

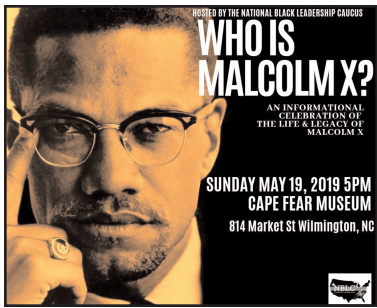
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Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts.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

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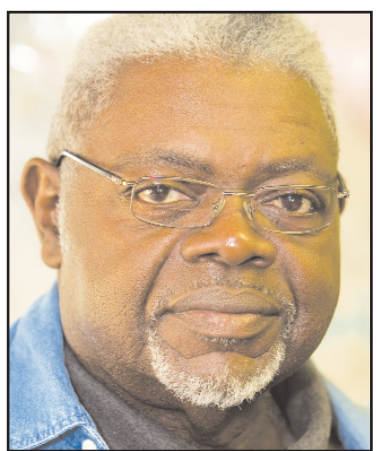
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BERNEST HEWETT

MOTHERS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, we celebrated Mother's Day and the service that they have given, and are still giving to their families and to the world. My mother became a widow at the age of fifty. She raised four children, three of them being teens and the other a youngster. She never gave up on us and pushed us hard to get an education. She gave her all to make sure her family survived, and, even though she passed at the age of ninety-five, she was always asking if the children were all right.

There was a church mother who had a great impact on my life. It was Mr. William Ganus' wife. She was part of my church

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NC NAACP, SUPPORTERS HOPEFUL DONTAE SHARPE WILL SEE JUSTICE

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The NC NAACP supporters and family are hopeful that an evidentiary hearing scheduled for Friday at the Pitt County Courthouse will ultimately lead to freeing Dontae Sharpe from prison after over 24 years, where he has been serving a life sentence for a murder he's always maintained he did not commit.

Friday will be the first evidentiary hearing in the Sharpe case in at least ten years, and, based on new evidence, supporters say, they feel it can finally be proven that

Sharpe had nothing to do with the February 1994 slaying of George Radcliffe, a White man who was fatally shot in Greenville.

After two months, Sharpe, then 18, was arrested by police because a so-called "witness," a 13-year-old drug addict named Charlene Johnson, said Radcliffe owed money for a drug deal.

Johnson initially refused to even appear at Sharpe's trial, forcing police to get her. She later admitted that she was given \$500,



SARAH BLAKELY (MOTHER), DONTAE SHARPE, SHARON SHARPE (AUNT)

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AMANDA BOOMERSHINE



SEAN PALMER

UNCW community engagement awards announced

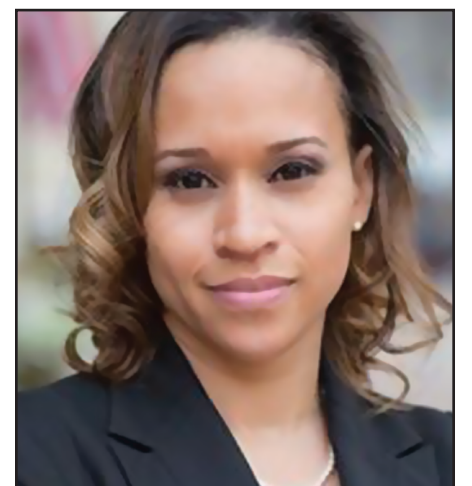
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The UNCW Office of Community Engagement recognized two UNCW employees and two community partners on May 1 for their commitment to working with the university to serve the greater Wilmington area. The recipients of the 2018-19 Community Engagement Awards are: Distinguished Scholarly Engagement and Public Service Award: Amanda Boomershine, associate professor of Spanish. The award was originally announced in fall 2018.

UNCW Staff Award for Excellence in Community Engagement: Sean Palmer, director of the

Upperman African American Cultural Center • Community Partner Award for Excellence in University Engagement: Coastal Horizons and New Hanover County Schools Boomershine and Palmer were recognized for their significant contributions to UNCW's culture of community engagement - Boomershine for her work with the Cape Fear region's Latino community, and Palmer for the Gullah Geechee project, which highlights/highlighted the region's strong ties to the Gullah culture. School of Social Work lecturer Loraine Dugan nominated Coastal Horizons for its commitment to help-

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Black judge admits to allegations State Supreme Court upholds

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In a unanimous decision authored by the State Supreme Court's newest African-American female associate justice, Anita Earls, a Cumberland County District Court judge, also a Black female, has been reprimanded for "...conduct in violation of [the North Carolina Code of Judicial Conduct, and for conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute ..."

The ruling from North Carolina's High Court was handed down May

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Wake sheriff fires K-9 deputy who pled guilty in assault on Black man

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Wake County's African-American sheriff, Sheriff Gerald Butler, wasted no time Monday firing K-9 officer Cameron Broadwell after the deputy pleaded guilty at his trial in April 2018 law enforcement assault against Kyron Hinton, an unarmed Black man, who was both beaten by Broadwell and two state troopers

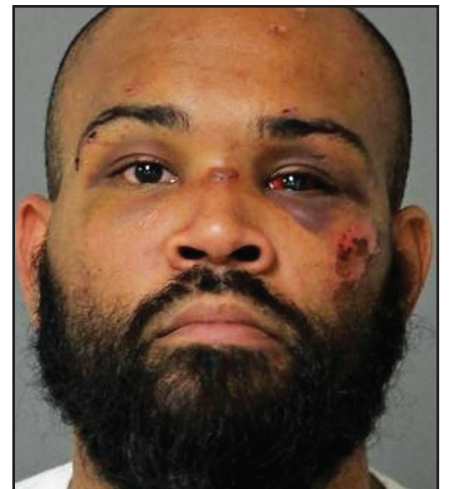
and then mauled by Broadwell's K-9 dog.

Unlike the two troopers, who were fired almost immediately after the April 2018 Raleigh incident, Broadwell, a ten-year veteran of the Wake County Sheriff's Dept., was placed on administrative leave until his termination Monday.

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CAMERON BROADWELL



KYRON HINTON

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Nation's racial wealth gap worsens with federal tax cuts: Black families have a dime for every dollar held by Whites

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - If you're like me, every time you hear a news reporter or anchor talk about how great the nation's economy is, you wonder what world they are living in. Certainly these journalists are not referring to the ongoing struggle to make ends meet that so much of Black America faces. For every daily report of Wall Street trading, or rising corporate profits, you're reminded that somebody else is doing just fine financially.

To put it another way, 'Will I ever get past my payday being an exchange day...when I can finally have the chance to keep a portion of what I earn in my own name and see how much it can grow?'

When new research speaks to those who are forgotten on most nightly news shows, I feel obliged to share that news - especially when conclusions find systemic faults suppress our collective ability to strengthen assets enough to make that key transition from paying bills to building wealth.

Ten Solutions to Close the Racial Wealth Divide is jointly authored by the Institute for Policy Studies, Ohio State University's Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, and the National Community Reinvestment Coalition. This insightful and scholarly work opens with updates on the nation's nagging and widening racial wealth divide. It then characterizes solutions offered as one of three approaches: programs, power, and process.

According to the authors, programs refer to new government programs that could have a major impact on improving the financial prospects of low-wealth families. Power refers to changes to the federal tax code that could bring a much-needed balance to the tax burden now borne by middle and low-income workers. Process refers to changes to the government operates in regard to race and wealth.

"For far too long we have tolerated the injustice of a violent, extractive and racially exploitive history that generated a wealth divide where the typical black family has only a dime for every dollar held by a typical white family," said

Darrick Hamilton, report co-author and executive director of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University.

From 1983-2016, the median Black family saw their wealth drop by more than half after adjusting for inflation, compared to a 33 percent increase for the median White households. Keep in mind that these years include the Great Recession that stole nearly \$1 trillion of wealth from Black and Latinx families, largely via unnecessary foreclosures and lost property values for those who managed to hold on to their homes.

Fast forward to 2018, and the report shares the fact that the median white family had 41 times more wealth than the median Black family, and 22 times more wealth than the median Latinx family. Instead of the \$147,000 that median white families owned last year, Black households had \$3,600.

When Congress passed tax cut legislation in December 2017, an already skewed racial

wealth profile became worse.

"White households in the top one percent of earners received \$143 a day from the tax cuts while middle-class households (earning between \$40,000 and \$110,000) received just \$2.75 a day," states the report. "While the media coverage of the tax package and the public statements of the bill's backers did not explicitly state that it would directly contribute to increasing the racial wealth divide, this was the impact, intended or otherwise."

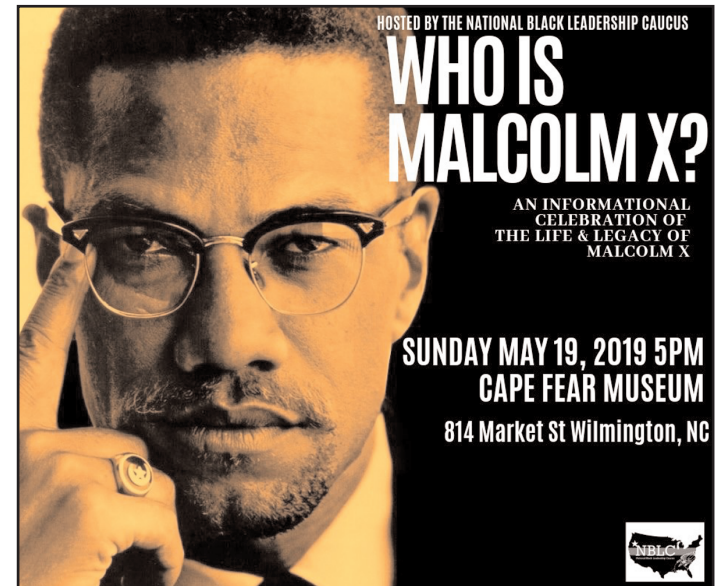
With the majority of today's Black households renting instead of owning their homes, escalating rental prices diminish if not remove the ability for many consumers of color to save for a home down payment. As reported by CBS News, earlier this year, the national average monthly cost of fair market rent in 2018 was \$1,405. Recent research by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition on housing affordability found that more than 8 million

Americans spend half or more of their incomes on housing, including over 30 percent of Blacks, and 28 percent of Hispanics

Homeownership, according to the Center for Responsible Lending, remains a solid building block to gain family wealth. But with an increasing number of households paying

more than a third of their income for rent, the ability to save for a home down payment is seriously weakened. CRL's proposed remedy in March 27 testimony to the Senate Banking Committee is to

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family for twenty-seven years. She was the pastor's wife, and, to the members of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, she was, and, still is, one of the caring mothers. Ms. Ganus, your service will live forever. There are more mothers out there, and they are set on making life better for their families and others. Some of these mothers have children, and some never did, but they

helped raise, teach, care for, and educate children all over their communities.

Mothers, keep up the good work! God's got a blessing for you! People, keep your mothers lifted up, whether they are living or have passed away. Whether they were rich or poor, they kept you, and what is more, they loved you and still do!

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

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REPUBLICAN DAN BISHOP WINS 9TH DISTRICT GOP PRIMARY

[BLADENSBORO] In the election do-over being

watched by the entire nation, State Sen. Dan Bishop came out on top of a 10 candidate field to easily win the GOP 9th Congressional District primary Tuesday with 48% of the vote. Bishop will now face Democrat Dan McCready on Sept. 10th for the 9th District seat in Congress. The state Board of Elections determined earlier this year that the Nov. 2018 9th District election, won

then by Republican Mark Harris, was tainted because of the illegal mishandling of absentee ballots. As a result, Harris was never certified as the winner, and a new race was ordered by the SBOE.

RALEIGH POLICE DEPT. CHANGES BODYCAM POLICY AFTER FATAL SHOOTING

[RALEIGH] It wasn't until after the recent fatal shooting of a knife-wielding per-

petrator, where the officer involved failed to activate his bodycam, did citizens find out that there was no requirement for officers to do so. But as of this week, in a two-page memo, Raleigh Police Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown indicated bodycams will be turned on at the beginning of each police shift, but placed in standby mode until activated by a button pressed by an officer. A week ago, angry activists

disrupted a Raleigh City Council meeting demanding changes to the policy.

ELECTIONS BOARD DIRECTOR KIM STRACH REPLACED BY SBOE

[RALEIGH] The Democratic majority on the State Board of Elections made a personnel change at the top Monday, firing Elections Board Director Kim Strach, and replacing her with Karen Brinson Bell. Strach, whose husband is

Republican attorney Phil Strach, known best for representing the GOP legislative leadership, was appointed in 2013 by then Republican Gov. Pat McCrory. By most accounts, she had done a good job leading the state Elections Board administration, especially during the recent investigations into the 9th Congressional District absentee ballot controversy. Starch's last day is May 31st.

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not only to appear, but allegedly gave false testimony against Sharpe.

In a sworn affidavit recently, Ms. Johnson said, "My lies have kept Dontae in prison, but they have also been a very heavy burden for me. I feel stuck in Greenville until I fix what I

did and Dontae is free.

Another drug addicted "witness" claimed she saw the shooting during a scuffle between Radcliffe and another man but could not identify who the shooter was.

Add to this reports of other suspects who were never pursued, supporters say, and alibi witnesses placing Sharpe elsewhere never interviewed by Greenville

police.

In June 2018, attorneys for Sharpe filed a motion for appropriate relief with Pitt County Superior Court, containing new testimony from an East Carolina University forensic pathologist who stated that after reviewing crime scene photographs, "...it would be medically and scientifically impossible "for Radcliffe to have been murdered in the

manner that the witness against Sharpe originally testified to.

There was no forensic evidence ever linking Sharpe to the murder.

The NCNAACP, along with Dontae Sharpe's mother, Sarah Blakely, has been lobbying statewide for Sharpe's conviction to be overturned for over three years. There are national petitions to Governor Roy

Cooper and State Attorney General Josh Stein by the advocacy group "Color of Change," urging both Democratic officials to free Sharpe in the face of mounting evidence that he did not kill George Radcliffe.

And Pitt County now has a new district attorney, Attorney Faris Dixon, who seems more willing to consider the new evidence than

his predecessor.

Sharpe's mother, Sarah Blakely, is hopeful that Friday will be the step needed to bring her son home finally after 24 years.

"My family and I are thankful that this is happening," she told a press conference last week in Greenville. "I'm trusting that the DA, the judge and all others will do the right thing,"

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ing UNCW prepare its social

work students for careers. Watson College of Education professor Donyell Roseboro nominated New Hanover County Schools,

which has numerous partnerships with UNCW, including Isaac Bear Early College; D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy; arts,

education and science fairs; and collaborations through WCE's Professional Development System, among others. In addition to presenting the

awards, the event also recognized faculty and community partners who participated in various projects this year, as well as students and

nonprofits that will work together as part of the State Employees' Credit Union Public Fellows Internship Program.

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10, 2019, against District Court Judge April M. Smith and is based on a recommendation from the State Judicial Standards Commission (JSC).

Smith was elected to the Judicial District 12 Division, one of ten judges there, in November 2014, when she was 35. She has served there ever since.

Ironically, Cumberland County District Court is also where now state Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley, an African-American female, served for ten years prior to being elected to the NC Court of Appeals and then selected to serve on the NC Supreme

Court in 2012 by then Gov. Beverly Perdue.

According to the 16-page decision, [Judge Smith] "...has not challenged the findings of fact made by the [JSC] or opposed the Commission's recommendation that she be publicly reprimanded by this Court," the State Supreme Court decision further states.

It was February of 2018 when a Statement of Charges was filed with the JSC against Judge Smith, alleging that she demonstrated "...a lack of respect for the judicial office and for the Chief judge and court staff...", "among other allegations.

In a stipulation between Judge Smith and the JSC Counsel, based on Smith's April 2018 answers to the

February charges, it was established that Smith admitted to becoming "...frustrated with the [Chief District Court Judge] based on scheduling and communication differences" by the end of 2015.

The Chief District Court Judge of the 12th District is responsible for setting the case schedules for all ten of the judges assigned there.

Judge Smith began experiencing "serious health issues by the beginning of 2016, according to the JSC Stipulation, requiring her to attend "frequent medical appointments." It was later determined that Judge Smith was suffering from two "chronic autoimmune diseases, requiring her to take "multiple leaves of absence" per doctor's orders,

and they were granted.

However, Judge Smith soon came to believe that the chief judge "...was subjecting her to unfair treatment in court assignments." She believed that she was eventually being given more work, and more cases to cover, resulting in longer hours.

She complained about her assignments and indicated that she felt she was being treated unfairly to other judges, court staff and attorneys. Smith even alleged that racial prejudice had a role in her treatment. However, records eventually showed that Judge Smith did not have a greater workload than other district judges in her division.

Further investigation determined that Smith rushed through cases in her

courtroom "...to avoid working the full afternoon or the next day." Smith maintained that her cases got full and fair hearings, but attorneys before her felt rushed.

What may have really hurt Judge Smith, as stated in the JSC Stipulation, was "...when she would announce she was adjourning court early for personal appointments, such as for hair and nail salon visits or to spend time with her child."

"[Judge Smith]...recognizes that her conduct and statements in the courtroom between 2015 and 2017 were perceived by some attorneys and court staff as indicating a desire to avoid her judicial duties to accommodate her own scheduling preferences and personal circum-

stances," the JSC Stipulation concluded.

According to the State Supreme Court ruling, Judge Smith has "expressed regret" over her conduct, which is considered a mitigating factor in the decision to publicly reprimand her. She has agreed to seek assistance "to improve her professional reputation and repair her relationship with the Chief Judge."

At least one Black female attorney, aware of the charges against Judge April Smith, said on Facebook that she knows her and has appeared before her. The Black attorney suggests that there is more to the story and that other judges in the Cumberland County District Court have done far worse than she has.

K-9 DEPUTY

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In a plea agreement, Broadwell pled guilty to one count of willful failure to discharge his duties. He had been facing felony assault charges, which were dismissed in the deal.

Six hours after Broadwell tearfully admitted his guilt, Wake Sheriff Gerald Baker terminated the former K-9 officer, promising changes to how his K-9 unit will operate.

Police dogs will only be used to apprehend violent offenders, Wake Sheriff's officials say.

Broadwell was sentenced to 45 days incarceration, suspended, and ordered to perma-

nently give up his law enforcement certification, meaning that he can never be an officer in North Carolina again.

The trial, prosecuted by Wake District Attorney Lorrin Freeman, was not headed in Broadwell's favor, especially after police dashcam video, in addition to bodycam video, showed various angles of his assault on Hinton.

The young Black man had just left a sweepstakes parlor and was walking in the middle of the street on Raleigh Blvd. on the night of April 3, 2018, when police responded to a report of a man waving a gun in the street. Hinton had no weapon, but was acting

strangely. Raleigh police surrounded him. It wasn't long before two state troopers also came on the scene and confronted Hinton. Deputy Broadwell also appeared with his dog, and, under the impression that Hinton had a gun, confronted Hinton, ordering him to get on the ground.

According to police court testimony, Raleigh officers had already determined that Hinton did not have a gun and were trying to decide how to secure him safely to get him to a psychiatric hospital when Broadwell arrived, and without consultation, immediately began ordering Hinton to the

ground, and when Hinton didn't comply, Broadwell had his dog attack him.

While Hinton was on the ground, defending himself from the dog, he was attacked by Broadwell and the two state troopers.

Broadwell's defense was that he was responding to a report of a man with a gun and got involved to protect his fellow officers and the public.

The defense had several people there, including former Wake Sheriff Donny Harrison, to testify that Broadwell was an officer of the finest character, and he was acting out of concern. The jury never got to hear

that testimony.

Meanwhile, as in this trial, Kyron Hinton will not be present to testify when the two former troopers go on trial. The troubled young man died one day after receiving an \$83,000 settle-

ment after filing suit for the severe beating that he received. Authorities say his death was drug related.

Hinton's mother and family were not satisfied with the plea deal, wanting Broadwell to serve time in prison.

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strengthen affordable housing in both homeownership and rentals. To increase greater access to mortgages, CRL further advocates low-down payment loans.

"The nation's housing finance system must ensure access to safe and affordable mortgage loans for all credit-worthy borrowers, including

low-to-moderate income families and communities of color," noted Nikitra Bailey, a CRL EVP. "The lower down payment programs available through FHA and VA, provide an entry into homeownership and wealth-building for many average Americans."

"Government-backed loans cannot be the only sources of credit for low-wealth families; they deserve access to cheaper conventional mortgages," added Bailey. "Year

after year, the annual Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data reveals how consumers of color, including upper-income Black and Latinx households are disproportionately dependent on mortgages that come with higher costs. Our nation's fair lending and housing finance laws require that the private mortgage market provide access for low-wealth families. We need additional resources for rental housing to address the

affordability crisis that many working families face."

There's really no point in continuing to do the same thing while expecting a different result. When the status quo just isn't working, change must be given a chance.

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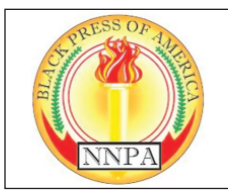
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Energy, media professionals offer STEM advice to Indy youth at national conference

(Via NNPA Newswire.com)

BY DEMI VAUGHN
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA NEWSWIRE

The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE), a national organization with a 50-year history of educating young people on the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, recently left an indelible mark on the Indianapolis youth, during their 42nd annual conference.

Held at the Marriott Downtown, more than 600 energy leaders attended the four-day conference, which opened powerful discussions on the field's emerging policies, career options, entrepreneurial involvement, and social responsibility.

Among the event's key activities — the AABE Youth Forum — featuring 25 aspiring engineers from Pike High school, proved most exciting.

In addition to meeting energy professionals, the students received advice on creating and maintaining a successful career in STEM. Several companies, including Southern California Edison, American Petroleum Institute (API), British Petroleum (BP), and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), entertained questions and offered advice to attendees.

Tyrone Mitchell, a Diversity and Inclusion Manager at BP, said that internships prove very important once students enter college.

"Please be focused on getting internships. Getting that experience cannot only benefit you in the workplace, but you will also know what industry you like and don't like," Mitchell said. "I was able to get an internship with BP, and I chose to come on to BP because of the experience they gave me. So, it made the transition easier for me."

David Ford, a mechanical engineer at Southern California Edison agreed with Mitchell's assessment of internships, but also admonished students to gain focus as a means of successfully navigating college.

"There's a lot of things you're going to deal with in college. Focus on the most important things you need to do every day," said Ford. "During your first year in college it's really important that you get a discipline down, because if you don't you can easily blow it."

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At the end of the session, students received a surprise visit from Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., a civil rights leader, and President and CEO of NNPA.

"There are tremendous career opportunities in the energy sector for African Americans," Chavis said. "The future is going to be determined by how well humanity utilizes science to solve our problems, and I encourage young people in the Black community to get involved with STEM programs at a young age. One thing I intend to do with NNPA is to raise more public awareness about the opportunities in the energy sector for Black Americans."

Chavis, who has a background in chemistry, said that he thinks the educational system doesn't prepare millennials of any race for the world of the future.

"The world of the future is going to be much more of a global economy. It's going to be more science- and data-based, and more coding. Some schools don't even teach these things, while other schools do. There are inequities in the educational system, and some are racial inequities. At the NNPA, I'm trying to challenge some of these racial inequities when it comes to education and career opportunities."

Chavis was the editor of his high school newspaper and said that his science background has improved his skills as both a reader and writer.

"Developing an appetite at a young age to read, write, and to be a journalist is so important. I encourage young writers and journalists to use their pens to promote social change, and ensure our communities are treated fairly."

Paula Glover, CEO of AABE, said that opportunities abound in the energy industry for students of all majors.

"If you look across college majors, you may have students who are history majors who work in public policy. Two of our executives were music majors, and they went on to law school; they work in our industry in either environmental policy, environmental law, or health and safety."

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Chavis, who has a background in chemistry, said that he thinks the educational system doesn't prepare millennials of any race for the world of the future.

Visual Voice



YOUR VOICE

TRUMP V. Maxine Waters, Richard Neal, Jerry Nadler, Adam Schiff and Elijah Cummings

The U.S. House of Representatives committee hearings and impeachment of TRUMP will be televised. As a teacher I finally see a

positive lesson from TRUMP, teaching us 52 words to add to our vocabulary. Sesame Street teaches our children a letter and number every day. TRUMP'S actions and tweets teach us a new word every week. Some of them are: allocation, bribery, commingling money, disbarment, emolu-

ment clause, fraud, graft, hacking, indictment, jeering, kitting, lien, malfeasance, nepotism, olegard, profiteering, quid pro quo, racism, stifling contractors, tort, unfair dismissal, vexatious litigant, wrongful(insider) trading, xenophobia, yellow knight and zelotypia. Yes,

these words will be on the test(smile). The wicked "shall" cease from troubling after justice is done by the Democratic controlled U. S. House we elected. Are you registered?

James J. Hankins
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MATTERS OF OPINION

Equal Rights Amendment

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

We get so consumed with stuff about the train wreck in the White House that we forget or miss important things going on in the nation and the world. Well, something good and historic happened in the U.S. Congress a few days ago. Chairman Jerry Nadler held a hearing on the Equal Rights Amendment! That should be so ordinary that it shouldn't even make the news. Yet, it had been 36 years since such a hearing had taken place.

This wasn't even a vote to make the ERA law, but women were actually excited that a hearing was held. It was only a hearing-- not the passage of a bill to make it law. Yet, the hearing was historic. I had the honor of being one of several speakers for the press conference that followed the hearing. Women actually celebrated the fact that the issue got a hearing! As much as we talk about equality in this country, and

as much as some of our leaders go around the world preaching to leaders in other nations about human rights, women in this nation still don't have equal rights in the Constitution!

It's unbelievable that women still do not have equal rights under our constitution, but women aren't giving up. It's time for women to stop asking to be a part of the constitution. We must demand our rights. Women must demand of the current Congress to make us a part of the constitution or elect people who are willing to do so. Supporter can be men or women, but we must not continue to accept second class citizenship.

Women brought millions of other women to the Women's March on Washington in January of 2017. We must

bring millions more in 2020. We need more of our sisters to heed the words of Abigail Adams when she wrote her husband a letter that said: "I long to hear that you have declared an independency and, by the way, in the new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation." That was well said Abigail! Where is that spirit among more women today? We've asked too gently. Most often we hear the gentler form of Abigail speaking to her husband to "Remember the ladies," but she said more and sounds like she had a lot in common with Michelle Obama who was very influential in her

husband's life. The ERA did pass in the 1970's, but didn't get enough state votes to ratify the amendment when an arbitrary deadline was placed on passage. If 94 percent of the people support equality for women in the constitution, what is it that prevents passage?

I fear that too many women don't understand that we cannot successfully bring a case that is gender based in federal court. The ERA would give us that right. The ERA gives us the real possibility of succeeding in federal court with cases of hate crimes against us evident in so much derogatory and misogynist rap music. In the case of Black women, we'd have a shot at winning on both race and gender. We have as much to gain with ERA as anyone else. Let's get more involved in its passage soon!

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Dr. E. Faye Williams

TO BE EQUAL

Amid an increased push for voting rights - Protection from foreign interference

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"This is not Russia. This is the United States of America. And I will fight until the death to make sure every citizen—whether they're Green Party, whether they're Freedom Party, whether they're Democrat, whether they're Republican, whoever — has that right to vote. Because it is the essence of our democracy. For so many people, their rights are pulled away from them, then they've got to put in laws to get them back. What does that mean? They cannot progress rapidly. They cannot progress with the rest of society. All they're trying to do is control their own destiny." — U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, Chair, House Oversight Committee.

The National Urban League's 2019 State of Black America® report, "Getting 2 Equal, United Not Divided," an unprecedented examination of the state of the Black Vote, was unveiled this week amidst a new push in Congress to protect voting rights and secure democracy.

Just a day after we unveiled the report at the National Press Club in Washington,

D.C., House Oversight Committee Chairman Elijah Cummings announced he wants to "make sure we spend significant effort and time, perhaps even looking at even

more states and seeing what they're doing and shining a light on what they may be doing illegally or improperly to stop or hinder people from voting and having those votes counted."

Specifically, the Committee is planning to examine voter suppression in North Carolina, Georgia, Texas, and Kansas.

In partnership with the Brennan Center for Justice and the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the State of Black America revealed how the "Terrible Trio" of voter suppression — state legislatures, the Supreme Court, and hostile foreign actors — worked together to disrupt American democracy.

Beginning in 2010 — following the first year of the first African-American President's

term — state legislatures began passing restrictive laws intended to hinder Black voters. The Supreme Court opened the floodgates for voter suppression in 2013 when it gutted the Voting Rights Act with its decision in Shelby v. Holder.

It was into this suppression-happy environment that hostile foreign actors — specifically the troll farm of Russia's Internet Research Agency — unleashed a firestorm of manipulative, misleading and deceptive social media aimed at dissuading African Americans from voting.

Our report has landed at a crucial moment when some members of Congress are ramping up pressure to address foreign meddling and racially-motivated voter suppression.

The same day we unveiled the report, a bipartisan group of Senators introduced a proposal to bar foreign citizens who have interfered in the U.S. elections from entering the United States.

Last week, Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey unveiled a bill that would fund states' implementation of paper ballots that could be audited and to enact new cybersecurity standards to

protect against hacking — a recommendation that is included in State of Black America®.

Other recommendations include H.R. 1, the For the People Act which includes a wide range of voting reforms like enhanced cybersecurity protection of election systems, removing barriers to voter registration and prohibiting the distribution of false information about elections to hinder or discourage voting.

We endorse H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which restores the full enforcement protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

We also make some bold suggestions like the elimination of the Electoral College.

Nothing is more important in the fight for economic and racial justice than protecting the right to vote. Make sure your congressional representatives know that combating voter suppression and foreign manipulation of our elections is a top priority. You can tell Congress to pass the Voting Rights Advancement Act by texting "VRA4" to the number 52886.

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Marc Morial

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

House Democrats want us to do their job

\$174,000.00 - That's what every member of the House of Representatives receives in salary each year. Every member, that is, except Nancy Pelosi, who as the Speaker of the House, gets to take home \$223,500.00.



Oscar H. Blayton

Those are not bad wages, even if these legislators work five days a week with only two weeks off annually for vacation. But Congress has averaged only 138 legislative days a year since 2001. If you do the math, you will see that comes to less than three days a week.

Undoubtedly, many members of the House of Representatives can articulate why they need so few

days in session. Their stated reasoning might include the rigors of carrying out their constitutionally mandated functions.

But therein lies the rub. The House of Representatives is refusing to carry out one of its more important constitutionally mandated functions.

When the Founders of this nation wrote the Constitution, they did not want the country to be forced to blindly trust and follow the person holding the office of the President. And for this reason, they divided the power of the government into three distinct branches and gave each branch equal status.

In order to prevent the President from becoming a tyrant, the House and Senate were given the responsibility and authority to perform oversight of the Executive Branch.

In order to properly carry

out their job, Congress must provide oversight of the president.

We now have a sick and twisted man-baby fouling the oval office. Donald Trump does not respect the rule of law or the institutions of our federal government. He is determined to bend all aspects of our national structure to his will and he has found pliant minions who have been willing to ignore, and even break, the law in service to their overlord. Neither Congress nor the nation has ever seen anything like this before. The purulent character of Trump has infected most agencies of the executive branch of our government and released bigots, misogynists, xenophobes and every other manner of villain as antigens into the body of our democratic society.

While Trump burns down the house that America has built, Republican lawmakers

have become his collaborators. And too many Democratic members of the House of Representatives, covered by the thought of angering the Republican base, simply quail in the face of this onslaught against our liberties.

Two centuries ago, Congress was given a tool with which to rein in or remove an abusive president because the Founders knew it was possible a day like today might arrive.

The House of Representatives has the power of impeachment. In fact, it has the "sole" power of impeachment. The Senate cannot impeach. It can only try a federal officer who has been impeached by the House of Representatives. The process has been clearly laid out in Sections 2 and 3 of Article I of the Constitution.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

How do we, the American people, handle the phenomenon of Donald Trump?

It has been said that the reason he is president is not because of who voted for him but because of those who did not vote.

I remember hearing people on "the Left" say they would not vote because their candidate, Bernie Sanders, had not gotten the Democratic nomination, and I heard others say that they would vote for Sanders or not at all because they just did not like Hillary Clinton. One of my friends shared his painful reality that his brother was in prison because of the Clinton era "three strikes and you're out" provision in his Crime Law of 1994. And there were clips of Hillary Clinton having called black youth "super predators." These kids, she said, had "no conscience, no empathy ..." (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0uCrA7ePno>) Black people did not forget, nor should we have.

But this upcoming election seems different. Every person should vote in this country, for it is the bedrock of our democracy. Other nations have modeled their democracies after ours, striving for "one man, one vote." Given that the right to vote is the central feature of a democracy, and for African-Americans, given the fact that people demonstrated and died so that black people could vote, it seems to be a travesty of our very history that some black people choose not to vote. The effort to suppress and deny black people the right to vote is only increasing, because "the other side" sees the power of the black vote that it always feared. They are working through their state legislatures to make laws that amount to modern-day poll taxes or worse. We have worked too hard to not go to the polls.

But we cannot just go to the polls. We have to vote a new president in - but most importantly, we need to vote the current president out if we are disturbed, bothered, and frightened by what is going on. This president is a walking example of "powers and principalities in high places." His racism, his sexism, Xenophobia and disregard for the oath he took to preserve and protect the Constitution should alarm everyone. We are never quite sure from one day to the next what he will do on impulse, who he will insult, including important allies, what decision he will make that will cause masses of Americans to suffer. His words are his weapon. He is a media guru and knows how to manipulate the media, which he has done very well. He is so absolutely narcissistic that some have called into question his mental state.

His mental state, however, is not the issue; protecting our country and its citizens is. He is running roughshod over the House, he is ignoring the Constitutional dictate that in this country there are separation of powers, he is using the US Justice Department and the attorney general as his own tool with which to protect himself from his own shortcomings. He is stoking the hatred and fear of his base; he has raised concern that, should he lose the 2020 election, he will prompt his followers to become violent. (<https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/leonard-pitts-jr/article226988519.html>).

If Trump wins the 2020 election, it is probably safe to say that it will be because people do not vote. Their non-voting is part of the living out of the adage that "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing." (https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/edmund_burke_377528) "We the people" of this country do not have the option of not voting. This president is aligning himself - and thus the country - with the world's dictators and despots, including Vladimir Putin and Kim Jung Un. He is breaking away from our allies and seems at the time of this writing to be readying the country for war with Iran. (<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2019/05/trump-is-getting-dangerously-close-to-war-with-iran/>)

The GOP is allowing this to happen; their sick loyalty to this president is helping him to sell the country down the river. They either do not care for the Constitution they swore to protect or they haven't read how dictatorships have happened in other countries, or they do not care. Driven by their determination to overturn Roe v Wade, and their disapproval of issues of sexuality, they are hell-bent on getting judges in the courts who will reverse the decisions that they have hated for so long. They believe that God sent Trump into the presidency; Michele Bachmann said that Mr. Trump is "the most godly president this nation has ever had." (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2019/04/17/michele-bachmann-trump-most-godly-biblical-president/3495256002/>)

That should scare people who are thinking about not voting. This election will be a trek into the lion's den of justice. Hopefully we will take a determination that we will not let the gains made for so many people over the past 50 years to be negated or further eroded by this man who is a bane to the cause of "justice for all." While all elections are critical, this one is even more so. Dictators get into office because people elect them. The hope is that Americans will grab hold of the principles about which we say are so important and vote this man out of office. Even if we are successful, he will make a stir and claim that the election was rigged. Hopefully, there are think tanks and strategy sessions happening even now so that we can preserve this country, flaws and all.

If we do not vote, we will have nobody to blame for what happens to us and this country which Mr. Trump says he loves. His country and that of the masses are not one in the same, and our staying away from polls will drive that reality home.

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Once the president has been impeached by the House of Representatives for high crimes and misdemeanors, he or she is then tried on those charges by the Senate; and if convicted, he or she shall be removed from office. The House of Representatives does the impeachment and then the Senate conducts the trial.

The impeachment process allows the House of Representatives to investigate the wrongdoings of Donald Trump - wrongdoings that are clearly laid out in the report of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. And if substantiated, those wrongdoings can then be presented to the Senate where their deliberations can be observed by the American public.

But rather than carry out their sworn duty, the Democratic leadership in the House of Representatives, citing the difficulties in carrying out impeachment proceedings, would rather call

on the American electorate to vote Trump out of office in 2020. This strategy is designed to maximize Democratic seats in Congress while relieving the Democratic majority in the House of the obligation of doing its difficult job.

Fear of losing elections because you did your job is putting party before country.

This calculated political expediency - and shirking from impeachment - is one reason why the current Democratic leadership in the House cannot stay in place much longer. Attempts at dressing this self-serving cowardice in a suit of tactical shrewdness will not dupe right thinking Americans. Nancy Pelosi has argued that impeachment proceedings will solidify Trump's base. Clearly, she is making a political calculation and not a moral decision grounded in the Constitution and her oath of office.

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RAINBOW COALITION

65 years after Brown v. Board of Education, we risk going backward

This week marks the 65th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, the unanimous Supreme Court decision that outlawed apartheid in America, declaring segregated schools "inherently unequal" and unconstitutional.

Today, the common sense of the Brown decision is under attack. For nearly three decades, our schools have been re-segregating, reversing the progress made under Brown, reflecting the deep racial and economic segregation of our communities. Worse, several of Donald Trump's nominees to the federal courts refuse even to endorse Brown as unassailable law.

As the United States grows more diverse, we run the risk of becoming more separate and more unequal.

The decision in Brown was and is compelling. Racially segregated schools were and are inherently separate and unequal. They also were and are unequal in resources. In affluent, largely white suburbs, public schools are new and modern, with advanced facilities and courses and good teachers. In low-income,

minority neighborhoods, schools tend to be old and dilapidated, with less experienced teachers, fewer resources and fewer advanced courses.

Research shows that integration works. Segregation injures the chances for achievement, college success, long-term employment and income of students of color. Integration raises those chances with no detriment to white students. Indeed, the experience of going to a diverse school better prepares students of all races for the world they will enter.

With neighborhoods largely segregated - a legacy of racially restrictive laws and covenants, of bank and real estate red lining and more - integration of public schools inevitably required busing. Busing, of course, is routine across America, a service to parents. But opponents of integration used "forced busing" to rouse fears and hatred. The question was never about busing, it was about where the bus delivered the students.

When the federal courts, packed by judges appointed by Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, retreated from desegregation orders, the schools began to re-segregate. Now, as Rep. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA), chair of the House Committee on Education and Labor concludes: "After four decades without federal support for

desegregation, we are right back where we started," with schools that are increasingly separate and unequal.

A recent report, "Harming our Common Future, America's Segregated Schools 65 Years After Brown," by the UCLA Civil Rights Project and the Pennsylvania State University Center for Education and Civil Rights, detailed the bleak reality. As the Washington Post's Valerie Strauss summarizes, "Over the past three decades, black students have been increasingly segregated in intensely segregated schools (defined as 90 to 100 percent nonwhite)." By 2016, 40 percent of all black students were in segregated schools.

The worst states? The "blue" states of New York, California, Illinois and Maryland, with New York the most segregated for blacks and California the most segregated for Latinos.

This isn't just an urban problem: our suburbs are increasingly divided by race, with African-American suburban students attending schools that are three-fourths nonwhite, and white students in the same suburbs going to schools that are, on average, two-thirds white. Charter schools - increasingly a profit-making venture rather than an educational one - are even more segregated than traditional public schools.

Schools are segregated

because our neighborhoods are segregated. Without residential integration and without metropolitan-wide integration policies, segregation will intensify, even as the country grows more diverse. Yet requirements that communities pursue residential integration remain unenforced and programs to subsidize scattered affordable housing are weak at best.

Now 65 years later, we face a stark choice: the promise of Brown or a country torn apart by racial tensions. Sadly, as Sherrilyn Ifill, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, reports, Donald Trump's nominees to the federal bench increasingly refuse to endorse Brown v. Board as unassailable law. The Republican Senate is about to confirm three of these judges to lifetime appointments. Like the Voting Rights Act, gutted by five right-wing justices in the Shelby case, Brown v. Board of Education itself may be at risk.

Sixty-five years later, with our country more diverse than ever, we must once again decide if we will be one nation, with liberty and justice for all. That cannot be left to right-wing judges or timorous politicians. It is time once more for citizens of conscience to call this nation back to its better angels.

Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

To commemorate Brown vs. Board of Education, support our teachers

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Sixty-five years ago, the Supreme Court ruled, in the Brown v. Board of Education case, that the Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) doctrine of "separate but equal" was unconstitutional. That ruling ended legal segregation in public facilities, but it did not necessarily accomplish its goals in terms of school desegregation. Indeed, Richard Rothstein, the historian who is a

Distinguished Fellow at the Economic Policy Institute and at the University of

California, Berkeley School of Law, wrote that in 2014, Black students are "more racially and socioeconomically isolated" than at any time since 1970, when this data was first available.

After Brown passed, there were some integration gains, through bussing and magnet schools, but the South resisted Brown because a second case ordered desegregation "with all deliberate speed," which was a euphemism for taking your sweet time. I attended a segregated school in Moss Point, Mississippi in 1969, fifteen years after the passage of Brown v. Board of Education. In 2016, Cleveland, Mississippi finally closed its segregated

Black high school and renamed Cleveland High School, the white school, Cleveland Central High School. Now, the district is in court because a young Black woman was denied the salutatorian honors she earned so that a young white man, with a lower GPA, could have the honor. Yes, the Brown v. Board of Education case made history, but it was an imperfect tool to tackle racial inequities in the public school system, mainly because these inequities are anchored in residential patterns and funding sources. When schools are funded with property taxes, those who live in wealthier districts will simply have better education, perpetuating inequalities.

It has been trendy to blame teachers for unequal education outcomes, even as these teachers' responsibilities expand with increased regulation, test-taking, and unrealistic requirements around engagement with parents and others. A school district in South Carolina, for example, requires that teachers respond to parent emails within 24 hours. The burden of one teacher's 10-12 hour days became so onerous that she quit her teaching job in the middle of the school year. Many questioned her commitment to children, but she fought fiercely to maintain her sanity and some semblance of a quality of life.

Teaching is not supposed to be trench warfare. It is supposed to be joyful for both stu-

dents and teachers. There is nothing more gratifying than to watch children gleefully grasp a concept, read a page, solve a math problem, or give a speech. But that sense of gratification is diminished when bureaucracy chips the joy away, or when a teacher has to take on outside work to pay her bills. Teachers have made national headlines as they seek supplemental income, driving Uber or Lyft, moonlighting as food servers, taking on side jobs as tutors, and living two or three in an apartment meant for one to save money. Those who teach really have to want to do it - they earn about a quarter less than their counterparts who have the same education, according to the Economic Policy Institute. We have been underpaying teachers for at least the last two decades!

So the nonsense we celebrated during the week of May 6, Teacher's Appreciation Week is a charade. If you want to appreciate teachers, pay them! Don't offer folks two for one burritos at Chipotle or other food fringes when what teachers need is fair pay. Don't give teachers apples and faux appreciation when the teachers who graciously accept your apples and recognition are hustling outside the classroom to make ends meet. Teachers are striking all over the country, even in places like West Virginia where we would least expect it because they are desperate to be valued. Paying them less than they are worth is disre-

spectful. Offering half price burritos and other nonsense is hypocrisy at its highest!

Sixty-five years ago, the Supreme Court tackled the issue of segregation in our nation's school systems. The Brown v. Board of Education decision changed the law, but not the structure of racial gaps in education. And it did not foresee the many ways that those who deliver the educational product, our nation's teachers, have been disrespected and disadvantaged by the structural indifference to classrooms that serve poor and Black students.

Sixty-five years after the Brown v. Board of Education decision, the achievement gap is persistent. Our nation's wealth gap is a function of that achievement gap, and the treatment of our nation's teachers is connected to the wealth and achievement gap. When we commemorate Brown v. Board of Education, we must embrace the importance of adequately compensating teachers. In embracing our teachers, we support the children they are teaching and guiding. In ignoring issues of fair teacher compensation, we are utterly abandoning our children!

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux

New Hanover County

Cape Fear Community College will hold an information session for its Veterinary Medical Technology program. Individuals interested in learning more about the program, its admissions requirements, job forecast, etc. should attend. The session will be held Saturday, May 18 at 12:00 p.m. at the CFCC North Campus in the NV building. Registration will begin 30 minutes preceding each session in the lobby. For more information about the veterinary medical technology program, visit <https://cfcc.edu/publicservice/veterinarytech/>

Narconon New Life Retreat would like to remind families to stay educated on the signs and dangers of drug abuse. Methamphetamines and opioids are on the rise in both rural and city areas. Learn the signs and protect your loved ones from drug abuse and addiction. The amount of deaths caused by Methamphetamines has almost tripled since 2014. To learn more, visit: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/the-other-drug-epidemic.html>. Narconon provides free drug education materials covering a wide range of topics. Please call today for your free drug education materials at: 1 (800) 431-1754.

Community Briefs

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. The New Hanover NAACP branch proudly turns 100 years old in May and information on their Centennial Celebration May 31st, 7:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Convention Center, 515 Nutt Street, will be provided. Other important state and community issues will also be on the agenda. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

Pender County

Pender County Training School/South Pender High will hold "A Community Fun in the Sun Day" on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. at the Museum Center Alumni Building, 1814 Shaw Hwy, Rocky Point, NC.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

RENT TO OWN.... the pros, the cons

After running across a few families lately telling of horrors from entering into a lease to own contract, I wanted to share with you again why these agreements may not be a good idea.

Rent to own aka lease/purchase, in my 28 yr. career, I've been asked my opinion of this many times. I do have a very strong opinion of whether it's a good idea or not but let me table that for now. Instead, let me give you some information to better help you evaluate for yourself whether it's a good idea or not.

The main reason most tenant/buyers consider this option of purchasing vs. traditional is generally for the same reasons. The top (3) are current credit history, not enough job history/verifiable income, or too much existing open credit causing debt/ratio to be off the charts. All of these reasons are valid and could hinder pre-approval to purchase now.

So now let's talk about what most encounter when entering into a lease purchase. In most cases, the seller/landlord will require a sizable down payment at the time you enter into the agreement. They will most likely charge you more month-

ly than a regular rental amount and agree to apply a portion of that payment towards your purchase. The purchase price is negotiated at the beginning so if you're doing agreement in peak market and the market declines, it could cause some problems. The agreement will require exercising your right to purchase "end date." Most agreements will have a clause that says "IF YOU FAIL" to exercise your right to purchase by that said "end date" that all monies paid upfront and set-asides towards purchase will be forever forfeited and LOSS to Tenant/Buyer. Also, most agreements will say that the tenant/buyer is responsible for all repairs and maintenance of the home. With so much at stake, it is very important for the tenant/buyer to KNOW that they can turn things around within an allotted time frame in order to get a mortgage. Entering into an agreement before knowing this could cause a HUGE financial hardship.

Now, let's flip side this and talk about some possible benefits for the tenant/buyer. If you have evaluated your current situation and feel confident in meeting the purchase deadline, some benefits may exist like: You're already in a home that you love and know everything about it. You've negotiated sales price at the beginning and if the market continues on the UPSWING, the home likely

will gain equity and the rewards of that go to the buyer. Buyer/tenant increases their down payment towards purchase each month which could result in the lower mortgage amount. So as you can see there are several things that could be a plus or minus on the rent to own scorecard. However, there are always the unknowns, unforeseen, unexpected turns of events that could also happen. What if a loss of job/ income happens? What if the seller doesn't keep hazard insurance on the home and an incident occurs that would have been covered? What if the seller took your monthly rent and did not pay his mortgage and here comes a pre-foreclosure notice on the door? What if the seller dies? What if there's an out of the blue County rezoning plan for that area or DOT road project pops up? What if the school district map changes and you wanted this home just because of that? What if, what if, WHAT IF? Those are the things that can't be predicted but definitely worth are consideration and better yet, wise to be addressed in an attorney drafted lease/purchase agreement.

In my 28 yrs., I have seen many buyer/tenants have life events that they did not plan on when they entered that agreement. It is for that reason that I strongly urge you to evaluate "Is it wiser to do a

straight rent or straight purchase and nothing in-between?" It's been that "in-between" where the waters get muddy even for the seller/landlord. Things are not always roses on their end either. I've even heard tales of deposits and set-asides not being enough to put the property back in sellable condition when the buyer/tenant failed to upkeep and abandoned. What if the market turns downward and the buyer walks and now have to put on the market and at a lower price? What if you were depending on those sale proceeds for retirement or other family needs and the list goes on? Oh, I'm sure there must be some success stories out there so, at the end of the day, you must make the best business decision for your family. At least now whether buyer/tenant or seller/landlord, you can consider a lease/purchase with EYES WIDE OPEN to some of the pros and cons. That is truly the only way to enter into any contractual obligation anyway, EYES WIDE OPEN!

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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Jephthah Chapter IV holds election

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On Tuesday, May 7, 2019, Jephthah Chapter No. 4 held its' annual election at 602 Orange Street (Habib Temple#159) Wilmington, North Carolina.

The election was held by Brother Mychal Robinson, Past Worthy Patron and Sister Mary Ratchford, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 19, was in attendance to over-see this election. Sister

Ratchford, also, made an annual official visit to Jephthah Chapter on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

These visits are to verify that all rules and regulations are followed by the guidelines of the GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, An Affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Jurisdiction, Inc.

Officers for 2020 are the fol-

lowing: Sister Linda Moore (Worthy Matron); Brother Curtis Washington (Worthy Patron); Sister Dorene Crumpler (Associate Matron); Brother Alphonso Robinson (Associate Patron), Sister Johnnie Mae Pridden (Secretary); Sister Patricia Brooks (Treasurer); Sister Latoya Dean (Conductress); Sister Joni Callihan (Associate Conductress); Three (3) Trustees: Sister Deborah Bromell, Aviona Graham and Teresa Keaton.



Vivian White-Waddell
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Our Mother's Crown

Heaven lit up with a mighty presence, as the Angels all looked down.
Today the Lord was placing the jewels Into our mother's crown.
He held up a golden crown, as our darling mother looked on.
He said in His gentle voice, 'I will now explain each one.'
'The first gem,' He said, 'is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone,
for all the nights you waited up for your children to come home.'
'For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went down.
For nursing every little wound, I add this ruby to your crown.'
'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading your children in the right way.
For teaching them the lessons, that made them who they are today.'
'For always being right there, through all life's important events.
I give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent.'
'For untying the strings that held them, when they grew up and left home.
I give you this one for courage.
'Then the Lord added a garnet stone. 'I'll place a stone of amethyst,'
He said. 'For all the times you spent on your knees, when you asked if
I'd take care of your children, and then for having faith in Me.'
I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing.
For all the times you went without, to keep them happy, healthy and growing.'
'And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all,
for sharing unconditional love whether they were big or small.'
It was your love that helped them grow
Feeling safe and happy and proud
A love so strong and pure It could shift the darkest cloud.'
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,
He said, 'Your crown is now complete.'

Happy Mother's Day

Children: Patricia A. Waddell, Eleanor M. Waddell,
Richard B. Waddell, III, Carolyn Waddell-Mack,
Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell (Gary)

Grandchildren: Reginald E. Waddell, Rodney L. Waddell,
Richard Waddell, IV, Samuel T. Waddell, Jillian N. Waddell,
E. Michelle Waddell, Jordan C. Waddell, Sharease Berry,
Krystal L. Mack, Gordan E. Burrell

Great-Grandchildren: Rodja, Ja'Mez, Ja'Qurion, Zoei, Ja'Tori,
Kailynn and MacKenzie

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR
THE PROPOSED U.S. 17 AT N.C. 211
INTERSECTION TO INTERCHANGE
IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

TIP PROJECT NO. U-5932

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed conversion of the U.S. 17 (Ocean Highway)/N.C. 211 (Southport Supply Road Southeast) at-grade intersection to a grade-separated interchange in Brunswick County.

The meeting will be held **Thursday, May 16 from 5-7 p.m.** at the **Brunswick Senior Center** located at **101 Stone Chimney Road S.E. in Supply**. The public may attend at any time during the meeting hours. Please note there will be no formal presentation.

At the meeting there will be maps of the proposed plans as well as project team members who will be available to answer your questions and receive feedback. All comments will be taken into consideration as the project progresses. The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or may be done by phone, email or mail no later than **June 17**.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed at the NCDOT public meeting webpage: <https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings/>.

For additional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager Brian Harding, P.E. at (910) 341-2000 or bjharding@ncdot.gov, or consultant Project Manager Alison Nichols at (704) 940-4725 or alison.nichols@rsandh.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Lauren Putnam at Inputnam1@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6072 as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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American Red Cross targets diversity

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Churches, faith-based and community organizations that provide services to African-American and Latino area citizens are requested to send representatives to the Cape Fear Area Blood Diversity Summit.

This special event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr. Lunch will be provided.

The region's American Red Cross has asked County Commission Chairman Jonathan Barfield to preside over discussions that include executives from the non-profit, Judge Ola Lewis, Judge Fred Gore, Dr. Yvette Miller and other health care administrators.

The Red Cross plans to inform faith-based leaders

and area citizens about the differences in blood types, the important links to medical care and specific ailments, and the needs regarding increased blood donations that can meet their communities' needs.

"It is extremely important to increase the number of blood donors from all racial and ethnic groups," said Velva Jenkins, chairperson of the blood diversity summit.

James Jarvis, executive director of the Cape Fear Area American Red Cross has established a diversity committee for the purpose of targeted contacts with faith-based community leaders and interested persons that can aid the non-profit in sharing important details about differences in lifesaving blood types linked to race and ethnicity.

For more information, contact the area American Red Cross Center, 910-762-2683.



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NHC COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JONATHAN BARFIELD

UNCW Senior Coleman Neal finds his passion

BY TRICIA VANCE
CONTENT AND COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST
UNC WILMINGTON

Wilmington -- Like many young people, it took Coleman Neal '19 some time to discover what he really wanted to do with his life.

"Prior to transferring to UNCW, I felt as though I was attending college without a purpose outside of obtaining a degree," said Neal, who graduated May 11 with a degree in communication studies. "Throughout these past three years, I was involved in courses, student organizations and internships that were in line with my interests. That led to what I believe is a higher purpose in my life."

Neal's parents encouraged their children to be well-rounded physically, academically and artistically.

Growing up, he loved sports, played the trombone and set his sights on college. But, he confided, his teachers weren't always so encouraging.

Learning certain subjects was difficult for him, and he admits to harboring some "negative energy" and self-doubt that followed him to college. He attended Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville and Salisbury University in Maryland before enrolling at UNCW. It took the death of his grandmother, a widowed cafeteria worker who raised and supported five children, to realize that he need only look inside himself to succeed.

Around that time, he took an introductory video production class with communication studies associate professor Bill Bolduc.

"He saw in me what I really didn't see in myself," Neal

explained. "So, I decided to dive deep and devote myself to the class." Neal took his love for sports and combined it with his newfound passion for media production. Along the way, he discovered an aptitude for helping fellow students learn new techniques.

His work ethic led to several applied learning opportunities, including work with UNCW Athletics, the Upperman African American Cultural Center, QENO and the Office of University Relations' media production team.

Based on Bolduc's nomination, Neal received the Mimi Cunningham Department Exemplar Award, presented to the communication studies graduating senior who exemplifies the department's core values, including collaboration, leadership, critical thinking, confidence, intellectual curiosity, responsibility,

problem solving and civility.

"Without prompting, Cole has sought opportunities to guide and teach less experienced students," Bolduc said. "Beyond simple instruction, though, Cole regularly offers guidance, motivation and inspiration. Importantly, he also holds his peers accountable when their performance is lacking. He is tactful, but honest and informed in his communication style."

Neal will leave UNCW with an ambitious set of goals: to work in collegiate or professional athletic media, get a master's degree and eventually become a college professor.

"My dad encouraged me to see the positive qualities in people," Neal said. "Just seeing the spark when people realize they can do things they really didn't think they could do - that's just something."



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NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF HEIDE TRASK BRIDGE NEW HANOVER COUNTY

STIP PROJECT NO. FS-1703A

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding a feasibility study evaluating the proposed replacement of Drawbridge No. 12, the C. Heide Trask Memorial Bridge, which connects the City of Wilmington and the Town of Wrightsville Beach via U.S. 74 (Wrightsville Avenue) / U.S. 76 (Causeway Drive). This study also evaluates potential intersection improvements at the intersection of U.S. 74 (Salisbury Street) and U.S. 76 (Causeway Drive).

The public meeting will take place on **Tuesday, May 21** at the **Wrightsville Beach Recreation Center** located at **4 Russ Drive, Wrightsville Beach**. There will be an open house from **4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** during which the public may drop in at any time. A presentation will be given directly following the open house at **6:30 p.m.**

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or via phone, email, or mail by **June 7**. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops.

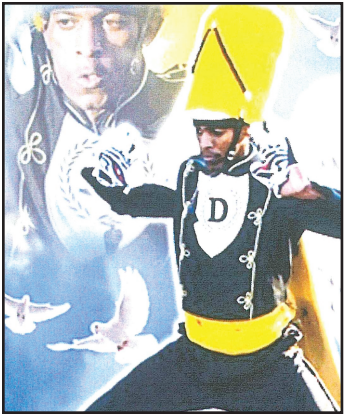
Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at **www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings**.

For additional information, contact Lynnise Hawes, NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit, at 1534 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; (919) 707-4662; or **lmhawes@ncdot.gov**.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Samantha Borges, Environmental Analysis Unit, at (919) 707-6115 or **smborges@ncdot.gov** or as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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Keonte Lamar "Duke" Gause

Keonte Lamar "Duke" Gause, 34 died Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Raleigh, NC. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 11, 2019 at the International Longshoremen's Association Hall. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Keonte was born on October 16, 1984 to the late Knovell Hankins and Ardelia Gause, in Wilmington, NC. Keonte, better known as "Duke" loved to dance and play church with his siblings and cousins. He attended Union Missionary Baptist Church with his mother. He was currently attending New Rivers Ministries in Hubert, NC. No matter where Keonte's travels took him, he always found a church to worship because he loved worshipping God and giving Him the praise. He enjoyed spending time with his father on the weekends, deer hunting and learning how to drive tractors. In the 90's, Duke became a member of the Community Boys and Girls Club where he actively participated and displayed his talents on the Drum and Drill Team, being mentored by the late Joel Lewis. Duke attended New Hanover High School where he was active in JROTC, ROCAME, Step Team and Pep Band, graduating in 2003. His passion after high school was to attend a HBCU. Keonte chose his acceptance to Barber-Scotia College in Concord, NC. Barber-Scotia did not have a band so he tried out for the band at Johnson C. Smith, where he became a member of the drumline. He later returned to Wilmington, NC where he dedicated his time to the Drum and Drill Team of the Community Boys and Girls Club. Along with his many other accomplishments he obtained his CDL License and started a career driving dump trucks which he loved and was very passionate about. With a job opportunity he relocated to Raleigh, NC where he joined the Helping Hand Mission Marching Band as Drum Major. "Duke" loved to travel and meet up with his best friend Brandon Murphy where he impacted the lives of many celebrities and others. "Duke" never met a stranger and he was the life of party.

He was preceded in death by his father, Knovell Hankins; grandmother, Odella Hankins; great-grandmother, Virginia James and an uncle, Dexter James. He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Ardelia Gause of the city; one brother, Quesi Gause of Raleigh, NC; two sisters, Ashley McNeil of Atlanta, GA and Canitra Wynns of Boston, MA; grandmother, Mary Dudley of the city; aunts, Yvonne Johnson (Michael) of Houston, TX, Alliene Gause (Alphonso) of Leland, NC, Sandra Gause (Bertram) of the city and Judy Parker of the city; uncles, Recco James of the city and Charles Gause (Dolly) of Charlotte, NC;

godmother, Joyce Clark; two special loved ones, Linda Williams and Vickie Gaymon; a special goddaughter, Gia Green; his "celebrity" best friend, Brandon Murphy of Atlanta, GA; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

James Shaw

James Shaw died May 8, 2019. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Arthur Murray

Arthur Murray died May 8, 2019. Memorial services will be held at a later date. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Ethel Merritt

Ethel Merritt died May 8, 2019. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

William I. Nixon, Jr.

William I. Nixon, Jr., age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Nixon's life was held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

William Isaac Nixon, Jr., affectionately known as "Ike" to his family, was born on November 13, 1953, in New Hanover County, North Carolina to the late William Isaac Nixon and Florence Vinetta Nixon. Ike was reared in Castle Hayne, North Carolina along with his siblings and his cousins whom he treated as siblings, also.

In his early childhood, he attended Island Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Harrison Creek. In later years, he became a member of Central Church of Christ in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Ike attended the public schools of New Hanover County, and graduated from New Hanover High School in 1972. Upon graduation, Ike and his brother Lewis, both joined the United States Army. He received several awards during his service in the military. He was most proud of being a Drill Sergeant. After returning to Wilmington, Ike worked for National Gypsum, Climate Control, the City of Wilmington, and Corning, Inc., where he later retired due to his health.

Ike was an avid UNC and Seattle Seahawks fan. He knew all the team stats, and no other team was better than his.

He is survived by his spouse, Virgie Bell- Nixon "Tuttie" of Wilmington, NC; children, Carrie Shenita Grady of Wilmington, NC and William Isaac Nixon, III "Trey" (Haley) of Winston Salem, NC; grandchild, Hakeem Gamu, Wilmington, NC; siblings, Lewis Nixon of Wilmington, NC, Florentine Vanessa Nixon of Wilmington, NC and Lydell Nixon of Teachey, NC; aunt, Jessie Jones of Wilmington, NC and a host of in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

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William D. Butts

William Douglas Butts passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2019. He was 94 years old. Douglas was born in Bladen County, North Carolina on May 20, 1924 and was the second child of Elvia Graham Butts and William McKinley Butts. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

After attending East Arcadia Schools, Douglas served in the United States Army during WWII. He was employed by International Paper Company (a/k/a Federal Paper Board Company) and after retirement, Douglas became an instructor at the Bladen Technical School. He was a faithful Deacon of Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church, also serving as a choir member. Married in 1951, Douglas and his late wife, Jennette E. Butts (Née Bryant), grew their family to consist of two daughters and four sons.

His life was a testament to his servant's heart, quick wit, and love of nature. Douglas and his late wife had an open-door policy. You could always count on a warm greeting, good food, and spirited, sometimes comical, conversation. Whether discussing the stories from his youth, tips on gardening, or the authenticity of WWF Wrestling, visitors always left his home filled with laughter, knowledge, joy, and a sense of family. He gave freely of his time and his talents. And he will be missed in every way that he was known; "Mr. Butts", "Blood", "Buddy", "Uncle Dukenah", "Daddy" and "Granddaddy".

Douglas was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years; his parents; daughter, Belinda; son, William B. "Brad"; daughter-in-law, Leslie and siblings Lela, Stacy, Vanice, James "Thurman", Sarah "Seba" and Dorothy "Dot."

Douglas is survived by his sister, Pearlene "Perk"; and children, Janice (Henry); Reginald (Connie); Roy Moody (Anita); Charles; aunt Berlene Graham; and one sister-in-law, Margaret Bryant. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews and beloved family members. 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.

Maria D. Rowe

Maria Denise Rowe, age 52, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019. A celebration of Mrs. Rowe's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Pine Forest Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Shirley H. Herron

Shirley H. Herron age 81, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, May 9, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00

p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Ms. Herron's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 18, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Pollocks 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.

Mary E. Greene

Mary Eva Greene of Wilmington, NC (formerly of Midland, VA) passed away in the comfort of her home on Friday, May 10, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405. 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.

Patricia L. Duncan

Patricia L. Duncan, age 64, of Newport News, VA (formerly of Wilmington), passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Duncan's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Enoch Chapel 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.

Ms. