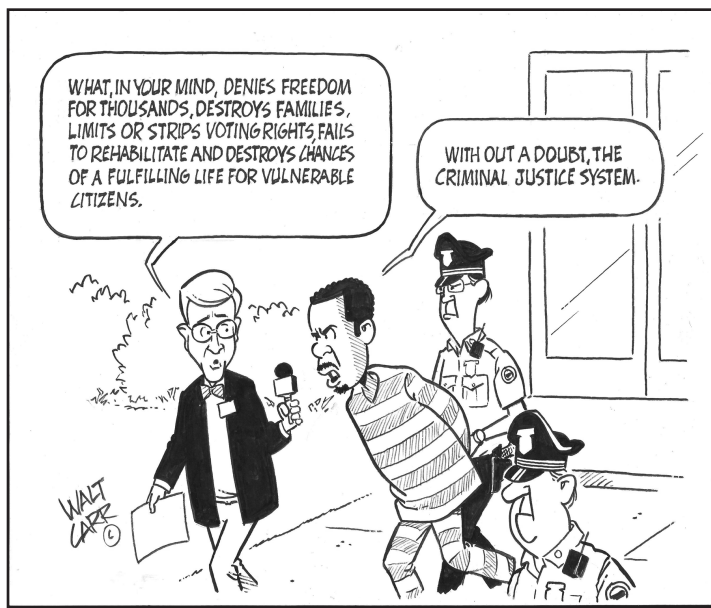
There is no justification — except partisan zealotry built upon race-based politics. Republicans, from Trump on down, have chosen to make themselves the party of racial division. African Americans, not surprisingly, tend to vote overwhelmingly against them. So Republicans use various tricks to suppress the African-American vote — gerrymandering, restrictive voter ID laws, cuts in early voter hours and opposition to same-day voter registration — all to make it harder for the poor and minorities to vote.

But imposing the modern-day version of a poll tax is a new low.

If Republicans do succeed in passing this injustice, it will be challenged in the courts or in another referendum. But none of this should be necessary. The real question is to the Republican congressional majority in Florida: Have you no decency? Are you so blinded by partisan self-interest that you would maliciously deprive a million Floridians of the right to vote? Are you so arrogant as to ignore the 65 percent of the voters who voted to erase this injustice from Florida’s constitution? Have you no shame?

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

## THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



## YOUR VOICE

### Slave game

The New Hanover County School Board has asked the superintendent to investigate after a slavery themed game was played in a fourth grade class at Codrington Elementary School. The role playing game included a freedom punch card that would result in penalized teams

being severely punished and sent back to the plantation to work as a slave. A student told her grandmother about the slave game they were playing at school. The grandmother asked the principal and the teacher for an apology and they would not apologize. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Academic Accountability Dr. LaChawn Smith met with

Principal Graham Elmore and the teacher to discuss the lesson.

There is no need for a discussion. The principal and the teacher should be fired. This happened in February during Black History Month. You should be talking about great Black Americans like Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells,

Ella Baker, Abraham Galloway, David Walker and many others who did great things in this country. But this fourth grade teacher wants the students to play slave games.

**David Dowdy**  
NHC Soil & Water District Supervisor  
Former Vice President NHC NAACP

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Women are stepping up!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

We’re near the end of Women’s History Month! Every woman should be proud of who we are, about the number of women who serve as Mayors of key cities, women who ran for and won Congressional seats and the number of women who’re in the race for President of the U.S.

We always knew Sen. Elizabeth Warren would run for President. She already had her policies ready to go out front as soon as she announced.

Sen. Kamala Harris announced shortly thereafter and raised an impressive amount of campaign funds. Amy Klobuchar was impressive as she announced with snowflakes falling all over her, seeming to be unbothered by them! Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has made a lot of

television appearances this week, and her campaign is in full swing. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard announced a while back, but hasn’t seemed to pick up steam yet.

With all of these impressive women candidates for President, I’m already hearing, “The country is not ready to elect a woman.” I cringe to hear that. Hillary Clinton came so close two years ago, but some people have lost the will. Women, can’t give up. Without knowing what white women will do to elect a woman in 20/20, women of color are as ready as ever. So many aren’t only prepared to run for office, but I believe a majority of women of color are excited about the potential of a final positive vote for a woman to run the White House.

If you have a niece, daughter, sister, grand daughter or any young girl in your life, before this Women’s History Month is over, why not begin to teach her about the many great accomplishments Black women have had to perfect our union? What many Black women have done didn’t just help Black women. What they

did helped all women, all men and children too; but too often Black women get no recognition. That’s why Women’s History Month is so necessary. Just look at how long it took for us to hear about the very important work of the women who helped to lead in the launch of John Glenn to go into and return successfully from space! Most of us knew nothing about Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, Mary Jackson who were the brains of one of the greatest operations in history. The brilliant Black women recently had their incredible story told in the movie Hidden Figures. We never had the privilege of reading about them in our history books. Yet, we read about many not nearly so important things about men—mostly white men.

We must take the responsibility of telling our young people about women such as the great Fannie Lou Hamer, Amelia Boynton, Ella Baker, Diane Nash and all the women who played such important roles in the Civil Rights Movement.

Our young people need to

know the stories of Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Irene Morgan, Claudette Colvin, Rosa Parks and the important role they played in gaining rights for women and for Black people. We can’t separate being a woman from being Black. Our feminism is different from that of white women. We can’t vote against our best interest as some of our white sisters do and still be okay. We must weigh every vote before we cast it because our ancestors risked death to gain the right for us to vote.

The big divide was seen in the 2016 presidential election which prevented all women and girls from finally saying we elected a woman to the highest office in the land. Black and Latina women did our part. White women need to step up because women of color are certainly doing our part.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is National President of the National Congress of Black Women and she is host of “Wake Up and Stay Woke” on WPFW-89.3 FM radio. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202/678-6788.

### Are the Republicans playing games with Amendment 4 in Florida?

(Via NNPAnewswire.com)

As I wrote in a previous article, called ‘Amendment 4 Has Passed and Implementation Questions Start,’ “The passage of Amendment 4 was a political, ethical, and moral victory especially for Blacks and people of color in Florida.

As many different organizations and different individuals take their victory lap, everyone must remember that the battle is not over.”

Florida is a red state. The control the Governorship, Cabinet, Senate and House of Representatives. Most of the appointees are conservatives and Republicans. Decisions are made with one thought in mind, and that is to remain in power.

In order to remain in power, our leaders have no problem erecting barriers that make it difficult to make changes. However, nearly 65% of Floridians in 2018’s midterm elections voted to implement Amendment 4, which restores

voting rights to approximately 1.5 million convicted felons who have completed their sentencing, parole and/or probation.

Change in America is always slow and incremental. Most Floridians did not expect this amendment to be implemented quickly. However, most Floridians expected the will of the people would be honored and that the rule of law would prevail.

In Tallahassee in 2019, the Republican lawmakers are rushing forward to pass a bill that would sabotage Amendment 4, and keep over 80% of the 1.5 million former felons from voting. The bill would require former felons to pay all their fees and fines before their right to vote is restored.

This new bill proposal by the Republicans in Florida’s legislature is targeting low-income felons who cannot afford to pay these fines because the majority of them don’t have a job. This would once again make the constitutional right to vote for many former felons unattainable.

Southern Florida public radio station WLRN reported that the majority of such fines are never paid because most convicted felons do not have the resources to pay their

fines. “Just 19% of the \$1 billion in fines were paid between 2013 and 2018,” the outlet noted. Florida’s court clerks’ association says that 83% of fines are not expected to be paid off.

The Republican Party is sabotaging Amendment 4, and disenfranchising the former felons who are expecting to be able to vote. “In the worst tradition of Florida voter suppression, some lawmakers want to take the harshest possible line on implementing a constitutional amendment that arguably doesn’t even require the Legislature to interpret the constitution,” says the Orlando Sentinel.

The implementation of Amendment 4 is turning into one huge mess and voting is becoming a privilege instead of a right. This is not a surprise because the Florida state government has failed to implement citizen-driven ballot amendments in recent years.

At this time in the Florida legislature, the bill is in subcommittees and the Voting Rights Restoration Bill has passed in the House. Basically the bill requires prisoners to pay all court costs and fines before they can vote. This week, the Senate subcommittee is vot-

ing on their version of the Voting Rights Restoration Bill, which is very similar to the House version.

