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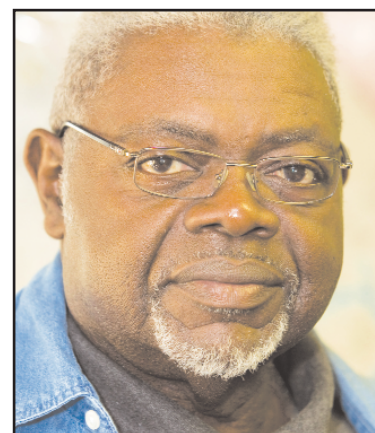
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BERNEST HEWETT

A PROUD STORY

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In this article, I write a sad but proud story. I write of one of Brunswick County's finest citizens, whom I knew personally and who passed from this earthly shore on Monday, April 1, 2019. She traveled a great deal when she was up and about and always had a smile on her face. This person, Mrs. Verniece Stanley, traveled almost all the way across the United States with me and the NAACP. She was well known in the organization, local, state, and national. Her work as a humanitarian to mankind was well known, and her faith in God was not to be questioned. She would tell people her life story of being educated in Brunswick County Training School, going to Fayetteville State Teacher's College and graduating in 1948. She taught school in Brunswick County for a short period of time and then moved to Maryland where she served as a teacher and administrator for years until her retirement. Mrs. Stanley had a big heart and truly cared for the sick. She always tried to talk to the youth about a better choice when it was time for them to graduate from high school and

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Mueller report remains a mystery as NAACP, Black congressional leaders call for full release

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - A two-year wait for the results of an investigation into whether then presidential candidate Donald Trump and/or his campaign staff colluded with Russia has now fizzled down to four pages.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller finally released his findings this week - but not to the general public; nor to the U. S. Congress. Instead, he sent his full report to Trump-appointed Attorney General William Barr, who reduced the findings to a four-page letter to leading members of

Congress. That letter, Barr said, outlined Mueller's "principle conclusions".

The first of the conclusions stated that Mueller "did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities". This is the finding that came as a shock to those who had hoped for clarity on why so many Trump associates either lied about meetings or conversations with Russians. It is also a mystery why Trump refuses to criticize Russian President Vladimir Putin and why he is so secretive about their private conversations.

With no clear answers the NAACP and Congressional leaders are demanding the release of the full report.

"The nation must consider the Mueller report in its entirety. Anything short of complete transparency is unacceptable," NAACP President Derrick Johnson said in a statement March 24. "Attorney General William Barr's principal conclusions submitted to Congress today raise more questions than answers. The American people

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NATIONAL NAACP PRESIDENT DERRICK JOHNSON

KEY ISSUES LEADER BLUE SAYS BLACKS SHOULD FOCUS ON



N..C. SENATOR DAN BLUE

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As the long session of the 2019 NC General Assembly rolls on, NC Senate Minority Leader Dan Blue (D-Wake) says there are, indeed, important issues to which African Americans should be paying closer attention and to which they should be prepared to add their voices: Medicaid expansion for the poor; funding for college voter photo IDs; and more funding for historically Black colleges and universities.

MEDICAID EXPANSION - Despite North Carolina's eligibility and Gov. Roy Cooper's vow to make it happen, the Republican-led General Assembly continues to block Medicaid expansion to approximately 626,000 poor people in the State. It is estimated by Health Insurance.org that 208,000 North Carolinians "...have no realistic access to health insurance without Medicaid expansion."

"You're talking about working people," says Sen. Blue, "...working people who don't make the big bucks, people who really need access to quality healthcare. Yet there is all of the [Republican] opposition to expanding it as the other 38 states have. There's a big fight going on that."

VOTER ID FUNDING FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - As of March 19, only five of 17 UNC System campuses across North Carolina have their student photo identification cards approved as appropriate ID for voting during North Carolina

elections. State lawmakers are still haggling about such details as student photos being officially taken and the schools verifying official information like Social Security numbers. Sen. Blue says lawmakers need to decide on funding efforts to ensure that student photo IDs are in uniform compliance with voting requirements. "There has been no money available to issue acceptable IDs, and we need to make sure that all of these students have an opportunity to vote, using reliable identification."

The new Voter ID Law passed last December is still in force, even though the Voter ID amendment, which authorized it, passed last November, was struck down in February by a Wake County Superior Court judge. That ruling is being appealed.

INCREASED FUNDING FOR HBCU'S - On February 20, student representatives from all of North Carolina's historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) went to the legislature, telling North Carolina lawmakers that their schools deserve more funding in the coming budgets.

"Throughout their history, HBCUs have received significantly less funding than their White counterparts," Surayyah Chestnut, of North Carolina Central University, said during the "HBCU Day of Advocacy." "Decades of chronic underfunding have made our institutions more subject to the dangers of accreditation issues and unpredictable housing crises."

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Adams, Butterfield busy proposing laws about equality, HBCU technology

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Democrats in Congress, anxious to retain control after the critical 2020 elections, are focused on showing that they care about what their constituents consider to be important issues.

North Carolina's two African American congress persons, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) and Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), are no different, and recently introduced measures that speak to constituent issues at home, but stand an excellent chance at passage in the Democratic-controlled U. S. House.

Whether they would even get a hearing in the Republican-led, President Trump controlled, U.S. Senate, is another matter.

For instance, last month, Rep. Adams co-sponsored the "Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6), a bill, "...to protect our nation's Dreamers, as well as our Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders, allowing them to contribute fully to North Carolina's communities and our country while providing a pathway to citizenship."

"In North Carolina, Dreamers and

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CBC, Women and People of Color 'Fight to Regain the Soul of America'

BY HAMIL R. HARRIS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Empowered with a record 55 members on Capitol Hill, the chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.), said the occasion marked the beginning of "correcting the trauma that we have all experienced on a daily basis for the last two years."

led by women and people of color.

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Recently on Capitol Hill, Bass

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee takes the microphone during the Black Women's Roundtable's 7th Annual BWR Women of Power National Summit. (PHOTO BY C IT VISUAL WITH CG TAYLOR)



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make that next step into the world. She would always tell them about how hard it was for her in her younger days to get an education and how hard she had to work to get through college, but she was determined and it paid off for her. She always made it her business to try to impress upon them that their determination would also pay off for them if they worked

hard to be somebody in this world. Mrs. Stanley gave to the sick. She didn't just say, "I will pray for you." She would give time and money. She would say, "There were times when I wished that someone could have helped me and my mother, but I am going to help as much as I can because God has been so good to me. I feel that I must help those whom I can. Mrs. Stanley had two great loves in her everyday life. She

dearly loved Brunswick County NAACP Chapter 5452 and The Wilmington Journal. She would tell me, from time to time, to do all I can to help her cousin and one of her close friends, Mrs. Mary Alice Thatch to keep the doors of The Wilmington Journal open to Blacks or the people that buy and read it.

Today, Brunswick County, I find myself feeling a little lost for the loss of one of God's children, a friend, a humanitarian

who gave to the cause, one who didn't not just talk about a problem. I can hear her now, telling people, "My name is Verniece Stanley. Can I help you? God loves you." We will miss you Mrs. Stanley. God has you. When he called Monday, April 1, 2019 at 11:00 a. m., you answered, and He said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

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

Editor's Note: Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. A celebration of Mrs. Stanley's life will be conducted Sunday, April 7, 2019 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2586 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment will follow in Evans Family Cemetery.

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Senate Minority Leader Blue agrees. HBCU funding...that's a critical matter, and the UNC [System] Board of Governors has not been responsive to many of the needs of the HBCUs, especially on capital funding. Some schools have equipment that is outdated, buildings that are outdated...there's no real push to correct a majority of these [budget shortcomings].

Blue adds that Fayetteville State University now wants to be a part of the \$500 tuition program, which has boosted student enrollment at the three pilot UNC System schools in which it was implemented.

Sen. Blue recommends that, in addition to the critical need for affordable housing statewide in the face of increasing gentrification, North Carolinians need to call or write their legislators and register their concerns about these issues and more, whether they're Republican or Democrat.

"These are some of the issues that are critical to the African-American community," says Sen. Blue.

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**STATE BRIEFS**



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**NCGOP CHAIRMAN ROBIN HAYES INDICTED FOR BRIBERY**  
[RALEIGH] Robin Hayes,

the chairman of the NC Republican Party, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly trying to funnel bribe money to the re-election campaign of NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey. Hayes, a former North Carolina congressman, was one of four people charged in the alleged scheme, published reports say. On Tuesday, Hayes pled not guilty at a

Charlotte federal courthouse. Hayes is also charged with lying to FBI investigators.

**BLACK PRINCIPAL PROBED FOR DISTRIBUTING "WHITE PRIVILEGE" PIECE**

[GOLDSBORO] A black high school principal in Wayne county is being investigated by the Wayne county Public School System for

allegedly giving at least a dozen of his teachers an article on white privilege, and then asking them to do an assignment on the piece. Principal Christopher Horne of Goldsboro High School reportedly asked his teachers to "...submit a cultural biography to discuss both the material and their writing." Horner has not responded to requests for comment, but Wayne County

Schools confirm that they are looking into the matter.

**STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER CHERIE BERRY WON'T RUN IN 2020**

[RALEIGH] Anyone who has taken an elevator in North Carolina over the past 18 years have seen both her name and picture - NC Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry. Berry, more

affectionately known as the "Elevator Queen," announced this week that she will not seek re-election in 2020 for a sixth term. Berry is a Republican. Thus far two Democrats have announced that they are running for the seat - Jessica Holmes, currently the chair of the Wake County Commission Board, and Raleigh tax attorney Eva Lee.

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deserve to see the full report and findings from the investigation, not just a summary from Trump's hand-picked Attorney General."

The fizzling of the long-awaited so-called "Mueller Report" has now become new fuel for Trump, who has contended all along that there was "no collusion" and who called it all a "witch hunt" repeatedly.

"After a long investiga-

tion, after so many people have been so badly hurt, after not looking at the other side, where a lot of bad things happened, a lot of horrible things happened, and a lot of bad things happened for our country, it was just announced there was no collusion with Russia - the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard," Trump told reporters shortly after the announcement. "It was a shame our country had to go through this. To be honest it's a shame that your

President has had to go through this since before I even got elected it began."

Trump also added that there was "no obstruction" and said, "It was a complete and total exoneration". But Mueller apparently did not go that far.

According to Barr's summary, Mueller's report, "leaves unresolved what the Special Counsel views as difficult issues of law and fact concerning whether the President's actions and intent could be viewed as obstruction."