Many are calling this a new poll tax and nationally there is outrage and condemnation. Even though there is fierce opposition from the Democrats, the bill is expected to move quickly in the Senate because the Republicans have the numbers. Political experts and pundits would tell the Democrats that the state is turning purple, but the vote in the Florida legislature is still primarily red.

Andrew Gillum and the Democratic Party in Florida have a goal to register one million new Democrats by the 2020 election.

Ex-Senator Bill Nelson lost by 10,000 votes and Andrew Gillum lost by 33,000 votes. Voting with the numbers on your side is the key to making Florida a blue state.

As a voter you have the right to put pressure on the Republicans lawmakers by calling or visiting their state and local offices. Let them know you are opposed to the sabotaging of Amendment 4 and suppressing of the vote for ex-felons.

Roger Caldwell is a NNPA Newswire Contributor.

**TO BE EQUAL**

# It's time to sign Colin Kaepernick

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

*"Though this legal battle with Kaepernick has been resolved, he isn't going away either. The league will forever have to live with the fact that it was complicit in destroying someone's career simply because he wished to bring attention to the injustices suffered by his people. If owners and Roger Goodell believe that they no longer will have to face questions about why Kaepernick isn't in the league, they're wrong. No matter what an arbitrator rules, how the NFL treated Kaepernick will always be the mistake they can never amend."* -- **Jemele Hill**



**Marc Morial**

Second, yet another in a seemingly endless stream of reports surfaced about a player accused of domestic violence. This time: Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Tyreek Hill, who has a history of domestic violence, is being investigated for assault of a child. It's hard to deny that the NFL appears to be an institution that is tolerant of domestic violence, but intolerant of social activism. The excuse that signing Kaepernick would be a bad business decision was obliterated last fall by sportswear giant Nike. After unveiling an ad campaign featuring Kaepernick, sales rocketed and its stock price soared. As sportswriter Jason La Canfora noted of the "bad for business" argument, "Oh really? How's it working out for Phil Knight? You think he did this as a publicity stunt? It ain't warm and fuzzy in the Fortune 500, brother, it's just business – cutthroat

business at that in sporting apparel – and Nike made this calculated decision to make money. And that they are doing."

The excuse that Kaepernick simply isn't a good enough player, also is laughable. Even the most casual football fan can observe quarterbacking every week that is not up to Kaepernick's standards. Since 2011, Kaepernick is tied for 14th in QB rating, tied with Carson Palmer and Andy Dalton. Plenty of quarterbacks with lower ratings not only are playing, but have secured deals worth more than \$10 million per year.

The facts simply do not bear it out that Kaepernick's skill and abilities don't measure up. Sports news site The Athletic in January surveyed 85 defensive NFL players from 25 different teams about their favorite and least favorite quarterbacks. "There is one quarterback the defensive players surveyed were nearly unanimous on: Colin Kaepernick," The Athletic wrote. Only two of the 85 said he should not be on an NFL roster and another two chose not to comment."

Audio recording of a meet-

ing between owners and players last spring revealed a simpler – and feebler – answer for why Kaepernick isn't signed: the owners are afraid of the President's Twitter account.

"The problem we have is, we have a president who will use that as fodder to do his mission that I don't feel is in the best interests of America," Patriots owner Robert Kraft said. "It's divisive and it's horrible."

Buffalo Bills owner Terry Pegula shared Kraft's fear. "All Donald needs to do is to start to do this again."

Fear of a Tweet is keeping a talented athlete in the prime of his career from earning a living at the sport in which he excels. It's depriving the league and its fans of that talent.

Signing Kaepernick would not just be good for Kaepernick. It would be good for the NFL, good for the fans, and good for American. The NFL must right this wrong and give the fans and the players what they want.

*Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.*

**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

## God and the current administration

My very soul has been rankled by the claims of some that this president was sent to us by God. My spiritual angst was further troubled when this week Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said that the president may well have been sent here by God to save Israel from an invasion from Iran. (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/22/politics/mike-pompeo-donald-trump-israel-golan-heights/index.html>)

As I believe in a "good God," I am struggling. The people who are making the president an angel from God believe in a good God as well. But their notion of "good God" and mine are diametrically opposed.

In my Christian upbringing I was taught that God sent his son, Jesus, to "save the people from their sins." Sin was all that separated people from God, and being connected to God meant that one could understand the lessons of life that God wanted us to have.

Among those lessons were the sovereignty of God ("the earth is the Lord's and everything in it), the need to love God with all our hearts, minds and souls and our neighbor as ourselves, and to understand that what we give to others we receive.

I was taught that I was to forgive my enemies, to be reconciled with those with whom we had an issue. Our Sunday School teachers taught us that as followers of Jesus the Christ, we were "the light of the world." Others would see the God in us by how we acted, which would be dictated and directed from our obedience to the Christ. We were taught to love those who persecuted us, including our enemies. We were taught not to judge others, to understand that we were unqualified to point out the speck in someone else's eye while we simultaneously had a log in our own.

Nothing our Sunday School teachers taught us, things that Jesus said, were comforting, palatable or easy to think about, much less do.

But the people over time who have supported racism and oppression and injustice seem to have a different God. Surely the God of my Sunday School would not verify that this man in the White House, who stokes violence based on white supremacy, xenophobia, sexism and homophobia, is one of his special angels?

Those who support the idea that the president was sent by God point to the Bible and the story about how the Persian King Cyrus was sent by God to carry out God's will. (<http://www.bibleresearch.org/articles/a2pws.htm>) But I am not clear that Cyrus' role was to support tyranny and the oppression of people created by God. I have always believed that God used people who could be said to have been in violation of God's will to remind the people of who was sovereign, and the punishment for ignoring the words and the will of God.

The Christians who have lifted the president up as a bearer of God's Good News seem to be in no way in alignment with God's commands to us as taught by his son. Jesus taught that there was value in all people because all people - back then, referring to women, lepers, ordinary "sinners" - and more. Jesus taught that we were to love and embrace all people and to love all people. Jesus seemed to be teaching that only being in community with each other was the fulfillment of God's will.

Or so I thought. It has long been the case that there is a religion of "Empire," which has put the God of the Bible on the periphery of life, in juxtaposition with the "religion of creation," given to us by Jesus the Christ. Many who follow Jesus and call themselves Christian understand that.

But many do not. In fact, the "religion of Empire" says scholars, superseded and replaced the religion of Creation as early as the period of the Roman Empire. People knew about God but did not seek God as had been taught by the Christ; they used God to justify and sanction the treatment of each other carried out by individuals, governments and institutions in order to hold onto their power.

Nothing this administration has done seems to be "of God." While wealthy people smile and those committing crimes get slaps on the wrist, the masses who call themselves the "people of God" are suffering.

That cannot be the will of God; that cannot be what an angel of God would be told to do.

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**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

**REALITY CHECK**

## Rev. Jeremiah Wright and Rev. Howard-John Wesley are master teachers

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I strongly believe that one of the most valuable members of any community is a master teacher. Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, (77), Pastor Emeritus of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois and Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, (46), Pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia are master teachers. A quote credited to Nelson Mandela is also apt to when describing them. He noted "A good head and a good heart are a formidable combination." Pastors Wright and Wesley are both blessed with that formidable combination.

to successfully move against white supremacy and white privilege. We should act like the strong and proud people that our ancestors were. He insisted that such conduct by too many of us today is not a proper way to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. "There are two types of clergy," he said, "the prophet whose allegiance is to God and the priest whose allegiance is to the government. Dr. King was a prophet; Billy Graham was a priest."



**A. Peter Bailey**

Along with Dunbar, Pastor Wright also quoted Old and New Testaments, Maya Angelou, Brother Malcolm X, James Baldwin and Dr. King in his sermon. He also called out the word for God for some 15 African ethnic groups (not tribes, ethnic groups).

Pastor Wesley delivered an equally compelling sermon two weeks after Pastor Wright. He began by saying to the congregation, "I am going to disturb you today." He then

began to preach and teach about "Surviving Lots" from childhood into young adulthood, he noted he was taught that Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction resulted from the overwhelming presence of homosexuality. "Then I read the Bible myself," he stated. That reading informed him about the treachery of Lot, who owned the equivalent of a modern day hotel. When an invading army threatened his hotel, noted Pastor Wesley, Lot offered his "two virgin daughters" to the leaders of the invasion if they would spare his hotel. He then stated that there is a sizable number of modern day Lots who sexually exploit, abuse and harass women. They include corporate executives, politicians, professors, entertainers, athletes and even preachers. He expressed special concern about black women, who throughout this country's history, have been sexually exploited by white males. He was equally scornful of black men who use their positions to sexually exploit black women. He urged male congregants in the chapel to stand and pledge to not be a modern day Lots and to assist black women who are victims

of such behavior. Like he warned, Pastor Wesley disturbed people with that sermon.

On the other hand, he inspired them when he announced that his church had given \$50,000 to financially strapped Bennett College and \$100,000 to Howard to pay off the accounts of 34 seniors who are scheduled to graduate in May 2019. Now all they have to focus on is their grades. Alfred Streets contributions are the very definition of not just talking the talk, but walking the walk.

Master teachers, Pastor Wright and Pastor Wesley, bring to mind a quote from David Walker. "David Walker Appeals" is one of the most revolutionary documents in Black History. "I would crawl on my hands and knees to sit at the feet of a learned man... For colored people to acquire learning in this country makes tyrants quake and tremble on their sandy foundation." The two pastors are learned men.

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## The myth of meritocracy

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

William Singer is going to jail. He's the man who masterminded the college cheating scandal, collecting more than \$25 million in bribes between 2011 and 2018 for helping the children of millionaires get into college through what he called "the side door." More than 50 people got caught up in his scam, including a couple of well-known actresses, and some not so well known corporate CEOs who were willing to pay big money to get their unqualified children into elite colleges like Yale, Georgetown, and Stanford. Singer's unsavory antics were outrageous – hiring people to take ACT and SAT scores for young people, photo-shopping photos onto athletic bodies, lying about student's background and athletic prowess. It boiled down to creating opportunity for young people who are already endowed with the blessing of their parent's wealth. It flies in the face of the notion of meritocracy.



**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

closed to us or slammed in our faces, while we lack the wealth to enter the back door or side door. The fact that money buys admission, either through the back or side door makes the notion of "meritocracy" a bad joke.

Meritocracy suggests that people hold power (or have access to things like jobs or college seats) because of their ability, but the current leadership in these United States suggests that meritocracy is a myth. It's not just that our 45th President seems to lack the ability to behave himself (witness the attacks on John

McCain), read a briefing book, or do his job correctly, it's that he has found a gaggle of miscreants to make and implement public policy. That Betsy DeVos (Devoid of good sense) runs the Department of Education flies in the face of meritocracy. That the man who lives in the House that Enslaved People Built brought his law-breaking daughter and son-in-law onto his staff as "senior advisors" flies in the face of meritocracy. That the administration is actively seeking appeals court judges whose primary qualifications are their youth and conservatism flies in the face of meritocracy! Alison Rushing, at 37, has not even practiced law for a decade but is now a member of the US Court of Appeals in the 4th Circuit. That court covers North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina and Maryland, and convenes in North Carolina, where Ms. Rushing has not even passed a bar exam. But she has a lifetime appointment to the court! What meritocracy?

The college cheating scam is a counterpoint to the myth of meritocracy, but African American people are clear that meritocracy has never worked for us. Even those who get into school "the old fashioned way," through the front door, come to

the door with myriad advantages that many African American students, especially poor, working class and first generation Black students do not have. They've spent hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars on prep courses. They've used alumni-rich networks for recommendations and advice. They've taken advanced classes (International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement) that are not available at all schools, especially inner-city schools. The playing field has never been level, nor has there ever been a meritocracy!

Here is the real tragedy – millions of African American young people can't afford to go to college, no matter what their merit or ability. When they graduate, many face a hostile job market, and often experience pay discrimination. Not to mention the fact that even walking while Black might get you shot if the wrong police officer finds your walk "threatening." Meritocracy? Please.

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**"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."**



**SAMUEL CORNISH AND JOHN RUSSWORM, FOUNDERS OF FREEDOM'S JOURNAL**



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## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, March 28th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Information on the NC NAACP training workshop in Raleigh April 6, the upcoming Mind, Body & Soul Health Fair April 13, 11 am - 3 pm at the MLK, Jr. Center, and the New Hanover NAACP Centennial Celebration May 31st will be provided. Other important state and community issues will also be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

## Community Briefs

The Williston Alumni Community Choir will celebrate The Easter Season in concert on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at New Beginning Christian Church, 3120 Alex Trask Drive, Castle Hayne, NC. Tickets \$15.00 per person. Tickets available at The Wilmington Journal, 412 S. 7th St. or contact a member.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Criticism and its benefits

As an American citizen, one has the right to speak freely within the laws of man. Studies have shown that the progress made in society today is based on freedom of speech. Often, American citizens are very anxious while waiting for the privilege to speak about religion and society.

Perhaps, their shared experiences will enlighten a person looking for a better life and encourage great spiritual changes from within.

Verniece Stanley



Living in today's modern society it could be easy to criticize your neighbor. Some comments I have heard include, "I don't like the way you write your stories" or "When are you going to include me and the great things I do for my community?" Comments such as these helped me to realize that there are people in my community who contribute to the betterment of society by doing deeds like visiting with the sick and shut-in or offering strength and wisdom to those who fall short. This constructive criticism allowed me to keep this in mind.

There are certain times I want to write stories with good thoughts, so I find a quiet spot. I write stories with truth and

enjoyment. I want my readers to be uplifted in ways that will bring comfort and smiles to their faces. Life offers good things that are all around you everyday. Criticizing my style of writing will not harm me. It will build me up and prepare me to meet more challenging experiences that will create a closer walk with God.

Take another look at our world we are living in today. So many things are happening and you cannot criticize everything you come in contact with because it is either impossible or a waste of your precious time. Help more people in need of hope and patience. Don't criticize everything. Accept life's changes. Make everyday a spiritual gift from God.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

## Local prepares for Ghana Tour 2019: The year of return



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TOUR GROUP IN GHANA IN 2018

BY INEZ CAMPBELL-EASON  
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Akwaaba!! 2019 marks the 400th documented year of the enslavement of Africans who endured the Middle Passage to the Americas. Ghana has extended an open invitation for descendants of the diaspora to come back to Alkebulan to reflect on the tragedy of slav-

ery, for healing and reconciliation. Ghana is one of the few West African countries that has apologized for its participation in the slave trade. The government of Ghana would like for African Americans to consider relocation or repatriation, become entrepreneurs and home owners in the country of Ghana. There is already a growing number of African Americans that have dual citi-

zenship and have done well for themselves in Ghana.

Inez International.LV, owned/operated by Inez Campbell-Eason, a Wilmington resident, provided a tour group to Ghana in August 2018 and will be returning this August 15 - 25, 2019. Most of the group's participants met on Facebook and the internet, departed from their perspective cities and connected as perfect strangers

once in Ghana and had the time of their lives. Last year travelers on the tour flew from Michigan, Georgia, and North Carolina. This year they will be flying from Canada, California, Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, District of Columbia, Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Campbell-Eason said, "I traveled alone so yes; I experienced excitement and a little anxiety. The closer I got to Ghana the more I started seeing people who looked just like people from home. It was uncanny. Ghana is the epitome of free enterprise. There is no one to harass residents for permits to conduct business along the streets of Ghana. Their methodology is not to prevent success; but encourage and embrace the everyday hustle of individuals attempting to provide for themselves and their families. All you need is to claim your spot. You will see craftsmen hand carving wicker beds, coffins, stone columns, making bricks, welding gates of pure gold, making earthen wear, beads, art, drums, selling street food and fruits. To see the women and men in contemporary and traditional fashions is like watching African art in motion. Everybody is Black from all the merchants in malls that would dwarf many of ours in the U.S., everyone working



TOUR GROUP ENJOYING AFRICAN DRUMMING 101

in the airport, all the tv shows, commercials, videos, billboards, I mean it's just an amazing experience. The police do not shoot or accost their citizens. They are very well respected because they respect the people of their culture. It was the safest that I have ever felt. I was told by a local that Ghanaians love African American tourists the most because we are a lot of fun."

If you would like to join the tour for 2019 it is not too late to register. You can reach her by email at inezinternational@gmail.com or call 910-233-7959. See the beautiful people of Ghana, waterfalls, national forests, botanical garden, animal sanctuary, experience the local cuisine, huge open markets, museums, beach resorts, naming ceremony, the slave river, slave castles, Asaante King's Palace, night life and much more.

Campbell-Eason jokingly shared, "People have asked me to briefly explain Ghana. To me it's like Walmart but on the street. You can buy your groceries and furnish your apart-

ment before you get home. There's a bargain waiting for you at every stoplight."

Lastly, the students of Ghana are required to pay for their education up until grade 8. It is difficult for many parents to provide education for all of their children. The illiteracy rate is extremely high in Ghana. Four years of education is the equivalent of \$240.00 here in the United States which includes college or university fees as well. In support of students in Ghana, Campbell-Eason created an educational scholarship called, "Educate to Elevate Abroad" and was fortunate to have local sponsors here in New Hanover County volunteer to financially provide 4 years of education for two students. She hopes to be able to help many more students in the future.

Inez International Luxury Vacations is a certified travel agency and can book travel and accommodations individuals, businesses, groups large or small nationally or internationally.

GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!  
Do you like FREE money?

"Are you kidding me, OF COURSE, I do!" I could hear most of you in the spirit saying that, lol. Well, this week I want to highlight a program again that is still going strong in the City of Wilmington and having a huge impact. It's a HUGE blessing and I want as many people as possible to tap



Brenda Dixon

this well before it runs dry. The City of Wilmington HOP Program has helped many seeking homeownership a way to obtain more home for their budget. The program offers \$25,000 down payment funds for single family homes and \$35,000 for condo/townhome purchases. This money does not have to be paid back if you stay in the home for at least 5 years. I don't know about you but that kind of money is enough to "quicksand" me still for at least 5 years and a DAY!

With the rental market in Wilmington, you would spend thousands in rent during a 5 years period but with this no payback clause, this is guaranteed equity in a home. Equity is the amount of money/value gained in a property over the years. Example. On a regular 100% financing loan were you didn't pay any down payment: If you buy a home in 2019 for \$150,000 and if the home values keep rising and it's worth \$225,000 in 2024, the equity in the home is (\$75,000). With this City program, it's also a 100% financing program but the \$25,000 as down payment is given anyway so you are financing \$125,000, not \$150,000. So using the same figures above, you will have \$100,000 in Equity instead of 75,000 because of the FREE \$25,000. I hope you are getting the point. All of this is good stuff, but there are even more perks with this City HOP loan. Depending on the family size and income, 40-50% of your loan is interest-free. Simply put, that means you will pay less for the money you bor-

rowed and receive a loan approval for a higher amount than if you went to a traditional bank for a loan. Just recently I had a buyer that got approved at a credit union for \$140,000 but received a \$172,000 approval from City HOP program due to the 40% interest-free loan and the down payment assistance. In our market and in every market, the more money you are approved for will give you better choices for a property.

For anyone wanting more info on the City HOP program, contact Tanita Wallace at 910-341-3239 or visit their website at www.wilmingtonnc.gov/departments/community-services/housing.

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An American hero: Jackie Robinson's 100th birthday and reflections from Wilmington N.C., Little League baseball players



1955 WILMINGTON COMMUNITY BOYS CLUB EVENT IN HONOR OF JACKIE ROBINSON



JACKIE ROBINSON WITH MRS. EUNICE KIRTON AND WILMINGTON NC LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS

BY DERRICK JONES  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The belated and most recognizable baseball player in the history of Major League Baseball celebrated his 100th birthday January 31, 2019. Mr. Robinson played football, basketball, track and baseball at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). After being drafted into the military and entering the Army on April 3, 1942 he was honorably discharged from the military, as a result of a matter similar to that of Rosa Parks. Soon thereafter he played in the Negro Baseball Leagues for one season with the Kansas City Monarchs. Baseball executive, Branch Rickey in 1946 provided the opportunity for Jackie to participate in the majors. That particular opportunity served as a vessel for Jackie to make the Dodgers top farm AAA team, Montreal Royals. He went on to be a color barrier breaker and integrate baseball in the major leagues on April 15, 1947. Jackie played with a burning desire to win every game. Jackie played the game to the fullest, the same way he lived his life. Fast forward, Jackie completed 9 years in the majors retiring in 1956. Near the conclusion

of his busy career, Jackie Robinson visited Wilmington, N.C. in 1955. The individuals in this vintage historical photo are at the Wilmington Blumenthal Airport welcoming and highlighting Jackie's visit. At the time of this article March 20, 2019 all the Little League Baseball players in the photo are living. They are L-R Jerome Fennell, Andrew Oates and George Peterson. Through recent interviews, they were able to reflect on that historical visit for the arrival by Mr. Robinson. The community representative and chaperone with the boys was Mrs. Eunice B. Kirton. She wrote a newspaper column for the African American Newspaper as well as being an accomplished trained classical singer. Mrs. Eunice B. Kirton was the Chairperson of the Phyllis Wheatly Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association. Mrs. Kirton was the wife of Rev. Dr. Edward E. Kirton of St. Marks's Episcopal Church on 6th and Grace Street. Their daughter, Elsie, five at the time of this event recalls, "that the community came out to be a part of the event." Elsie is in the group picture, standing behind the first Little Leaguers kneeling from the

left. Jerome Fennell is pictured on the far left with a distinctive expression of pride, wearing his Taylor Holmes Projects Little League baseball uniform. His eyes are focused on the camera with distinction and absolute joy to be a hospitable host. His reflection of the event is that the event occurred during a winter month at which Jackie came to the Port City. Jerome stated, "I was elated because Jackie was a household name in my grandmother's home. That was a major, major event just to be in his presence. I felt I was fortunate that I actually got selected to represent our Robert Taylor Holmes team and see him." He goes on to say, "that my grandmother put lots of emphasis of having good role models in my life to look up to." "The most luxurious possession, the richest treasure anybody has is his personal dignity." - Jackie Robinson The Little League baseball player in the middle is Andrew "Jimmy" Oates. Jimmy recalls and shares, "he may have been selected to represent Community Boys Club, because he was a year older and had played on the original first team when the league opened." Jimmy has a shy eagerness with curious

eyes at the time of camera clicking. Jimmy like Jackie played second base and was a wizard with his glove. Jimmy's feelings about the event are, "that it was like meeting the greatest hero in the world and that was a huge deal." When he reflects going back over six decades ago, "Jimmy felt extremely proud to have been selected for the event. I tried to imitate my baseball skills like Jackie both at hitting and fielding." Andrew Oates did not recall any comments that Jackie made during the event, however that experience appears to be etched into his memory for years, including his muscle memory as a second baseman like Jackie Robinson. "Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life." - Jackie Robinson George "Tin Soldier" Peterson is the Little League Player nearest to Jackie's right shoulder. George's face shines with a peaceful joy of pride from ear to ear. George recalls that, "I was Captain or Co-Captain for the Jervay Projects Baseball Team." The image of Jackie at the Community Boys Club brings back memories for George. His adoration for Mr.

Robinson and that visit is a cherished moment in his life. He does not remember the specifics of his speech, however he shares, "I can't remember his pitch, but I can imagine, because the civil rights movement was in its beginnings, he was a strong advocate of non-violence. I was 12 years old and I had never seen a celebrity not alone shake his hand. As you can imagine I was in awe." George's emotion of being in awe appears to be gandered by his parents of being respectful and inspired by people of authority. His lasting reflections of the emotional reverence are both gleeful and mirthful. He goes on to say, "I was really impressed with Mr. Robinson's professional demeanor. He seemed calm, unassuming and thoughtful. He did not appear loud, aggressive, or outspoken. As I later came to realize, he let his performance on the field do his talking. It was later that I learned of the agreement he had with Branch Rickey that he would not let the fan's taunts (name calling and other demeaning behavior) get to him or evoke a response." Finally, "Jackie let his performance do the talking. I believe in that!" "Plenty of times I wanted to haul off when somebody

insulted me for the color of my skin, but I had to hold myself. I was, kind of an experiment. The whole thing was bigger than me." - Jackie Robinson All three of these young men at the time of this event represented themselves, families, communities and baseball teams with distinction, exhibiting an absolute joy to marvel at their hero. Their actions proved that they were hospitable hosts. One would wonder if these little leaguers were aware, just months prior to his visit, that Mr. Jackie Robinson and his Brooklyn Dodgers teammates had just become baseball's Worlds Series Champs. These little leaguers around 1950s lived in segregated communities with somewhat limited resources, however on the other hand these boys were showered with a wealth of pride, encouragement with meaningful role models. Albeit this event was an element of aspiration for these little league baseball players. This event is a testament which illustrates and symbolized how local leaders from the community raced down third base and stole home plate like Jackie to make a winner in the lives of others. In quoting Mr. Robinson, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

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**Ms. Nellie Mae  
Spicer Locke McRae**

Ms. Nellie Mae Spicer Locke McRae, daughter of the late Joseph Oliver Spicer and Nellie Spicer was born on April 5, 1933, in Wilmington, North Carolina. She entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 18, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 24, 2019, at St. Andrews AME Zion Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Nellie received her education in the New Hanover County Public Schools. She earned her GED from Cape Fear Community College. Nellie was a very loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. She loved her children. Nellie would always refer to her children as the first and the last button on the coat. She was a seamstress and loved sewing and making her own clothes. Nellie was an artist. She would draw some of the most beautiful pictures and frame them. Nellie enjoyed being with her family (laughing with her sister, Betty). Most of all she loved God.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her son, George, Jr.; her brothers, Lincoln and Joseph, Jr. and her sister, Josephine. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: her children, Lewis Spicer, Douglas Spicer and Barbara Spicer Derseraux, all of Wilmington, N. C., Hazel Isreal (Jerry) of Cleveland, OH, and Kenneth Isreal of Wilmington, N. C.; sixteen grandchildren, Latonya Bradley (Eric) of Charlotte, N. C., Vintwain Eason of Virginia, Lakisha Isreal and Rakita Foster both of Cleveland, OH, Jeanette Williams (Lawrence) of Columbus, OH, Cornelius Daniels, Teddrick Spicer and Antwain Pringle all of Wilmington, N. C., Officer 2nd Class James D. Derseraux, Jr. San Diego, CA, Officer 1st Class Johnathan Derseraux of Jacksonville, FL, Zion Spicer and Trevor Spicer both of Wilmington, N. C., Dea Osborne (Max) of Atlanta, GA, Andre Spicer of Winston-Salem, NC, Douglas Lavar Spicer (Chijane) of Ada, OK and Jeronicka Isreal of Cleveland, OH; 23 great grands; 5 great-great grands; sister, Betty Parker of Walterboro, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including special friends, Mrs. Mary Alice Davis, Mrs. Sally Ann Cobia, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson and Mrs. Fannie Mae Joy. Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. 28401. Condolences may be shared at [adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Kermit S. Galloway, Jr.**

Kermit S. Galloway, Jr., age 83, of Bolivia, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Galloway's life was conducted on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment followed in Marsh Branch Cemetery.

Kermit Sinclair Galloway, Jr. was born April 3, 1935 to the late Kermit Sinclair Galloway, Sr. and Melvina Blanks. He transitioned to his heavenly home on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at SECU Hospice House of Brunswick in Bolivia North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Retha Galloway on December 11, 2016 and a son, Ernest Galloway on March 21, 2003. He was blessed with 5 children from this holy matrimony.

Kermit attended and graduated from Brunswick County Training School, Southport, NC. At an early

age he served in the United States Army Corps Reserve with an Honorable Discharge.

Those who knew Kermit knew he loved his job as a Crane Operator with the Longshoremen's Association Local 1291 unit for 30 years until an accident on the job placed him on disability. He was also the proud owner of his own Beer Distributor/U-Haul Company. Dad fought a good fight. He finished the course God set before him with much pride. Dad loved bowling, gardening, horse races, the Casino, drawing and working on projects building in the house. He enjoyed watching old westerns and shows with nature and animals. His legacy will live on in the lives of his family. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Rosa Boyd Grady**

Rosa Boyd Grady, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Grady's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**David E. Johnson**

David Earl Johnson, age 61, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Mr. Johnson leaves to cherish his memories, sisters, Mary C. Bryant and Jenna Bryant of Wilmington; brother, Bert P. Bryant of Wilmington; aunts, Annie Johnson of the home and Mattie L. Wilson of Fayetteville; nieces, nephews 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Eliza Jane Dukes**

Ms. Eliza Jane Dukes, age 95, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Ms. Dukes life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2019 at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1001 S 7th St, Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Marguerite Lois Owens**

Ms. Marguerite L. Owens, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, March 22, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. A celebration of Ms. Owens' life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday,

March 30, 2019 at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, 712 Chestnut St., Wilmington, NC 28401.

Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. 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](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Lucille Robinson**

Lucille Robinson funeral services were held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at St. James AME Zion Church, Leland. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Lucille Scott was born on January 12, 1921. "Lucy" as most lovingly called her was the daughter of the late Elijah and Carrie Scott. Lucy was united in marriage to the late Percell Robinson and together they raised a son, William Robinson who also preceded her in death. She shared a fond relationship with Mr. Robert Bullard. Lucy stood strong by the help of God's grace and mercy. She made it known because of God's grace and her willingness to help anyone in need, God had blessed her with a long fruitful life. She really believed "you reap what you sow." Her smile and history lessons will truly be missed.

Lucille leaves to cherish her memories: a granddaughter, Aneka A. Walker; a great-great-niece, Dorothy Bennerman who lived in the home with her and ensured she was cared for until her very last breath; a host of great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends and her caregiver, Tyshawn Bennerman. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Clara Louise Bryant**

Clara Louise Bryant funeral services were held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Bethel AME, Northwest Community. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Clara, daughter of the late Helen Bryant and Leroy Fields, affectionately known as "Muh" was born on April 30, 1937 in Brunswick County. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Ametta Graham; three brothers, Eddie Lee Ballard, Willie Lee Fields, Donald Ray Fields, and a loving companion of 37 years, Bennie L. McKoy. She joined Bethel AME Church at an early age. She was a dedicated member until her health declined. Clara sang on the choir and served as an usher.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories: six daughters, Loretta Bell, Ernestine Bryant, Phyllis Bryant, Lecia (Daryl) Grainger, Tina (Gregory) Henry, and Marveta McKoy; one son, Otis Bryant; a special grandchild, Shanice McLean; son-in-law, Freddie Graham; two special sons, George (Colester) Knox and Mark Rachford; sisters, Shirlene Daye, Vivian Fields, Maretta Fields and Mae Fields; uncle, Charles Fields, Sr.; sister-in-law, Emily Ruth Ballard; special cousins, Mary Waddell, Diane Ballard, Vernita Knox, Carolyn Knox, Nealie Perkins, Marshall Knox, Sherman Knox, Rev. Jacqueline Hill, Geraline Bryant, Barbara Bryant, Gloria, Cozy and Cynthia; a host of great grands, nieces, nephews, cousins. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Donald Murphy**

Donald Murphy funeral serv-

ices were held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the ILA Hall.

Donald, son of the late James Brown and Margaret Murphy was born April 4, 1953. He was also preceded in death by his son, Dionell Hasty; grandson, Jaquez Walker and brother, Harlee Murphy. He was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. Donald was blessed to travel the world with his job as a merchant marine. Some of his stops were Africa and Spain. He returned to his homestead in 1983, where he was employed at North American. Donald loved his family, especially the women in his life whom he spoiled with love. He was reared as a young boy in Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. As an adult he spent a season with Prayer and Bible Church.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters, Nikita Beckett of Charlotte, NC and

Nakia Hill Robbins of Wilmington, NC; four grandchildren, Darius and Donte' Green and Tamaya and TraQuan Hasty; two great-grandchildren, Donte' Green, III and An'Layla Hasty; sisters, Eramine (JJ) Murphy and Natalie Williams; brothers,

Ronald "Bull" Smith and Herbert Brown; a very special niece, Natalie (Ricky) Reid and family; his first life-long friend, Michael

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**In Loving Memory Of****Barbara Hill James**

Sunrise: December 30, 1935- Sunset: March 29, 2016

**Letter from Heaven**

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. When tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

**Moma,**

It's been 3 yrs. since GOD called you home. We love you, but GOD loves you best!

Love you with a Bushel & a Peck....

Your daughters,

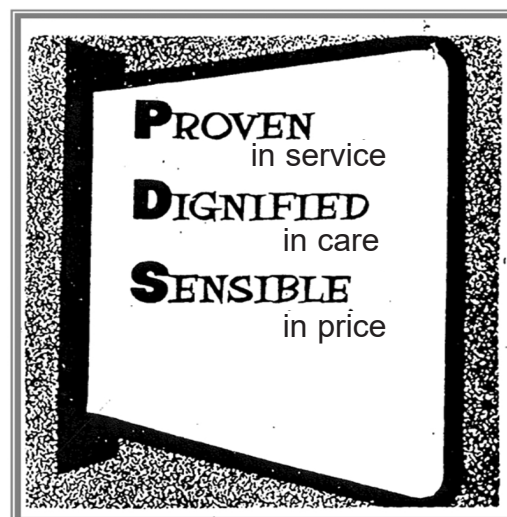
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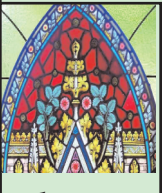
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**New Hanover County**

**Church Women United** will hold their Spring Forum on Friday, April 5th at Kure memorial Lutheran Church, 117 3rd Ave., Kure Beach. For more information contact Angel Laster-Dualeh at 910-833-0167.

**Mount Zion AME Church**, 1111 North Fifth Ave., will hold their Pastor's Appreciation Program for Reverend Jerould Richburg on Sunday April 14th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Reverend Charles Davis.



**Religious Briefs**

**Brunswick County**

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their Rev. Dr. Carozell Henry's twelve anniversary on Sunday, March 31st at 11:30 a.m. Rev. James Brown and The World Missionary Baptist Church Family of Wilmington Nc will be the special guest to render service. Dinner will be served immediately following the service.

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

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Davis and other life-long friends, Walt Bellamy, JJ Hedgebeth, William Keaton, Emmanuel Singletary and Kenneth "Speedy G" Ginwright; special friends/caregivers, Taronya Goss, Mother Lizzie Nixon (adopted mother), Camesha Richardson (god-daughter) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who were dear to his heart. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Richard William Lundy, Jr.**

Richard William Lundy, Jr. funeral services were held on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Mt. Zion AME Church. Burial followed in the Christian Hope Cemetery.

Richard, son of Richard William Sr. and Elizabeth McDuffie Lundy was born on April 10, 1953. He transitioned from his earthly realm to his heavenly home on March 17, 2019, while in the house of the Lord, doing what he loved to do....cooking. Richard was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in the great Class of 1971. After graduation, Richard was employed with E. I. DuPont, until his retirement. Following retirement, he started his own detailing business in 2007. Richard was a faithful member of Mt. Zion AME Church. At Mt. Zion he was a member of the M. T. Phillip Male Choir, and the Eldora Hewett Men's Club and he sang on other various choirs, a passion he truly loved. He also worked very diligently in the church serving wherever he was needed, especially driving the church van. Richard loved the children of the church and always made sure they had what they needed. He loved cooking, singing and praising the Lord.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Wanda Lundy of the home; three children, Katrina Chandler of Havelock, NC, Lamar Lundy of Charlotte, NC and Parker Lundy of the home; two grandsons, Cedric Chandler (USAF) of Tampa, FL and Quantavias Glenn of Charlotte, NC; his parents, Richard W. Lundy, Sr. and Elizabeth Lundy of Wilmington, NC; three siblings, Linda Jones (Keith), Clifton Lundy (Pat) and Gwendolyn Williams; sister-in-law, Carol Lawrence of Havelock, NC; brothers-in-law, Frank Vereen of Denver, CO, Willie Earl Vereen and Donald Vereen (Janice) all of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephew, family and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Sheila Roland White**

Sheila Roland White funeral services were held Monday, March 25, 2019 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Sheila, daughter of the late Mary Ann Roland and James A. Roland was born on November 28, 1964. She departed this earthly life on March 19, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Sheila was educated in the New Hanover County Public School System. She was employed with Textilelease prior to becoming a CNA for St. Mary's Home Care and Americare. Sheila loved taking care of everyone around her. "Red" as she was fondly called, enjoyed cooking and making sure everyone had a meal to eat. What she loved the most was spending time with family and friends. Her family was her heart. In addition to her parents, Sheila was preceded in death by her son, Michael Roland; sister, Angela

Bordeaux; and her brother, Andrew J. Roland.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her husband, Gregory White; two daughters, Crystal Roland and Tiffany Roland; one son, John Roland all of Wilmington, NC; nineteen grandchildren; sisters, Debbie Hutchins (James), Jackie Roland, and Betty Henry (Pastor Ronald); brothers, Supt. Ronald Roland, Sr. (Eva), James Roland, Alvin Roland (Kathy), Wendell Roland, all of Wilmington, NC and Larry Mitchell of St. Petersburg, FL; brother-in-law, Tommy Bordeaux; two special aunts, Ruby Gaymon and Izola Byerson; and a host of special nieces and nephews, cousins and friends, including Ms. Hortense Moss and the sixth street crew, all with whom she had a special bond. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Mr. Willie Clifton Lowery, Sr.**

Mr. Willie Clifton Lowery, Sr. funeral services were held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at Bethel AME Church, Northwest Community. Burial followed in the Northwest Cemetery.

Willie was born on August 6, 1956 to the late Oliver Thomas Perkins and Gracy Opher. Willie joined Bethel AME Church at an early age and remained a faithful member as long as his health allowed. As a member, he served as a Trustee, member of the Men's Choir and attended Bible Study. Willie graduated from North Brunswick High School in 1974. He was employed with International Paper Company for over 32 years. While employed he enjoyed the friendship and general comradery of many co-workers and friends as much as he enjoyed going to work each day. Willie's favorite past times were spending time with his family watching television, especially the Carolina Panthers and going to church. One great highlight in his life was going to a Panther's game with his daughter, LaToya. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Mark Lowery, Adophus Shorey, Deadre Flowers and Janet Byrd.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Shenna Doreen Lowery; daughter, LaToya Antoinette Lowery; sons, Willie Clifton Lowery, Jr. (Courtney) and Jaric Micah Lynn Lowery; grandchildren, Johnathan Sylvia, Evelyn Sylvia, Kyrin Sylvia, Elizabeth Lowery, and Willie Clifton Lowery, III; mother, Gracy Opher; father-in-law, Robert Laceywell; mother-in-law, Reverend Alma Laceywell; siblings, Brown Richards, Jackie Willis (Guytrell), Toni Cook (Earnest), Craig Radford (Sherry), Evette Troy Townes, Shirley Hankins and Andrea Perkins Busch (James); brothers-in-law, Jerome Flowers, Kim Laceywell (Starlin) and Alan Laceywell (Cleopatra); aunt, Dorothy Brown (James); special cousin, Barbara Lowery; numerous other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Jimmy Smith**

Jimmy Smith funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Rachel Barnhart**

Rachel Barnhart funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP**

**Prayer works**

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLIA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Lord blessed us liquid sunshine and showers of blessings. We the Senior Citizen Fellowship met at our usual place and time. In the absence of our president our eating was called to order by Mr. George Hill.

Our opening song was "I am Thine." Prayer was given by Deacon John Green. Next we sang "Amazing Grace." Minister Doris McQuillan asked our speaker to come forth. Ms. Janice Wiggins introduced our speaker, Elder Tonya Lawton. She said we

should pray about everything. James 5:16- When we are Christians God have called us to pray. Prayer is a privileged. Prayer changes things and will get where nothing else can reach. There is no distance in prayer. Proverb 22:6- We have to continue putting prayer in our hearts and daily lives. What's going in our homes is sometimes put in the schools and communities. What are we doing for our children? Are we praying for them and with them? We grew up with praying grandmothers. Prayer works. We might not see it but prayer works. We can't give up on our children. God loves us and we should let our children

know it. God can save us. Elder Lawton closed with a prayer. Elder Lawton was given an applause. The message was great.

We had expressions which are always encouraging. Our vice president, Mrs. Mary green thanked everyone for the meeting so far. We had two visitors, Miss Samiya Lawson and Ms. Tiffany Pearson. They were welcomed by Ms. Cherry Pearson. Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Those who celebrated birthdays in January, February and March were serenaded with the Happy Birthday song. Announcements were read.

Mrs. Michelle Brooks read us a poem on what's in your pocket book. Callers all were applauded. The sick report was given and we were asked to pray for Mr. Claude Martin, Mr. Hollis Byrd, Mrs. Frances Green and Mrs. Bertha Worley. We also were asked to pray for Ms. Tiffany Pearson. We needed Mrs. Mary Martin's smiles and laughter today and we received them. Also Mrs. Cynthia Sparrow gave us a laugh.

Our meeting was enjoyed by all. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us together." Prayer was then offered by Minister Sharon Pollock. 42 were in attendance.

**TELL SOMEBODY**

**"Unity in the church"**

*"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism." Ephesians 4:4-5; I Cor. 1:13*

**Unity** - Oneness of Mind  
**Division** - Separation by difference of opinion of feeling

Many of the world's system are crashing, failing, and falling apart! This is in part a result of the lack of unity, or shall we say...divisions. M a t t h e w 12:25 says, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."

Nations may crumble, and kingdoms may fall but the church of the Living God shall stand forever! Members of The Body of Christ (church) must realize the importance of unity in times like these. Laws in the land are being changed to please men even when they are in direct disobedience to God. Many of these men pleasers do not fear the Lord,

and will not depart from evil. Nevertheless, God who is Sovereign and All Wise has decreed unity in the Body through the power of his word, that will stand forever! Schisms, factions, and divisions in the world may be tolerated by worldly systems and governments, but in the church of the Living God, the Word of God is the final authority.

Jesus Christ said, "And upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18b

There is unity of The Body of Christ, regardless to what it looks like from the outside. Religion is divided, denominations are divided. Races are divided. Political parties are divided.... but Christ is not divided. The true church is united. Our mandate has not changed. Our leader is still sitting on the throne, where he shall reign forever! Our mission is to walk in love, go into all the world, preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, win the lost at any cost, and to live holy while endeavoring to keep the unity

of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

"There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Ephesians 4th. Chapter. There is so much confusion of the subject of religion, it behooves every born again Believer to know beyond a shadow of a doubt, exactly what is the hope of his Christian calling. Coll. 1:27b says, "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

God's Word tells us that the church has one body and one Spirit. "But now are they many members, yet but one body." Romans 12:5, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

The church is one Spirit. (John 4:13 ) We have one Lord (Acts 2:36)

We have one faith (Galatians 2:20) . We have one baptism (Ezekiel 36:27, Matthew 3:11.

It is my conclusion, based on my faith in the Word of God, that no matter what is going on in the world and going wrong in the community.....I believe there is Unity in the Church!

Prayer: Lord I believe your Word. If God said it, It is so! Lord, we thank you for keeping your church in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because we trust you! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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!

**A WORD FROM THE LORD**

**The philosophy of a fool- Part 2**

Webster's New world dictionary defined philosophy "as a study of the processes governing thought and conduct; investigation of the principles that regulate the universe and underlie all reality. A particular system of principles for the conduct of life" (These principles can only be found in the Creator, the God of the Bible).



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Webster's unabridged dictionary defines fool as; "one who is lacking in reason, or the common powers of understanding; idiot; an imbecile".

"Psalm 14:1-2 (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.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God."

"Col.2:8, (AMPC)8 See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material

rather than the spiritual world), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah)."

With the advances in science (true science points to a creator) and technology, it's inexcusable to be ignorant of the Creator, God. "Romans 1:20, (KJV)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: 2Samuel 3:33-34, (KJV)33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, Died Abner as a fool dieth?34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: Listen to the Words of Jesus in Luke's gospel: (KJV)20"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

Here is the testimony of a man on his death bed: "Sir Francis Newport was trained in early life to understand the great truths of the gospel; and while in early manhood it was hoped that he would become an ornament and a blessing to his family and the nation, the result was far otherwise. He fell into company that corrupted his principles and his morals. He became an avowed infidel, and a life of dissipation soon brought

on a disease that was incurable. When he felt that he must die, he threw himself on the bed, and after a brief pause, he exclaimed as follows: "Whence this war in my heart? What argument is there now to assist me against matters of fact? Do I assert that there is no hell, while I feel one in my own bosom? Am I certain there is no after retribution, when I feel present judgment? Do I affirm my soul to be as mortal as my body, when this languishes, and that is vigorous as ever? O that anyone would restore unto me that ancient gourd of piety and innocence! Wretch that I am, whither shall I flee from this breast? What will become of me?"

An infidel companion tried to dispel his thoughts, to whom he replied: "That there is a God, I know, because I continually feel the effects of His wrath; that there is a hell I am equally certain, having received an earnest of my inheritance there already in my breast; there is a natural conscience I now feel with horror and amazement, being continually upbraided by it with my impieties, and all my iniquities, and all my sins brought to my remembrance. Why God has marked me out for an example of His vengeance, rather than you, or any one of my acquaintance, I presume is because I have been more religiously educated, and have done greater despite to

the Spirit of grace. O that I was to lie upon the fire that never is quenched a thousand years, to purchase the favor of God, and be reunited to Him again! But it is a fruitless wish. Millions of millions of years will bring me no nearer to the end of my torments than one poor hour. O, eternity, eternity! Who can discover the abyss of eternity? Who can paraphrase upon these words forever and ever?" Hebrews 9:27, (KJV)27" And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" This is a simple, but profound truth of the Gospel.

This is a personal question: have you made Jesus the Lord of your life? I'm not asking are you a member of a church. You can be a member of a church and not know Jesus as your Lord. It's so simple that people are missing it. It's called the simple plan of salvation. Jesus has already paid the debt for our sins and the only thing we need to do is believe and receive Him as our Lord.

If you are then pray, Father, in Jesus Name I'm asking you to forgive me of my sins and I receive you, Jesus the Christ, as my Lord. Amen. Welcome into the family of God! Now find you a Bible believing and Bible teaching church and attend. Glory to God!

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

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## The Scarlet Elect #21 busy, busy

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG  
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The Scarlet Elect No. 21 has been very busy so far this year. In addition to their regularly scheduled meetings, which are held the third Saturday of each month, several of the members have been involved in community activities, as well as the annual affairs of The Heroines of Jericho, P.H.A. Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

On Monday, January 21, 2019, a very cold day, Heroines: Dorene Crumpler, MAM, Geraldine Armstrong, PMAM and Grand Ark Bearer; Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Conductress, participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade, held here in the city.

February 6-9, 2019, the North Carolina York Rite Convention, Prince Hall Affiliated, was held at the North Raleigh Hilton Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina. This was a very eventful as well as enjoyable occasion. With The Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch

Masons, Most Excellent Grand High Priest KYGCH, Companion Robert D. Hood, Heroine Catherine Cunningham, Grand Most Ancient Matron and Companion Sanchez Briscoe, Grand Most Worthy Joshua, presided over this momentous event. Wednesday evening February 6, was time for fellowship and registration.

Thursday, February 7, after the Dedication of the Chapter Room, the Ritualistic Opening followed, after which the entrance of the Most Excellent High Priest and his Cabinet; Reception of Past Grand High Priest and Grand Officers. Roll call of subordinate chapters, followed by the minutes of the 73rd Grand Convocation; then the following reports were received: grand secretary, grand treasurer, audit and the budget committee.

The guests and visiting dignitaries of the various states and Bahamas were received, followed by the reception of The Most Worshipful Grand Master

Daniel Thompson.

Other committee reports were given: High Priest; Charters and Dispensations; King; Jurisprudence; Scholarship.

The Annual Addresses were given by Companion Robert D. Hood (Most Excellent High Priest) Companion Sanchez Briscoe (Grand Most Worthy Joshua) and Heroine Catherine Cunningham (Grand Most Ancient Matron).

A delicious luncheon was held during the Awards program, in order to have time for the other committee reports to be given. The Scarlet Elect No. 21 is very pleased to receive the awards for Most Ancient Matron of the Year (Heroine Dorene Crumpler) and Secretary of the Year (Heroine Edna Ennis). A certificate was also given for a scrapbook of the court. Hurrah! Hurrah! For The Scarlet Elect No. 21.

On return to the Chapter Room, committee reports continued and remarks were given by the Heads of Houses and Grand Officers of the

Masonic Family, from the many visiting states: South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas, Delaware, Mississippi, Virginia and New York.

The annual election was held following the leave-taking of the guests from the chapter room. The grand officers will remain the same for the ensuing year 2019-2020.

On Saturday February 9, 2019 at St. James AME Zion Church, Leland, North Carolina, Pastor Carol Robbins, what praise and worship! Brother Alphonso Robinson, Past Worthy Joshua of The Scarlet Elect #21 delivered his Initial Sermon, "A RIGHT DELAYED-IS A RIGHT DENIED." (Ephesians 6:12 and Haggai 1:1-3). Truly this was an uplifting word from God. The Scarlet Elect is very proud of Bro. Robinson as he start his "journey for the Lord".

Special thanks to Heroine Louise Hobbs, the Charity Committee and Courts: Charles E. Grier #2, Guiding Light #3, Cumberland #6,

Boyd & Hodge #7, Heroines of the East #10, Ernest Gaston #11, King Solomon #12, St. James #13, Duck Lassiter #15, Gore & Maryanna #16, A. S. Swinson #17, Elijah Gillie #18, Simmons White Kendall #20 and The Scarlet Elect #21. These courts were fantastic. The many donations consisted of toiletries, paper products, wash cloths, sheets, etc. The recipient is Judges Rest Home here, in the city of Wilmington, A wonderful banquet closed the session of this great event. Many thanks to the members of The Scarlet Elect #21 who attended this grand occasion: Heroines: Dorene Crumpler, Edna Ennis, Geraldine Armstrong, Johnnie Mae Pridgen, Eva Battle, Carolyn Hedgepath, Dornell Register and Companion James Reed.

On March 17, 2019, Heroines: Dorene Crumpler and Geraldine Armstrong, who are also Daughters of Habib Court #159 attended the Joint Charity Ball of Companion James Reed, Worthy Joshua of The Scarlet Elect #21, also holds

the position of Illustrious Potentate of Ouda Temple #147; Noble Reed's counterpart is Illustrious Commandress Dt. La Wanda Southerland of Ouda Court #151. This grand affair was held at Southeastern Agriculture Center, 1027 US HWY 74 ALT, Lumberton, North Carolina.

Many members in the Masonic Family serve in several different capacities and fellowship together, to support the efforts for scholarships and charitable donations given, not only in this area, but in the surrounding community. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OR DONATIONS!

Many of the members work in other capacities to support the elderly, disabled and the sick and shut-in. Members do what they can when they can! WE GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO THIS COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT; WE COULD NOT DO ALL WE DO--WITHOUT YOU! TO GOD GIVE THE GLORY!

## Jephthah Chapter IV receives Deputy's visit

BY GERALDINE ARMSTRONG  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, Jephthah Chapter IV had their annual visit for 2019. Sister Mary Ratchford, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 19 had her annual visit with the chapter.

The purpose of this visit is to be certain the chapter is following the guidelines, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Ratchford's also, check the books of the secretary and treasurer to see that all is in order.

Jephthah Chapter IV, as well as, all chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, North Carolina Jurisdiction, are non-profit.

This is not a religious organization, but was founded and built on biblical principles. The goals are to build and provide for the under-privileged, to give scholarships to high school graduates with a "C" or above average (in a family with a modest income). You do not have to be a member or affiliated with the organization to qualify. Donations are given to homes for the elderly, Sickle Cell Foundation, National Cancer Society, Prostrate Cancer Society, many colleges, etc., to name a few. You do not have to be a member of the organization to qualify.

On Sunday, February 10, Jephthah Chapter held their annual Sweetheart Tea, which was a success. What a glorious time of fellowship and praises to God.

Mistress of Ceremony was Minister Darlene Robinson. Greetings were given from Sister Eva Battle, Worthy Matron, after which everyone joined in with "I Love to Praise Him." Scripture (Matt. 18:20) Sis. Deborah Bromell; Prayer by Brother Albert Harrison; Welcome given by Sis. Wanda Sloan. A poem (A Valentine for the World) was read by Sis. Geraldine Armstrong as a memorial for Sister Henrietta Evans, that gave this poem to the chapter before her death.

This poem is read each year, in memory of the loyal support and dedication Sister Evans gave to Jephthah Chapter IV.

Brother Albert Harrison ("Keep Toiling On", "It Was A Great Thing", "Building A Home); Brother Leroy

(Martha) Brown Gospel Singers ("Your Grace and Mercy" "Let Jesus Fix It For You", "The Lord Has Been Good To Me"); the M & R Gospel Singers (Mychal Robinson and LeRon Montgomery), "I'll Make It Somehow", "He Brought Me Out". What a time! What a glorious time in giving praise! Oh what a mighty good time.

Tickets were drawn and door prizes were given to the guests, after which Minister Robinson sang, "I Won't Complain". What a fantastic Sweetheart Tea!

Remarks were then given from the following: Sister Eva Battle (I Cor. 13:1-8), Sister Geraldine Armstrong (Chairperson), Brother James Lightfoot (District Deputy Grand Master of District 19), after which, Brother Curtis Washington, Worthy Patron of the chapter said the blessing.

What a delightful fellowship! Many varieties of delicious foods and drink were enjoyed.

This is what true fellowship is all about--- when said, "Let sisters and brothers dwell together in unity".

This same "unity" was with Jephthah Chapter IV while in worship and praise, as Jephthah Chapter IV celebrated their 67th Anniversary with Sister Dorene Crumpler. This spiritual occasion was held at St. Phillip AME Zion Church, (Wrightsboro Community), Reverend Dr. Elijah Coleman, Pastor, on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

An official welcome was given to the chapter by Reverend Dr. Dorothy Coleman, as well as greetings from the members. Sister Eva Battle presented a donation to the church from Jephthah Chapter.

An encouraging message

was received from Pastor Coleman, "Things God Want Us to Think On" (Phil. 4:8).

Thank you to Sister Dorene Crumpler for the invitation and to the following sisters for their presence: Eva Battle, Patricia Brooks, Edna Ennis and Geraldine Armstrong.

Each member participates and serve however they can and give support to the various programs or projects. On Saturday, December 15, 2018, Jephthah Chapter held their annual Christmas Banquet, which was very successful. The chapter wants the public to know of all these activities because they give their support. The donations or scholarships could not be given without your support; the contributions you contribute--help make this possible. Jephthah Chapter IV "tip their hats off" to you! PRAISE GOD WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!



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This the 7th day of May, 2019

Alison Phoebe Tseh, Executrix  
601 S. College Rd. CB#20005  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Opal Langston Shephard**, 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 7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Deloris C. Ryals, Executrix  
906 Bayshore Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28411

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Donna Bunting Armstrong**, 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 **7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Joshua Daniel Armstrong, Executor  
117 Ore Ct.  
Washington, NC 27889

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Perry J. Whitman, Jr.**, 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 **14th day of June, 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 14th day of March, 2019

Teresa Whitman Nabours, Administrator  
67 Andalusian Trail  
Burgaw, NC 28425

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019

**NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Georgia Cobb Joyner**, deceased, of 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 **7th day of June, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of March, 2019.

William H. Joyner, III, Executor of the Estate of Georgia Cobb Joyner  
2101 Forest Drive  
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16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Allen Henry Robinson**, 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 **21st day of June, 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 21st day of March, 2019

Victoria Sterling, Administrator  
1503 Village Drive, Apt. 5  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix or of the estate of **Dorothy Weston Robinson**, 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 **21st day of June, 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 21st day of March, 2019

Victoria Sterling, Administratrix  
1503 Village Drive, Apt. 5  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Shelby Gaskins Pearson**, 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 21st day of June, 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 21st day of March, 2019

Beverly Rushell Pearson Bongiorno, Executrix  
3814 Gillette Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: WILLIAM T. EVERETT FILE NO. 19 E 345**

The undersigned having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of **William T. Everett**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit the same to Thurman Everett, Administrator, at the address set out to below, on or before **June 18, 2019**, or this notice may be pleaded as bar to recovery. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below.

This the 21st day of March, 2019

The Law Office of Erma L. Johnson, P.C.  
2803 Market Street  
PO Box 696  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **E. Edward Nixon AKA Ernest Edward Nixon, Ernest E. Nixon and Ernest Nixon**, 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 **28th day of June, 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 28th day of March, 2019

Anna M. Nixon, Executrix  
1509 Orange St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2019

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Joyce Houston**, 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 **7th day of June, 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 7th day of May, 2019

Madeline N. Houston, Administratrix  
2113 Gibson Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Abbie B. Fogle (19-E-002)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 12, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of March, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox  
Administrator CTA  
of the Estate of Abbie B. Fogle  
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019

**NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Lillian Bellamy Boney**, deceased, of 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 **14th day of June, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 14th day of March, 2019.

Emmett Boney Haywood, Executrix of the Estate of Lillian Bellamy Boney  
3309 Old Saybrook Court  
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MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
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March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Aaron Cassady**, deceased, New Hanover County Estate File No. 19-E-0358, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina gives notice to all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403, on or before the **24th day of June, 2019**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

Cheryl Brinkman, Executrix  
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law  
1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **James Edward Price (19-E-345)**, late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **June 19, 2019** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of March, 2019

Cynthia Price, Executrix  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
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March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

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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 **James T. Jones, 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 **28th day of June, 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 28th day of March, 2019

Johnny M. Jones, Executor  
158 Redbud Dr.  
Clayton, NC 27520

March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2019

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**



**Jacksonville Transit Proposed Fare Increase**

Jacksonville Transit is proposing a modest fare increase for the first time since starting operations in November 2007. A public meeting is scheduled for 4-6PM, April 8, 2019 in the Jacksonville City Hall to discuss the fare increase and to receive comments from the public.

Additional information on the proposed fare increase is available at www.jacksonvillenc.gov/transit and Citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting or to contact Jacksonville Transit, 815 New Bridge Street by phone 910 938-5037 or by email at transitinfo@jacksonvillenc.gov

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