Without the full report on findings of the detailed investigation, members of Congress say they and the general public have been shorted.

"We should not construe a four page letter from the Attorney General with the complete findings of Special Counsel Mueller's investigation," wrote U.S. House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn in a statement. "The entire findings of the report must be made public to Congress and the American people before we draw any

conclusions. In the meantime, Congress will continue to fulfill its oath to uphold the constitution by providing oversight of this administration."

The announcement of the closure of the report appears to have started more than it finished. As civil rights leaders have encountered yet another attack on the freedom of Black people; they are gearing up for yet another fight.

"It is even more imperative that we have full access to the Mueller report and evidentiary basis to learn

the facts surrounding Donald Trump's actions and potential attacks on the integrity of our democracy," concludes Johnson. "We are entitled to know everything about Russia's brazen attacks on our political system. This includes how Russia manipulated voters in the United States, fomented racial division among voters through social media and other means, and targeted the African-American community in extraordinary fashion to suppress voter turnout."

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teamed up with her female colleagues and a coalition of Civil Rights activists, led by the Black Women's Roundtable, to expound upon that effort.

"Women are confronting the discrimination that represents the intersectionality of being Black and being a woman," said Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-N.J.), one of several CBC members who spoke at the March

event about their legislative priorities. "We stand up for Voting Rights and the re-enfranchisement of individuals who have paid their debt to society. We stand up for social justice and comprehensive criminal justice reform."

Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-Mich.), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said "we are in a fight to close the wage gap," and Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Ca.) said with the record number African-Americans and females in Congress, she is constantly reminded that "It

is African-American women who will help us to regain the soul of America."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said that after years of trying in vain to get any type of gun control legislation through Congress, this year it might finally happen. "It's our time for change and we are mobilizing through your efforts Sister Melanie: Black American women across the country."

Jackson-Lee was referring to Melanie L. Campbell, President/CEO, of the National Coalition on Black

Civic Participation and National Convener of the Black Women's Roundtable. She hosted a five-day gathering that brought more than a dozen female activists to the steps of the U.S Capitol as just one of the BWR events that marked Women's History Month in March. Thousands of young and pioneer leaders participated in the 7th Annual BWR Women of Power National Summit, themed, "Time for A Power Shift!!!"

Campbell, whose organization is dedicated to organizing voters and fighting

against voter suppression said, "We are determined to make sure that we save our Democracy from peril," and echoing those sentiments were a number of speakers from across the country.

Kristen Clarke, president/executive Director, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, declared "Now is the time to hold corrupt officials accountable who take actions to harm voters."

Cassandra Welchlin, co-Convener with Campbell and lead organizer of the Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable, said poor

women are dying because of federal cut backs.

Welchlin talked about how a young mother died in Houston, Miss. after she had an asthma attack because the emergency room at the closest hospital to her home had been closed because of Medicaid cutbacks.

"The closest hospital was 30 minutes away," Welchlin said. "It's criminal. Shateria Sade Shoemaker died. She had an asthma attack. Why did the hospital close? We need Congress to pass and fund the budget for safety net programs."

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TPS and DED holders contribute to our communities and our nation as teachers, students, medical professionals, first responders, entrepreneurs and taxpayers," said Rep. Adams. With the introduction of the Dream and Promise Act,

Democrats are taking decisive action to protect these proud Americans from the Administration's calloused attempts to strip away their critical status."

Another controversial measure Rep. Adams supports is "the Equality Act," which, if passed by both chambers of Congress, would, "... amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect LGBTQ Americans from dis-

crimination."

"In 2019, only 21 states have laws preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation," Rep. Adams states. "North Carolina alone is home to 320,000 LGBTQ adults. Yet, despite these numbers, the State ranks among the lowest in the nation for LGBTQ equality. This is why I am a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 5, the Equality Act. The Equality

Act amends existing laws to protect the LGBTQ community from discrimination."

Both bills are being held in committee. There's no word on where Rep. G. K. Butterfield stands on those, but he also introduced two of his own in March.

Butterfield unveiled the Building Resources into Digital Growth and Education (BRIDGE) Act of 2019 (H.R. 1586).

"My legislation will expand the opportunities available to HBCUs to ensure [that] the students they serve are prepared for tomorrow's innovation economy," said Rep. Butterfield in a statement. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the bipartisan HBCU Caucus who share my commitment to strengthening our HBCUs

and giving our students the resources they need for success."

That bill is also being held in committee.

Also last month, Rep. Butterfield introduced an amendment to the For the People Act (H.R. 1) to ensure that early voting is available in rural areas. The bill passed the House on March 8, and was sent to the U.S. Senate for consideration.

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## OUR VOICE

### Stop invisible lynchings in America

(Via NNPAnewswire.com)

No form of lynching should be tolerated or permitted in America. A lynching is defined as putting a person or a group of people to death by hanging a person or group with or without legal due process.

However, in the not so distant past, the hideous act of racially-motivated lynching African Americans was considered legal, judicial and moral under state and federal laws.

The Congress of the United States finally has a bill pending enactment that makes lynching a federal crime. We support this long overdue anti-lynching federal legislation.

However, there are other forms of lynching that are still occurring across the nation, without due process of law and without a national public moral outcry. Why? Because today, some lynchings are invisible.

There are no blood-thirsty mobs of people salivating their pleasures at the sight of a fresh Black body swinging lifelessly via a rope around his or her neck hanging from a tree or from the institutionalized gallows of history.

On college and university campuses in too many states, what is increasingly happening should be called an invisible and insidious form of lynching.

Disproportionately, young African male college students and others are being summarily expelled from college based solely on mere allegations of sexual misconduct violations of Title IX rules without any due process of law or findings of fact. College administrators are arbitrarily determining that these targeted students are guilty and expendable until their innocence is proven.

This is not about guilt or innocence. This is about denial of due process.

For thousands of the accused students the outcomes are fatal to their education and life goals.

I know that this is a controversial subject that many would prefer to remain silent about. But as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. clearly warned: "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Currently, in the state of Missouri, there is important pending legislation (HB 573 and SB 259) in both the Missouri State House and Senate that seeks to stop and prevent these kinds of invisible Title IX-related lynchings from occurring at Missouri colleges and universities.


This year marks the 400-year anniversary of the enslavement of African people in America. The horrid history of racism and racially-motivated lynchings of African American men, women and children is a gruesome reminder of the depravity of humanity, as well as the malicious lack of due process when a person or group is deemed expendable to satisfy the rage, fear and hate of "others."

In the past, lynchings were very visible. Today Title IX-related lynchings on colleges and universities are less visible, but this form of injustice must be exposed and challenged in Missouri and in every state.

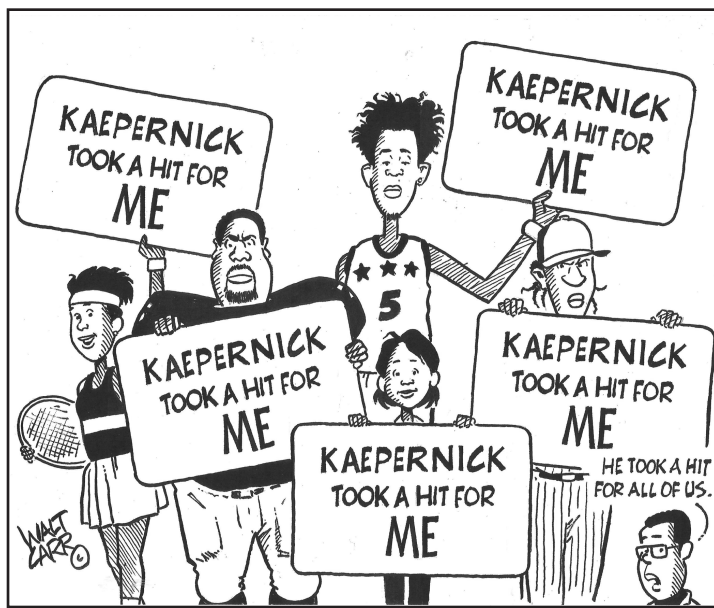
Equal justice and the constitutional right to due process should be afforded to all without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation. This is the reason we add our voice and advocacy to encourage the Missouri legislature and all other state legislatures to stop Title IX-related invisible lynchings from occurring.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. is a civil rights leader and the President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) based in Washington, DC. He can be reached at dr.bchavis@nnpa.org.

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## YOUR VOICE

### IS THERE NO BALM IN GILLIARD OR NEW HANOVER COUNTY?

The New Hanover County Board of Education has never been fair or balanced in their redistricting. The only differences between the Board in 1954 and the board today is they wear designer clothes, allow women to serve

and are paid more money. Hiring a company that may not be not diverse in its own hiring practices from South Carolina or Ohio is not the solution that will level the playing field for all our children. A company for, example, that has over 75 white employees and two black employees, one a janitor and the other a powerless window

dresser who adds color to the company's staff picture is not qualified to do redistricting. A progressive board would search for a minority owned company or law firm who understand the problems and has 1st hand knowledge of discrimination. We must attend every meeting, keep a close eye on every vote and challenge this new board

if we love our children. There is a balm in Gilliard and New Hanover County because we can register a record number people, run and win three seats on the Board in 2020. We must start planning today. Are you registered?

James J. Hankins  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Love vs. Hate

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Recently police arrested a young teen in Charlottesville, Virginia. He'd made a racist threat against minority students—both Black and Latino. Why? Who will ever know, but it was apparently for no reason other than the color of their skin and the culture of their birth? One has to wonder



Dr. E. Faye Williams

if he experienced love or hate at home and is Donald Trump a regular of what the family hears on the news.

With so many people not just in Charlottesville still grieving

over the tragic loss of Heather Hoyer, how could a teenager reopen those wounds without adult leadership? My heart goes out to Heather's Mom and family to have to face this same hate that killed their loved one who was out seeking justice when she was murdered by a hater. Every time some of us naively begin to think we're more civilized now than we were during slavery and the immediate aftermath, hate seems to rise again. This time, the hate is compounded because it not only includes Black people, but it includes anybody who's deemed to be different from white people.

I wonder if the average white person feels a responsibility to come up with a solution to white hatred. I know where they can start. Rise up as Black people so often have to do, and decide not to tolerate

such reckless behavior. Hate is destructive to the hater, but it's also taking the lives of too many good and decent people. If we're going to be called a civilized nation, it's important to at least elect decent leaders.

Whenever something negative happens in the Black community, we're expected to fix it. It's time for white people to fix their community because that is where so much hate is coming from against people who're not classified as white. Just as all Black people aren't to blame for what all Black people do, I'm not blaming all white people. I'm saying if anybody can fix the white community, it's white people. Some of the most heinous crimes have been committed by white people. Look at the New Zealand tragedy: 50 people are dead because of white Islamophobia. In Tulsa, many people were massacred

by white people and a whole community was destroyed. At Texas A and M, nurses were killed by a white person. In Rosewood, Florida, Black people were massacred for no reason. Thousands of Black people were lynched by whites simply because of the color of their skin. Thousands of Black people were stolen from their home and enslaved. An untold number of Native Americans were murdered and had their land stolen by white people. Isn't it time white people take some responsibility for the hateful acts by their people? They must teach their children about respect for others and about love for all of God's children.

They should take a lesson

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## RAINBOW COALITION

### Donald Trump's big lie about health care

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Donald Trump's mad-cap presidency is now seeking to strip 20 million Americans of their health care coverage. He has instructed the Justice Department to join the lawsuit seeking to declare the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional. He then proclaimed that Republicans would offer a far better alternative, tweeting they'll become the "Party of Great Health Care."

Only there is no plan. Mitch McConnell, the Republican Senate majority leader, wants nothing to do with trying to develop one. Confusion reigns. This grotesque misrule might be funny were it not putting millions of people at risk. Trump has taken his animus against all things Obama to new heights in his obsessive drive to repeal or disembowel the Affordable Care Act.

After the Republican Senate rejected repeal — feeding Trump's disdain for Sen. John McCain, who cast the determining vote — Trump's administration has sought to undermine the act administratively. Seven million fewer people now have health care coverage since Trump was elected. Now he hopes to have the courts repeal the act.

That would end the expansion of Medicaid, which covers more than 10 million low-wage workers and their families. It would repeal the requirement that insurance companies cover those with pre-existing conditions — putting anyone who is ill now covered under the act at risk. It would repeal the provision allowing the young to be covered under their parents plan to age 26.

Once more, insurance companies would be free to enforce lifetime limits on coverage, putting the most vulnerable at risk. Trump adds insult to this injury by proclaiming the big lie: that Republicans have or will have a plan that will cover more and be less expensive. But there is no plan. Trump aides say it will be developed in the Senate. McConnell, who rules Senate Republicans with a tight fist, says, "I look forward to seeing what the president is proposing and what he can work out with the speaker."

When asked if the two committees tasked with overseeing health care would come up with a plan, Sen. Charles Grassley responded tersely with a "no." Scrambling to put a cover on his barefaced lie, Trump announced that Sen. Rick Scott, Republican of Florida, would join with a couple of other senators to come up with a "spectacular" plan.

This is like naming Al Capone to design the tax code. In the 1990s, Scott was the CEO of Columbia/HCA. He resigned in 1997, the same

year the FBI announced an investigation of the company for massive Medicare fraud. In the end, Columbia/HCA pled guilty to systematic fraud — featuring false billing of Medicare on a breathtaking scale. The company pled guilty to 14 corporate felonies and paid out some \$1.7 billion in criminal fines and penalties in what the Justice Department called the "largest health care fraud case in U.S. history."

No doubt, if Scott were to come with a plan, it would be "spectacular" for the money guys, and savage for those in need of care. On health care, Trump's lies are dangerous to life. The U.S. is the only advanced industrial country that does not provide universal health care as a right. We are paying almost twice per capita as other countries with worse health care results. U.S. life expectancy has declined for three years, in part because of the opioid crisis, in part because of the absence of adequate health care.

Meanwhile, the insurance companies and the drug companies and the private hospital complexes rake in fortunes. What should be done is clear. The U.S. government should negotiate with drug companies to force lower prices for prescription drugs. Medicare should be strengthened and then extended to cover more people in stages.

Cover those up to 30 and those 55 and over in the first stage. And then over years, perfect and extend the pro-

gram to cover all. Pay for it by requiring the rich and the corporations pay their fair share of taxes. We'd end up paying less and getting better coverage. That rational solution runs into the strongest of entrenched interests — the drug companies and the insurance companies and their legions of lobbyists. They are prepared to spend billions to protect their profits. They buy ads to scare the hell out of people, pay for politicians, and blanket congress with lobbyists. Now they have Trump fronting for them. It will take an aroused public to overcome that resistance.

Trump believes that if you tell a big lie over and over and over again, pretty soon people will begin to believe. His political debut was the big lie about Obama's birth certificate. He's done the same with his racist rants on immigrants and the border wall. Now he plans the same big lie technique on health care: slandering what is, claiming to have a better plan when there is no plan, posturing as a champion of the people when he's defending big money interests. The real deal is clear: the rich get a tax cut; the poor get a health care cut.

The rich are living longer in splendor. The poor are dying earlier in distress. The only thing "spectacular" about the Trump health care lie is his audacity to believe that he can sell it.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.



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from the Superintendent of Schools in Charlottesville when she said, "In Charlottesville and around the globe, we stand firmly in stating there're not 'very fine

people' standing on both sides of this issue."

Let's take another lesson from the PM of New Zealand when she not only rejected hate verbally, but showed what real leaders do. She began work with her legislature to try to prevent such a tragedy again. White people

need to show the U.S. white president how to do something about hate other than say, "There are good people on both sides." Hate is destroying America, and the rest of the world is looking down on us. We're no longer the leader, and we won't be the leader again until all of us begin to

show some love for all instead of hate.

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**CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES**

**On selective outrage**

If the truth be told, I am totally confused about what happened to Jussie Smollett. The initial report of his having been beaten in what was described at the time as a hate crime was appalling, but as the days went on, there were things Smollett said - and did not say - that made me wonder what was really going on. For having been beaten, the pictures I saw of him did not look the beating was that bad (thank goodness), but I started to have serious doubts when reports said he did not share pertinent information with police. I wondered why.



**Rev. Susan K. Smith**

When news reports said he had made the story up, I was sickened and hoped it was not true. There is enough genuine hatred going around these days; white people feel perfectly comfortable attacking black people for whatever reason they want, including canvassing in neighborhoods during the 2018 midterm elections, sitting in a Starbucks, and going into their own homes in predominantly white neighborhoods. ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2018/10/19/bq-becky-permit-patty-and-cornerstore-caroline-too-cutesy-for-those-white-women-calling-cops-on-blacks/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.ed5569c94bf8](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2018/10/19/bq-becky-permit-patty-and-cornerstore-caroline-too-cutesy-for-those-white-women-calling-cops-on-blacks/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.ed5569c94bf8)) Crying "hate crime" when there is none is an affront to legitimate cries for help; it is no worse heinous than crying "rape" when there has been no such thing.

When prosecutors dropped all charges in Smollett's case this week, requiring him to do some community service and to pay a fine, I was stunned and confused. (<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/29/us/jussie-smollett-backlash-friday/index.html>) If the evidence indicated the charge of a hate crime was false and that Smollett had made the whole thing up, how in the world could a prosecutor drop all charges? Police and Chicago's mayor were outraged and expressed that outrage publicly.

But when white people have been acquitted, or when grand juries have refused to issue an indictment for crimes perpetrated against black people in what seem to be cut and dried cases of crime, there has been no outrage. Politicians, lawmakers and law enforcement alike have been loud in their silence when cases of police brutality have resulted in the deaths of nonviolent, unarmed black people. Where has been their outrage? Where was the indignation of Mayor Rahm Emanuel when LaQuan McDonald was shot and killed by a police officer? In fact, where is that voice of outrage over the continued cases of state-sanctioned violence that are perpetrated by law enforcement officers almost on a daily basis, and by hate-filled white people who attack, either physically or verbally, or both?

The president, who himself has sidestepped justice so far in the charges being brought against him and who has been buoyed by lackeys who do anything they want, called for an investigation this week of the prosecutors who dropped the charges against Smollett. (<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-tweets-doj-fbi-to-investigate-jussie-smollett-case-11553775491>) That was ironic, in that as long as the FBI was investigating him, it was an agency he regularly discredited. Now, it seems, his issues with the FBI have dissipated.

If more white people would voice indignation over the way the "justice system" has treated and continues to treat black people, maybe some of the danger of being black would decrease. As it is, it is not safe for black people to walk, to shop, to sit in coffee houses or go to the bathroom in public spaces, to canvas in political campaigns, to laugh or talk too loudly for the tastes of nearby white people, for a black child to accidentally brush up against a white person and so much more. I shudder and pray for the safety of my own son and for young black men who are sitting targets for white people who practice violence based on their racism, because black people are not only not protected by police on the streets as we attempt to merely live our lives; we are not protected by the justice system in this country, either.

I do not know what to think about what happened to Smollett; if he made that story up he should have to pay for it. But I do know what to think about the selective justice and treatment afforded to black and white people in this country. I am offended that being in trouble with the law means different things for difference races and I am offended that justice, no matter what color one is, can often be obtained just by paying major money to whomever demands it. As Bryan Stevenson, the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) said, "It is better to be rich and guilty than poor and innocent."

The prosecutors who dropped all charges against Smollett know that to be true, as do the people who are protecting the president. Justice is not blind; it is a ward of the system. It is now and has always been.

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**Student loan debt is a crisis!**

(Via NNPANewswire.com)

There has been a lot of talk about whether or not there is a crisis on the border. I will leave that debate to the politicians. However, there is no debate about whether or not America has a crisis hitting all 50 states and over 40 million people. This crisis is impacting millions of students pursuing their dreams of earning a college degree. The crisis is impacting millions of young people coming out of college, wanting to be fiscally responsible and save, and buy their first home. What is the crisis? It is America's \$1.56 trillion student loan debt.

rising student debt, and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCFF) is taking the issue of financial literacy with HBCU students head-on. Exposing the nearly 300,000 students we represent to the host of scholarship offerings is one of our main strategies for decreasing student loan dependence. TMCFF understands that student loans disproportionately impact minority students - with the greatest negative impact on African-American students. We have to put just as much early attention on student loan debt by providing student scholarships, grants and wraparound



**Dr. Harry Williams**

services, so HBCU students can persist in their studies without dropping out because of finances. The more scholarships we can award, the fewer loans students are forced to take, so they graduate without the strain of insurmountable student loan debt. As the wealth gap continues to grow we know that by 2053, the Net Worth of African-American families is projected to hit \$0, so there is a clear urgency to educate and support organizations that have direct connections to young African American students that will be entering the workforce. TMCFF is committed to empowering students attending HBCUs on how to secure and keep a good paying job and build a career into the C-Suite, or become entrepreneurs, save money and build wealth for the future in the hopes of being great global leaders that give back to future

generations. Additionally, we are teaching HBCU students to be better college consumers, moving career-focused programming to Freshmen and Sophomores, so they can choose college course strategically in order to graduate in four years, while entering the talent pipeline earlier.

More than 80% of all HBCU students attend TMCFF member-schools and 97% of those students rely on financial aid in their pursuit of a degree. Through our partnerships with many companies such as Wells Fargo, Boeing, Ally, and Apple we are providing scholarships, internships, corporate immersions, and innovation programs as well as good paying jobs.

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**TO BE EQUAL**

**One year out, efforts to sabotage 2020 Census must be defeated**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The same folks who don't want people of color to vote don't want us to be counted. The Census is about three things: money, power and information. And unless we rise up to save Census 2020, this rigged, intentional undercount will cost us political power at all levels; billions in federal funding; and vital information to help lift up the communities that we fight so hard for." -U.S. Rep. Lacy Clay

Monday, April 1, marks the one-year countdown to the 2020 Census. Elected officials and communities across the country are holding special events to mark this important occasion and raise awareness about the 2020 Census. African American children and Black men are undercounted in great numbers, disproportionate to their numbers in the overall population. The National Urban League has formed a 2020 Census Black Roundtable to address these concerns.



**Marc Morial**

At the same time organizations like ours are working toward a fair count, sinister forces are trying to sabotage a full and complete count of the total American population -- as required by the Constitution -- by planning to add a controversial "citizenship question" to the 2020 Census questionnaire. The question is intended to deter immigrants of all races, ethnicities and legal status from participating in the census, leading to a

severe undercount of vulnerable population and diminishing their voice in public life.

Census data also guide the allocation of more than \$800 billion in federal funding to programs that are crucial to families and communities. A skewed census means inequitable distribution of resources. Federal courts in New York and California struck down the Citizenship Question in February and March of this year. The case has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear the case next month, April 23, 2019.

The National Urban League joined other civil rights groups in filing a "friend of the court" brief opposing the citizenship question. As stated in the brief, "Given its foundational importance to American government and society, the census must be above partisan politics. The misguided decision to reverse seventy years of consistent census practice and insert an untested citizenship question undermines the integrity of the count, damages our communities, and violates the Census Bureau's constitutional and statutory duties to

conduct a full enumeration of the U.S. population."

Furthermore, deterring minority populations from participating in the census would undermine enforcement of the Voting Rights Act because it would undercount the minority populations who rely on that data to bring VRA claims. The 2020 Census will take place at the height of the US Presidential Campaign. Dirty politics, racist messaging and campaign theatrics will detract from 2020 Census messaging encouraging the public to be Counted. Similar to what we saw in the 2016 Presidential campaign, "bad actors" on social media platforms will try to deter communities of color from participating in the Census to suppress redistricting efforts and the allocation of seats in Congress.

Conducting a fair count is a Constitutional obligation, that must not be subject to partisan sabotage. We're committed to spending the next year raising awareness about the importance of a fair census and fighting back against any attempts to deter minority participation. Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

**Toward a living wage**

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It is unfathomable that the federal minimum wage has not been increased in more than a decade, since 2007, that the wage, at \$7.25 per hour has remained flat through recession and recovery, through extremely high unemployment rates and much lower ones. Republicans have absolutely refused to consider minimum wage increases, and in early March rejected a bill that would increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2024. Still, with the Democratic majority in Congress, the bill came out of committee on a 28-20 party line vote.

have fueled the national push to raise the minimum wage, especially as people have noted that wage stagnation has resulted in an extremely uneven economic recovery. While those at the top are celebrating economic growth, those at the bottom have barely experienced it. And the current minimum wage of \$7.25 produces annual pay of \$15,080, assuming that someone works a full 40 hours a week all 52 weeks of the year, which is often unlikely because many minimum wage jobs are part-time jobs.



**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

The poverty line for a family of three (a working mom and two children) is \$16,910. A woman working full time at the minimum wage is living below the poverty line. She qualifies for SNAP (food stamps), and possibly for federal housing aid if she can get it. All too often, the list for housing subsidies is full, as is public housing, so assistance is not an option. What is a woman earning such a low wage to do, then, living at the economic periphery? She house-shares lives with family or endures homelessness. She lines up to get food at food

banks or from other charities. She struggles to make ends meet, while her Congressional Representative earns \$174,000 a year whether they produce or not. (I'd suspend Congressional pay when they choose to shut down the government).

Too many of the people who earn the minimum wage, mostly women, are caretakers. They mind our children and our elders, as nannies and home health workers. While we say that our children and elders are precious, we don't pay the folks who care for them as if they are. Parking lot attendants, who care for our automobiles, often earn more than the people who care for our children, mothers, and grandmothers. And yet the economy depends on them! How many working women would be hard pressed to work if their nannies or home health workers stayed home? And how would the economy adjust to the absence of nearly half of the labor force?

Ai-jen Poo, the Executive Director of the National Domestic Worker's Alliance, recently spoke about workers in the care industry, how poorly they are paid, and how essential they are. Eighty-eight percent of these workers are women, mostly women of color, and while demand for their services is increasing (with an aging

baby boom, and increased births to millennial women), pay is not. All don't make the minimum wage, but far too many do, and their efforts, though essential, are all too often invisible. Poo and her organization are working to raise the visibility of these workers, not just so we can see them, but so we can ensure that they are adequately paid. Most Americans will have to interact with the care industry at some point in their life, arranging help for elderly relatives or for children. The movement toward a living wage must include these workers.

Kudos to Maryland for taking a step in the right direction. Shame on House Republicans who are enjoying economic recovery, but denying its benefits to those at the bottom. The Fight for Fifteen has momentum now. This is a great time to keep up the pressure on the states and on the federal government. Increasing the minimum wage lifts people out of poverty. Shouldn't we all be able to support that?

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For example, over the course of our partnership with Wells Fargo, they have provided more than \$7.2 million in support of TMCFF student scholarships and financial literacy curriculum development and announced a \$1.1 million for the 2019-2020 academic year. In 2018, TMCFF provided close to \$10 million in direct aid for student scholarships, stipends, awards, wrap-around services, and institutional grants. Those are real dollars and for the majority of the students we serve, the dollars are transformational. This is important because according to aLendEDU study nearly three in 10 college students in America are solely responsible for paying for all of their higher education costs.

Finances should never be a barrier to graduation, nor should the financial impact of earning a college degree be a barrier for buying a home, saving money, starting a family, and having a good credit score. TMCFF prides itself on building pipelines into good paying jobs but we also have to work to ensure that those students are able to truly reap the financial benefits of their achievements without having to pay off years of student loan debt.

Yes, the student loan situation is a crisis that must be addressed early and often with

students, parents, family members, and guidance counselors. We need to make this an issue on the campaign trail on both sides of the aisle in every election, not just the 2020 presidential one. Roll Call recently reported that there are 66 members of Congress who are currently paying off their own personal student loans or debts for dependents. "Collectively, the 44 Democrats and 24 Republicans have higher education liabilities of \$2.5 million, according to recent financial disclosures. The median student loan debt is \$15,000, while average debt is \$37,000."

This is not a partisan issue and we will continue advocating for bipartisan solutions and effective student financial aid literacy opportunities especially for the Black College Community because we know they work. The student loan debt crisis can be corrected if we all work together to make sure our future innovators, government and corporate leaders can lead without the crippling burden of student loans. The time is now.

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## New Hanover County

The Cape Fear Community College International Center presents Let Me Tell You a Story: The American Dream: A Collection of Stories of Immigration on Tuesday, April 22, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at Cape Fear Community College Union Station Auditorium (U-170), 502 North Front Street, Wilmington, NC. Students from the Cape Fear Community College International Center will share their stories of immigration.

## 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 of The Williston Alumni Community choir.

“Seeking to surmount life hurdles? The group La Hatt Reujaah is designed to assist women who are interested in viewing life from different lens. Collectively remedying coping mechanisms to meet daily challenges. On Tuesday, April 9th the guest speaker will be Ms. Julie Simmons LPCA, LCAS, CSI, Self-esteem Specialist from The Monumental Foundations. Topic discussion: How unbalanced self-perception can affect a person and their colleagues, family, and community? This is a free event.

Group Leader: Agnes Alderman, Founder  
Location: NHC Downtown Library  
Harnnett RM: 3rd Floor  
Date: April 9, 2019  
Time: 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.  
Email: la.hatt.reujaah@gmail.com

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Don't forget the homeless person

Joblessness is the condition of having no job. Sometimes, people are out of a job for long periods of time. Even though they are without a dependable means of income, they still have to look forward to the winter's cold and the summer's heat, and many times they don't have enough food or other provisions to last from one day to the next. even a part time job is better than having no job at all. Sometimes, one may have to continue to look for full time



Verniece Stanley

work, even though he or she may be fortunate enough to have secured part time work. There is joblessness all over the place, and, sometimes, joblessness turns to homelessness. Homelessness is such a sad state of affairs, and, sadly enough, both the young and the old are affected by this condition. Both joblessness and homelessness create all kinds of problems for so many. These people need as much help as they can receive from family, friends and other concerned persons.

The economy has not grown enough for everyone to have meaningful employment, neither part time nor full time. There are those who seek a better way of life and still have not acquired it. It is

our hope that a positive change will come in the very near future. We are trusting that businesses will every shortly increase the hiring of the jobless, and this will decrease the rate of homelessness.

An added cause of such homelessness is the fact that people who have been unfortunate enough to be laid off from their jobs for an extended period of time, many of them senior citizens who are struggling, are likely to lose their houses because of the lack of funds to pay for them. When older people lose their jobs, it, more than likely, takes them much longer to find work.

The nation needs to be at work, and it needs to happen today rather than tomorrow may be too late for too many!

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.

Until next week, share this article with at least 3 people and reach out for your Free personalized Action Plan to OWN in the next 18 months or less.

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## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## A man's word is his bond?

Ummm, NO not in real estate. This week I want to share with you how negotiations in real estate work and how if it's not in writing, it's not a deal.

In my 28-yr career, I have dealt with several different scenarios and they both came down to the same thing. If the contract was not signed by all parties, then either party can change their minds. FYI: In all real estate transac-

tions, a buyer initiates negotiations. So in one transaction, my client was the seller, not the buyer. Seller got an offer in and after back and forth negotiations, seller and buyer reached an acceptable price and terms... Now that negotiation is done, they are now under what we call "verbal contract." It's verbal because even though it may have been done over text messages or emails, the original offer paperwork had to be updated with newly agreed terms. Once the agent for buyer updated the paperwork, it had to be signed again by the buyer and then sent over to me for my seller to sign it.

Well, during this time while waiting for the updated offer to come back to us for the seller to sign, ANOTHER offer came in from a different buyer and this offer was much better than the one seller had just agreed to and was under "verbal contract" with. Since my seller had not signed the contract, he was within his rights to take this better offer. Oh yes indeed, it was some "heated" pleasantries from the 1st buyer's camp when they were notified that my seller "SIGNED" that other offer before they got their updated paperwork back in. Now I can understand the 1st buyer being upset, but the seller was

within his rights to accept the superior terms. Therefore, if you ever find yourself in real estate negotiations and you reach "verbal terms," it's to your best interest to put things in TURBO, high gear to get all parties to sign to secure the deal. Cause it ain't over until it's signed, point blank, period.

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## SENIOR MOMENTS

## Help somebody if you can

My Fellow Seniors,

It's me again with more financial problems. When my husband passed, I wanted the whole family to be buried with him. So I asked for a family plot and I have been paying on it monthly for more than two years. But now the payments are more than I can handle.

So I am wondering if there is a local church that would like to take over the payments as a resting place for its members who have not made final plans.

I would not expect anything for myself. But after paying on these grave sites for more than two years, I would like to turn

them over to a local church. I assume Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery would be willing to transfer ownership to a church willing to assume the payments. I realize this is unusual and maybe impossible, but worth looking into.

I also think about people who have had their cars repossessed because they could not keep up the payments. Why not share that car with a retired, and have him make a few payments? The company would not have to know the deal.

If you are a retired person, you might be able to share your car, your yard tools and other stuff. We don't use these things every day. So let us reach out, take somebody's hand and make this world a better place, any way we can.

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



Ruth Johnson

## Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place receives

## (2018-2019) Top Community-Based Program Honors from Food Bank of Central &amp; Eastern NC

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On March 23, 2019, (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place received 2018-2019 Top "Community Based-Program Award" from the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. The awards presentation took place during the Standards of Excellence' Kids Café Banquet here in Wilmington at 130 N. Front St. The Kids Café banquet included live entertainment, motivational speaker, experimental learning activities, as well as, door prizes, & specialty awards. Kids Café is an after-school program that offers



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## WRAAP PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF

tutoring, nutrition education, mentoring, and nutritious meals to children at

risk of hunger: Kids Cafe provides a safe and positive environment for children ages 15 and under to gather after school. The Food Bank's Kids Cafe program began in 1999 with 5 Kids Cafe sites. The program currently supports 26 Kids Cafe programs at 32 sites in 34 counties serving approximately 1,692 children. Each Kids Cafe site is operated in partnership with a respected community agency in order to provide the attention and accountability needed to ensure quality programs for children. Although the details and schedules vary by site, all sites are geared towards

academic enrichment, mentoring, nutrition education, nutritious meals, physical activities and parental empowerment. "We are grateful and honored to receive such an award". "Community Involvement is a key element to the organization's success in impacting the lives of at-risk children and families", states Daryl Dockery, Executive Director.

The WRAAP' after school enrichment academy program operates out of Freedom's Way Ministries. For more information on WRAAP please visit www.nc-wraap.com or call 910-392-6007.



## NCDOT TO HOLD PRE-HEARING OPEN HOUSES AND CORRIDOR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE CAPE FEAR CROSSING PROJECT

TIP PROJECT NO. U-4738

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold two (2) Pre-Hearing Open Houses and Corridor Public Hearings regarding the proposed Cape Fear Crossing Project. The open houses and public hearings will be held on April 29, and 30. Please note that the same information will be presented at both meetings.

The Cape Fear Crossing is an approximately 9.5-mile proposed road and high-level bridge over the Cape Fear River that would help improve traffic flow and enhance freight movements from U.S. 17 and I-140 in Brunswick County to U.S. 421 near the Port of Wilmington in southern New Hanover County.

NCDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has approved the Cape Fear Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS contains a summary of the purpose and need of the project and the impacts associated with the various route locations under consideration. With the DEIS now available to the public, the formal review period has begun. The open houses and hearings provide an opportunity for the public to make formal comments that will be included in the project record. These comments will be considered in the selection of the Preferred Alternative for the project.

The two (2) open houses and hearings are scheduled at the following times and locations:

## Monday, April 29, 2019

John T. Hoggard High School Cafeteria  
4305 Shipyard Boulevard, Wilmington, NC  
Open House: 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hearing: 7 p.m.  
Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live. See project website for details.

## Tuesday, April 30, 2019

North Brunswick High School Gym  
114 Scorpion Drive, Leland, NC  
Open House: 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hearing: 7 p.m.  
Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live. See project website for details.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the open houses to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to provide verbal comments and/or submit written comments and questions will be provided. The public may attend at any time during the above hours.

The formal presentations will consist of an explanation of the location of the six (6) detailed study alternatives, right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. The public will have the opportunity to comment. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

Copies of the DEIS and maps showing the six (6) detailed study alternatives are available for review at the following locations, through May 16th:

- NCDOT—Division 3 Office, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne
- Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 305 Chestnut Street, Wilmington
- Leland Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland

Copies of the DEIS are also available for review at the following locations, through May 16th:

- State Library of North Carolina, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh
- New Hanover County Public Library, Main Campus, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington
- Northeast Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington
- Leland Library, 487 Village Road NE, Leland
- New Hanover County Public Library, Myrtle Grove, 5155 S. College Road, Wilmington
- Brunswick County Library, 109 W Moore Street, Southport

The DEIS and maps are also available for review on the project website at [www.ncdot.gov/projects/cape-fear-crossing](http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/cape-fear-crossing).

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, will be issuing a public notice describing the ongoing process in choosing the LEDPA (Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative) for the subject project, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. That public notice will be available at this website: [www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PermitProgram.aspx](http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PermitProgram.aspx).

For additional information, please contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT Public Involvement, Community Studies & Visualization Group Leader, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1598. You may also contact the project team through our toll-free hotline at 1-800-233-6315, or via email at [capefear@ncdot.gov](mailto:capefear@ncdot.gov). In addition, comments may be submitted electronically using the project's website or NCDOT's online engagement portal: [www.publicinput.com/CapeFear-Crossing](http://www.publicinput.com/CapeFear-Crossing). Comments may be submitted through May 16, 2019.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Interpretive services will be provided at each meeting.

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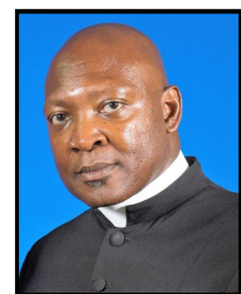
April 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

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Reverend James A. Brown  
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Minister Michelle Winstead  
Women's Day Speaker  
Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.



## Former homeless, but not hopeless veteran giving back through literacy and community based theater

CNN Press Release- Boston author/playwright Haywood Fennell, Sr. was interviewed at the Blackstone Community Center in Boston's South End during auditions for an upcoming Black History Month production by CNN. (The profile was aired nationally). He spent his early years in Wilmington, NC and attended Williston Senior High School. He is no stranger to Boston with his BNN TV cable program "Speaking About" and his work in community based theater, literacy enhancement and advocating for veterans rights as well as prison reform.

According to Roger F. Harris, Ph.D., a veteran of the Vietnam War and former Headmaster/Chief Executive Officer of Boston Renaissance Charter School, Haywood Fennell is a Vietnam Era Veteran (Non-combat) genuinely engages to improve conditions for under-represented social groups; particularly people of color, urban youth, military veterans, and those who have experienced incarceration. He constantly thinks, and acts, in various ways to improve conditions for others. Haywood has become a role model for many.

The CNN interview came as Haywood prepared to participate in the Civic Ventures, a think tank and program incubator helping society achieve the greatest return on experience, has designated Boston resident Haywood Fennell, Sr. as one of its 2007 Purpose Prize Fellows. The Purpose Prize is a three-year, \$9 million program investing in Americans over age sixty who are leading a new age of innovation to solve critical social problems in the second half of life.

The Purpose Prize program was held on the campus of Stanford University at the School for Social Innovations. The program seeks to illuminate the critical work of individual innovators, and combine these individual efforts into a wave of social entrepre-

neurship that could transform America.

For the last ten years or more, Haywood has successfully expanded this literacy enhancement project in after school programs, church programs, and a few public schools with The Coota Alternative Literacy Enhancement Pilot Project. Written evaluations of the books - by both students and educators - verify student connection to the books and literacy appreciation. Both books were evaluated by Generations, Inc. a reading program that works with the Boston Public Schools by providing literacy services to their students and other learning institutions. The books were evaluated as suitable for Middle Schools. However, students in grades above Middle Schools have read and relate to these books. Sometime ago, he received Boston Herald Literacy Hero Award in 2005

In addition to his literary efforts, Haywood has written, directed, and produced several interdisciplinary theater productions since 1997 when the The Oscar Micheaux Family Theater Program Company was formed as a community based theater teaching and performing program. The Company has received lots of community support and some critical acclaim from performing The Harlem Renaissance Revisited With a Gospel Flavor; Let's Sing, Let's Dance, and From Gospel to Hip-Hop and All in Between, Featuring Dance A Lot, a Lot of Dance, The Miss Marian Anderson and Friends Project, Can't Go Home, Voices of the Harlem Renaissance, The Easy E Project as well as having written a new book not yet published "Oba and the People of Gi." Using musical theater as the vehicle, Haywood educates about African-American history and American culture that includes the African American experiences as well



HAYWOOD FENNEL, SR.

as theater operations at all levels of production. By using the principle of collaboration Haywood has created a theater immersion program for his cast while educating audiences about key historical contributions of African-Americans to American History as they triumphed over adversity through the decades.

Among his many awards and citations, Haywood Fennell, Sr. is a recipient of the prestigious Boston Neighborhood Fellows Award and a man who is giving back through devoting his energy, time, spirit, and life to worthwhile causes in his community. As an ex-offender he realizes the importance of intervention and the value of young people and their role in the future. Haywood goes into the jails and prisons speaking about changed thinking. He focuses his efforts on teaching children the impact of literacy, Black history, and cultural competence. Haywood has been a champion within and outside the greater Boston area and an inspiration to countless people whose lives he has touched.

Check out the "Coota Books" on Facebook and the Oscar Micheaux Family Theater Program Company on Youtube.



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## Census 2020: For all to count, all must be counted

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NNPA NEWSWIRE  
CORRESPONDENT

While every Census faces challenges and even controversies, the count remains important because it's the federal government's very first responsibility to the U.S. Constitution, the cornerstone of the nation's representative democracy and America's largest peacetime activity, said Terri Ann Lowenthal, a consultant to many census stakeholders and former staff director for the U.S. House Subcommittee on Census and Population.

However, Lowenthal believes the 2020 Census is heading into "a perfect storm."

"I think of unprecedented factors that could thwart a successful enumeration — one that counts all communities equally well," said Lowenthal, who consults on The Census Project, a collaboration of business and industry associations; civil rights advocates; state and local governments; social service agencies; researchers and scientific societies; planners; foundations; and nonprofits focused on housing, child and family welfare, education, transportation, and other vital services.

"The risks include cyber-threats foreign and domestic, IT failures, weather events that have become more extreme, disinformation campaigns, and the unknown consequences of adding a new, untested citizenship question," she said.

The official kick-off to the 2020 Census begins Monday, April 1 in Washington where the U.S. Census Bureau will host a live operational press briefing to mark the one-year out milestone from the 2020 Census.

Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham and others in leadership plan to brief the public on the status

of operations and provide updates on the success of the integrated partnership and communication campaign.

Lowenthal said the unknown consequences of adding a new, untested citizenship question are among the growing challenges facing the 2020 Census.

She noted other challenges including consistent underfunding and President Trump's budget request for next year, which is well below the amount needed; distrust of government at many levels; and fear among immigrants that their census responses will be used to harm them and their families.

"An inclusive, accurate census is especially important for Black Americans and other people of color," Lowenthal said.

"The census determines the distribution of political power, from Congress, to state legislatures, to city councils and school boards, and guides the allocation of almost \$9 trillion over the decade in federal assistance to states and communities for hospitals, public transit, school facilities, veterans services, Medicaid, school lunches, and many other vital services," she said.

Unfortunately, advocates say the census is not an equal opportunity enumeration.

Scientific yardsticks since 1940 reveal that the census misses Black Americans at disproportionately high rates, especially Black men ages 18 to 49 and Black children under age five.

"At the same time, the census over-counted non-Hispanic Whites in 2000 and 2010. And because the people who are more likely to be missed do not live in the same neighborhoods as those more likely to be double-counted, some communities get more than their fair share of political representation and resources, while others get less than they

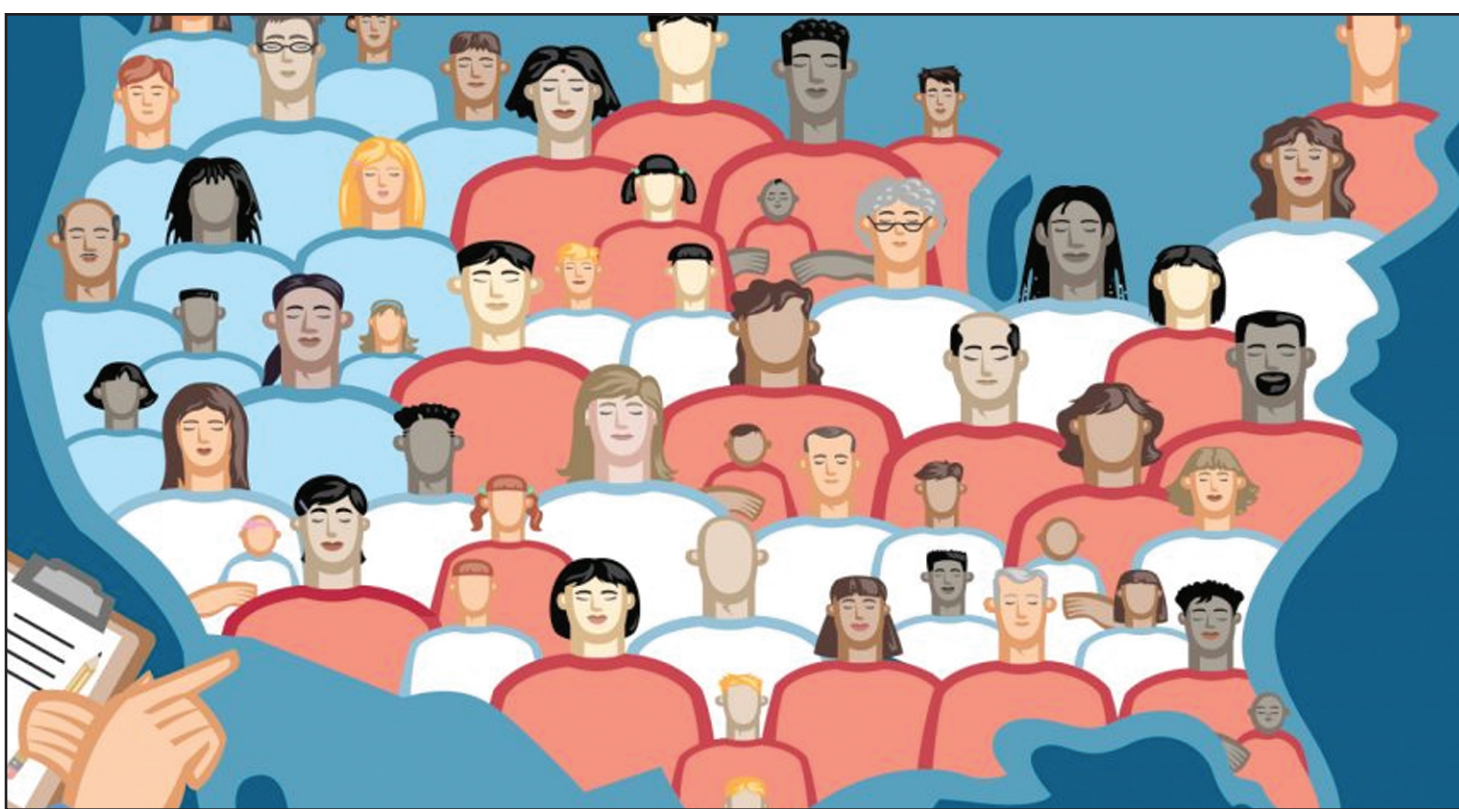


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**Census data are inherently personal; the data record and codify individual stories, and help to paint a mosaic of rich racial, ethnic, cultural, and geographic identities.**

deserve and need," Lowenthal said, adding that we then must live with those results for the next ten years.

The Census is a civil rights issue with huge implications for everyone, particularly people of color, added Beth Lynk, the director of the Census Counts Campaign at The Leadership Conference Education Fund.

"Census data are used to draw congressional district lines and help determine the amount of federal funding communities receive for programs like Head Start and SNAP," Lynk said.

"Communities that are missing from the census lose out on what they need to stay safe and healthy. Unfortunately, Black people and Latinos are considered to be harder to count, and accurately counting these populations takes a focused effort," she said.

Lynk added: "That's why it's critical

that local governments and community organizations educate their own constituents and members and encourage them to be counted."

Census data are inherently personal; the data record and codify individual stories, and help to paint a mosaic of rich racial, ethnic, cultural, and geographic identities, said Jason Jurjevich, Assistant Director of the Population Research Center, a research institute in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University in Oregon.

"Telling the story of diverse communities, including individuals of color, requires a fair and accurate count," Jurjevich said.

"As with any census, an all too common obstacle is that some individuals are excluded, resulting in an undercount. In the 2010 Census, considered one of the most accurate censuses in recent

American history, 1.5 percent of Hispanics and 2.1 percent of African-Americans were undercounted," he said.

Jurjevich added that among African-American men, ages 30 to 49, the undercount was much higher, at 10.1 percent.

The decennial census is the one chance, every ten years, to stand up and be counted, Jurjevich added.

Also, he noted that Census 2020 will offer the first-ever online response option, which could improve census response rates and, at the same time, numerous challenges and barriers will likely make it more difficult to count Americans in the 2020 Census.

"This means that communities will need to organize and address on-the-ground challenges like the proposed citizenship question, increasing public distrust in government, growing fears among immigrants about the current sociopolitical

climate, the first-ever online response option and concerns around the digital divide and security of personal data, and inconsistent and insufficient federal funding," Jurjevich said.

Each community should first consider developing a Complete Count Committee — or CCC, he said.

"A CCC is a volunteer committee established by tribal, state, and local governments and community leaders to increase awareness of Census 2020 and increase census participation," Jurjevich said.

The first step for CCCs is to develop a Complete Count Plan.

The plan should identify local barriers to a fair and accurate count, identifies potential sources of funding, build on the strength of trusted community voices, and develop culturally resonant messaging, Jurjevich said.

"For all to count, all must be counted," he said.

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**Jimmy Smith**

Jimmy Smith funeral services were held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church.

Jimmy was born August 21, 1964 in Wilmington, NC to the late Otto Charles and Jimmy Dean Smith. He went to be with the Lord on March 19, 2019. He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. Jimmy was a dedicated, loving and compassionate father, uncle, brother and friend with a smile on his face and always going above and beyond for his family. Jimmy graduated from New Hanover High School and excelled in football and basketball. He was a very strong leader who valued all his friendships, never meeting a stranger. He was a member of St. Phillip AME Church for many years.

He leaves to cherish his memory: one son, Camren Kyshaund Smith; two step-daughters, Tasha Hooper and Visha David; siblings, Debra Smith Johnson, Kenny Smith (Barbara), Michael Smith (Cherry), Stevie Smith (Martha), Karen Lewis (Melvin), Daryl Smith; sisters-in-law, Deb Smith, Deborah Smith and Cathy Peterson; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including two special friends, Jean Pateron and Terry Hooper. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Rachel Barnhardt**

Rachel Barnhardt funeral services were held on Friday, March 29, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Rachel Hargrove Barnhardt, daughter of the late Augustus and Rebecca Hargrove was born on December 17, 1923 in Wilmington, North Carolina. She departed this earthly life on March 25, 2019, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, North Carolina. Rachel received her education in the New Hanover County Public School System. She was a quiet and loving person. If, you ever asked her how she was doing, she would say, "I'm okay". She never complained. Rachel joined Union Missionary Baptist Church early in life. She was a faithful member and attended every Sunday until her health began to decline. Rachel loved and enjoyed singing gospel songs.

She loved her family and will be deeply missed by all. In addition to her parents, Rachel was preceded in death by five children, Gwendolyn, Brenda, Dorothy, Jacqueline and Dolly and four brothers and four sisters. She leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters, Carol Barnhardt, Angela Turner, Cynthia Barnhardt, and Delores Jackson; one son, Eddie Bland; seventeen grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and many special friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Jimmie Willis, Sr.**

Jimmie Willis, Sr., funeral services were held Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Jimmie was born March 20, 1941 to the late Clarence and Helen Willis in Wilmington, NC. Jimmie went to meet the Lord and Savior on March 27, 2019 at his residence. He attended high school at Williston High in Wilmington, NC. Jimmie met and married Mary Ann Murray and to this union five

children. He was preceded in death by son, Jermaine Willis; brother, Adolph Dudley and sister, Marguerite Kirby. Jimmie joined Mount Nebo Missionary Baptist Church where he sang on the Male Chorus and served as a deacon until he became ordained on April 18, 1999 to preach God's Word. Jimmie worked at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Cape Fear Campus for 54 years. He had been a familiar face at the hospital throughout his career. His smile, greeted staff, doctors, patients and their families for years. His knowledge of Cape Fear Hospital's history was extensive, and he was greatly missed when he retired in June 2018.

Jimmie leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Mary Ann Willis of the home; daughters, Mary V. Willis, Beverly Marshall (Calvin) and Wanda Willis all of Wilmington, NC; son, Jimmy Willis, Jr. (Stephanie) of Wilmington, NC; grandchildren, Tatyana Willis, Rashima Willis and Jimmy Willis, III all of Wilmington, NC; great-grandchild, Calvin Marshall, III; godchildren, Keshawn Newton, Tyaisha & Qynasha Canty; uncle, Jessie Rollinson; sisters-in-law, Hattie (James) Richardson, Barbara Evans, and Janice (James) Murphy all of Wilmington, NC; brother-in-law, Elijah Murray, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, including a long-time friend, Dr. Glen Winthrop. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Barbara Ann Hansley**

Barbara Ann Hansley died March 28, 2019. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Soul Saving Station. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Lewis Elliot Mears**

Lewis Elliot Mears died March 29, 2019. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Barbara Ann McKoy**

Barbara Ann McKoy died March 31, 2019. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the St. Thomas Cemetery, Leland, NC. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 PM on Friday evening at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Kathy Green**

Kathy Green died March 31, 2019. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Pollock Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Rosa Boyd Grady**

Rosa Boyd Grady, age 69, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2019.

A celebration of Ms. Grady's life was conducted on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Rosa B. Grady's life began on June 19, 1949 in New Hanover County. She was born to the late

Reverend Francis Rumbau Hampton. She graduated from Williston Senior High School, Class of 1966. She attended Cape Fear Community College where she became a Certified Nurse's Assistant. After working in the medical field, she later became an employee at DuPont Corporation, passing the entrance test on the first attempt, and was a dedicated employee for 34 years, until she retired in 2001. She accepted Christ at an early age at Goodwill Holiness Mission on 9th and Dawson Street, where her mother was the pastor. She was often told that she had a voice of an "angel" and would share it as often as she could. The family even had a singing group called the Goodwill Holiness Singers where she sang 1st soprano.

To those who know her; she was a mom, grandma, auntie, a smile, a kind word, a hug, an encourager, and whatever you may have needed!

She was preceded in death by her Mother, Francis Hampton and her brother, Willie T. Hampton "Boy Baby".

She leaves to cherish her memory: brother, Herbert W. Rumbau (Zuila "Zee"); sister, Henrietta D. Pollock; special sister, Patricia Malone; daughters, Katrina S. Newton (Terence), Shawnette T. Baity, and Novella A. Jones; special daughters, Lutricia Thames and Karen Thompson; godchild, Brandy Pertelle; grandchildren: Terence Newton, II, Kaleb Newton, Kayellan DeRosa Newton, and Lyric Franrosa Guion; niece, Dominique A. Rhames; nephew, Willie F. Rhames; grandnephews: Emmanuel Walker, Angelo Grady, and Amir Rosé Grady; 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.*

**Eliza Jane Dukes**

Ms. Eliza Jane Dukes, age 95, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

A celebration of Ms. Dukes' life was conducted Friday, March 29, 2019 at Mt. Olive AME Church, Wilmington, NC. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Eliza Jane Ward Dukes was called home to be with the Lord early in the morning on March 19, 2019 at Azalea Nursing Care, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Eliza Jane was born on July 7, 1923 to the late David and Frances Ward in Wilmington, North Carolina, where she was also educated.

At an early age she moved to Baltimore, Maryland and married her husband George Dukes, who preceded her in death. Although they had no children together, she was a mentor and mother to many. She loved her family and often advised them.

She loved to read, sing, crochet, and take long walks. She often said, "No grass will grow under my feet."

In Baltimore she was a faithful member of Sharon Baptist Church and often reminisced about the fellowship there. Upon her husband's retirement they relocated to Wilmington and joined Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church where she was a faithful Sunday School member and sang on the Senior Choir until her health began to fail. She never hesitated to tell you how she loved the Lord and she might have even sung a song for you.

Eliza Jane leaves to cherish her

memories: niece and caregiver, Marion Rivers of Wilmington, NC; brother, Leo Ward (Alice) of Baltimore, MD; niece she reared, Earnestine Briggs of Wilmington, NC; two grandsons, Deshon Briggs (Johanna) of Wilmington, NC and Kevin Burley, Jr. of Baltimore, MD; six great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends, Bobby and Doreatha Williams of Wilmington, NC. *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*

**Marguerite Lois Owens**

Ms. Marguerite L. Owens, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, March 22, 2019.

A celebration of Ms. Owens' life was conducted Saturday, March 30,

2019 at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Marguerite Lois MacRae Owens entered the world August 5, 1927 as the sixth child of Laura Jane King and John Frederick MacRae, I.

She was raised in a loving home with the seven of her siblings who had survived infancy.

The public schools of Wilmington educated her beyond what life itself, her parents and

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church (CSPC) taught her. She graduated from Williston Industrial High School in 1944. Later, she studied nursing at what was then Fayetteville State Teachers College, gaining a skill that proved valuable when, years after her marriage to Willie "Pal"

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Sadly missed by Your son, Alexander Murphy; daughters, Deloris M. Devane, and Celeste R. Murphy, grandchildren and great grandchildren

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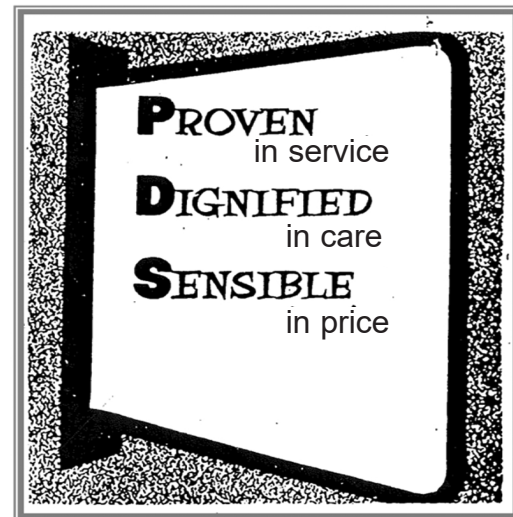
The family of the late Rachel Barnhardt acknowledges with heartfelt appreciation, the comforting messages, floral tributes and other expressions of kindness given during this time of bereavement. We extend a very special thank you to the many person who gave their love, support and tender loving care to Rachel.

Also a very special thank you to Union Missionary Baptist Church. To all, your thoughtfulness will continue to be a source of comfort to us and a warm reminder of God's gracious provision and care. May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you.

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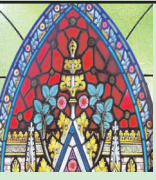
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## New Hanover County

**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

**Price Cathedral AME Zion Church**, 1201 Orange Street, Wilmington, NC will have revival on April 8th (Apostle Tanty A. Freeman - Community Prayer House - Bolton, NC) April 9th (Rev. Carol Robbins - St. James AME Zion

Church - Leland, NC) April 10th (Rev. Dr. Clifford Barnett, Sr. - Warner Temple AME Zion Church - Wilmington, NC) at 7:00 pm. Rev. Maria Lacewell, Pastor and congregation invite you to a time of renewal and revival.

**The AME Zion Wilmington District** city churches will celebrate Holy Week Services April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew AME Zion Church, Rev. Maria Lacewell, Pastor of Price Cathedral AME Zion Church will be the preacher. April 19th 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke AME Zion in The Seven Last Words of Jesus preached by Reverends: Jermaine Armour, Clifford Barnett, Sr., Karen McCracken, Elijah Coleman, Dorian Daniels, Gwendolyn Burns and Deidre Parker. April 21st 6:00 a.m., Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church.

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## OBITUARIES

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Owens, Jr., she took over full-time care of her mother. She and "Pal" raised three daughters, Portia Marye, Brenda Gail and Rhonda Alitra.

Marguerite was an avid volunteer at New Hanover Regional Medical Center and at CSCP. She served her church as deacon and member of the Senior Choir and with the Presbyterian Women's Organization. CSCP honored her as its Woman of the Year in 2002.

She worked as a Recreation Director at Hillcrest, Creekwood, Vista Village and Taylor Homes Recreational Centers for the Wilmington Housing Authority.

Socially, she gained many friends over the years, some of whom knew her as an intense Pokeno player. In the past few years as her health began to fail, she had to absorb the loss of both her husband, Willie Anthony Owens, Jr. and oldest child, Portia Owens Tillman.

Marguerite transitioned to her heavenly home on March 22, 2019, leaving behind: daughters: Brenda Owens Dent of St. Petersburg, FL and Rhonda Owens Allen of St. Petersburg, FL; six grandchildren, Marguerite Johnson of Atlanta, GA, Dennis Tillman of Atlanta, GA, Candice Tillman of Atlanta, GA, Dana Tillman of Atlanta, GA, Radiah Dent Palmer of St. Petersburg, FL, and James Dent of Augusta, GA; seven great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; one brother, George M. MacRae, Sr.; many nieces, nephews, and friends also mourn her. *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.*

## Janie Louise James

Janie Louise James, age 65, of Greensboro (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Thursday, March 28, 2019. A celebration of Ms. James' life will be conducted Friday, April 5, 2019 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at Masonboro Sound, Wilmington, NC. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Janie Louise Green James, daughter of the late George and Pink Linton Green, departed this life on March 28, 2019. Janie was preceded in death by her parents, George & Pink Green, husband, the late Willie L. James, five brothers and three sisters.

Janie was born October 1, 1953 in Sumter, South Carolina. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter, South Carolina. Janie graduated with high honors from Sumter High School in 1971. She moved to New Jersey and was employed with Sea-Land Specialties in Elizabeth, New Jersey for more than 17 years before moving to Wilmington, North Carolina.

While employed at Sea Land, Janie obtained a Certificate of Secretarial Science from Nancy Taylor Business, in Plainfield, New Jersey and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration from Rutgers University of New Jersey.

She smiled upon relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina. Janie became a member of the

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Women's Day Committee program. Janie was also employed at Wilmington International Airport in Wilmington, North Carolina for more than 17 years before retiring on December 31, 2006. Janie enjoyed reading, crafting, cooking, baking, and traveling when she could. She even went to Hawaii, and Seattle, Washington and toured Alaska in October of last year. She used her many skills while volunteering for organizations, including the Hoggard Band Boosters Club and SEDA Guild and loved planning and hosting for holidays with her family.

Janie was joined in holy matrimony to the late Willie Lee James on June 19, 1982 in Rahway, New Jersey. Two children were born Felicia and Priscilla James, one step son Christopher James.

Janie leaves to cherish her life two daughters, Felicia James of Greensboro, NC and Priscilla James of Raleigh, NC, a step-son Christopher James of Massachusetts, and four sisters Naomi Berkins of Sumter, S.C.; Georgia Smith of Newark, N.J.; Ruby Harris (Marshall) of Newport News, VA, and Julia Tindal (Michael) of Sumter, S. C. and one aunt Berneatha Wilson of Sumter, S. C. Also, one brother-in-law Mack James (Shirley) of Connecticut, five sister-in-laws Elizabeth Wilson (Ray) of Sumter, S.C., Louise (C.J.) of Columbia, S.C., Ida Ragin (Roger) of Sumter, S.C., Mary Davis (Bobby) of Sumter, S.C. and Connie Pearson (Marion) of Sumter, S.C. and a host of nieces and nephews. *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.*

## Verniece E. Stanley

Verniece E. Stanley, age 89, of Bolivia, passed away Monday, April 1, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home - Bolivia, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

A celebration of Mrs. Stanley's life will be conducted Sunday, April 7, 2019 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2586 Old Ocean Hwy, Bolivia, NC 28422. Interment will follow in Evans Family 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.*

## Elmer Howell, Jr.

Elmer Howell, Jr., age 79, of Leland, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC. A celebration of Mr. Howell's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2019 at St. James AMEZ Church, 27 Old Town Creek Rd NE, Leland, NC 28451. Interment will follow in the church 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.*

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Walgreens representatives visit Senior Citizen Fellowship

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The Lord blessed us with liquid sunshine again but it didn't stop us from meeting and greeting. Our meeting was called to order by our president, Mrs. Gladys Taylor. Mr. George Hill opened with, "O how I love Jesus." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. Thank you God for hearing our prayer. Next we sang, "No not one." Minister McQuillan said, "It is

good to be in the number one more time."

Our speakers for the day were Walgreens store manager, Mrs. Alisa Gladness, and pharmacist, Mr. Dustin Byrd. They brought us important information on health and wellness. We were asked about Walgreens services they provide to the community. Dustin spoke on vaccines, shingle shots, vitamins and the flu shot. When getting the flu shot, make sure it is the one for 65 and older. If you have a headache or feel you

need sugar testing they can do it. Many questions were asked and we were given answers. We were also given do's and don'ts for taking medications, that affect the organs. Mrs. Gladness encouraged us to ask store managers questions about services they offer. We had a very informative meeting. The representatives from Walgreens were thanked and applauded.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Callers were read and the winner was Mrs.

Gladys Taylor. Everyone was given a hand. Mrs. Annie Haskin gave the sick report. We were asked to keep everyone in prayer. Minister Pollock is doing well after her surgery. Announcements were read. Mrs. Julia Bibbs had a reading for us and it was enjoyed. Minister McQuillan sang, "I love you." Our meeting was enjoyed by all. Our circle was formed and we sang, "Bind us together." Prayer was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. There were 40 in attendance.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "The Body of Christ"

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another." Romans 12:5

Everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ! Every member is necessary and every part is needful. Everyone has value and authenticity in the Body of Christ, because we were all chosen by Christ to be saved.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John



Sylvia Hooper

15:16

The church is the Body of Christ, and we as members are connected to one another. In fact, we need each other in order to survive! We are all important to Christ; whether we sit on the pew or stand in

the pulpit. Our positions are powerful and productive whether we be a door keeper or a floor sweeper. We should love and care for one another in order to keep the unity of the faith.

In John 17:11, Jesus prayed for oneness in the Body of Christ. He prayed for unity in the church, "that they may be one, as we are." Jesus continued to pray in John 17:20-21. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

I Corinthians 12:12-22 states, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made

to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.

If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member; where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body.

And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be feeble, are necessary."

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." I Cor. 12:27. In order to keep and maintain the unity of the faith and carry

out the will of God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, we must remember that everybody is somebody in the Body of Christ! Tell Somebody!

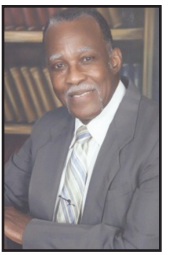
Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors 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, is to make mockery sin - Part 3

Proverbs 14:9, (KJV) 9 "Fools make a mockery at sin: but among the righteous there is favour."

Mockery is defined as someone who jeers or mocks or treats something with contempt or calls out in derision. Syn. Contempt, disdain, scorn, belittlement, deprecation, disparagement, insult, put-down. Gal. 6:7, (AMPC)7 "Do not be deceived and deluded and misled; God will not allow Himself to be sneered at (scorned, disdained, or mocked [a] mere pretensions or professions, or by His precepts being set aside.) [He inevitably deludes himself who attempts to delude God.] For whatever a man sows, that and [b]that only is what he will reap."



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

I want you to get a mental picture in your mind of a fool as described in the Bible. It is a person without respect for morals, but rather respect for intellectual deficiencies. The fool is not one lacking in mental abilities but one who misuses them; not one who does not reason, but reasons wrongly in the face of overwhelming evidence that's contrary to their thinking. They are persons who cast off the fear of God and lives and acts in disregard to the eternal principles of the Word of God. They continue to live without the fear of God or as

though there is no God. They live and enjoy all the benefits that God puts in place in the earth to sustain our lives and yet with this knowledge, they live in defiance of Him.

"Someone said that a fool is a moral term denoting the lack of virtue. The fool as described by the Word of God is a person who has fallen away little by little, degree by degree, until they become a degraded person; a vile person, morally degenerate. Any person who says in their heart, there is no God, or who lives as though there is no God is a vile person and in their heart is moral rottenness; is a fool", (Proverbs 23:7a "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he").

Let's look at biblical examples of persons who died like a fool dieth, in defiance of the only true and living God, with the full knowledge of a His existence. Romans 15:4 (KJV)4 "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope". 1 Corin. 10:11, (ERV)11 "The things that happened to those people are examples. They were written to be warnings for us. We live in that time that all those past histories were pointing to. The mass killing of the unborn is the philosophy of a fool. Homosexuality and lesbianism is the philosophy of a fool and a host of other ungodly practices: all have been prophesied through the gospel of Jesus the Christ.

The Bible, the eternal Word of God, first is unique: the only one of its kind and cannot be compared. It is his-

tory written in advance (you got to get this). The very first Words spoken in the Bible are, "In the beginning God". It does not try to prove God; it declares and proclaims the truth of God. Biblical examples of those who died like a fool dieth are written proofs. We begin in 2Peter 2:4-7 (KJV)4 "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked" The geological evidence or the finger print of this is clearly seen in history.

A Scripture of last week, 2Sam. 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: as a man fallen before wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept again over him". This man Abner had a known arch-enemy, who was seeking revenge and was caught unprepared to defend himself and lost his life. God gives us a warning in His Word of a devil who is our arch enemy: 1Pet. 5:8-9, KJV 8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:9

Whom resist steadfast in the faith." Jesus said, John 10:10a, (KJV) "The thief (devil) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy": In 2Kings 9, the dogs ate the body of Jezebel because she died like fool dieth. Ahab, her husband, also rejected God and lived as though there was no God; as a result, died like a fool dieth. In Genesis 19, the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, died like fools dieth, who reject God and live a life below the animal kingdom. In Luke's gospel 12:19-20 Jesus tells the story of man who worked all of his life enjoying the pleasures of this world but never made reservations for eternity or made Jesus Lord of His life. (KJV)19 "And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast many goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry: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". (Notice God called him a fool: a fool is one who dies without making Jesus Lord of his life), Mark 8:36, "What profits a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul" and Rom.1:22, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

Let's pray this prayer, O Lord be merciful unto me a sinner, I accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in my life in Jesus name. Amen.

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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Malcolm Campbell Moore**, 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 March, 2019

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

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

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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 March, 2019

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

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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 March, 2019

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

March 7,14, 21, 28, 2019

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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

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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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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

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix 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

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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

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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 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

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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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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 March, 2019

Madeline N. Houston, Administratrix  
2113 Gibson Avenue  
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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  
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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 Hayward, Executrix of the Estate of Lillian Bellamy Boney  
3309 Old Saybrook Court  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

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 Cassidy**, 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  
701 Market Street  
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March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2019

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April 4, 11, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Richard S. Kapsa**, 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 **5th day of July, 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 4th day of April, 2019.

Laura L. Kapsa, Executrix of the Estate of Richard S. Kapsa  
9101 70th Loop  
Ocala, FL 34481  
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16 North Fifth Avenue  
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April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against **James T. Gray**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, who died on January 22, 2019, are hereby notified to present their claims to William T. Gray, Personal Representative in care of the undersigned attorney at his address, on or before July 2, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the deceased, please make immediate payment.

This 4th day of April, 2019

William T. Gray, Personal Representative  
John J. Peck, Attorney at Law  
428 Eastwood Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

**NOTICE**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Beatrice M. Schlageter**, 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 **5th day of July, 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 4th day of April, 2019.

Barbara L. Parks, Executrix of the Estate of Beatrice M. Schlageter  
4833 Blue Clay Rd  
Castle Hayne, NC 28429  
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April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

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**NOTICE TO DEBTORS  
AND CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT  
DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
19-E-409**

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **THOMAS LANIER WALLACE**, late, of Wilmington, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, with a copy to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **5th day of July, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of April, 2019.

Thomas Lanier Wallace, II,  
Executor  
Estate of Thomas Lanier Wallace  
Jeffrey P. Keeter  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed, L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019

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


Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **June W. McDonald (19-E-415)**, 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 **July 3, 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 2nd day of April, 2019

Gail M. Halada  
of the Estate of June W. McDonald  
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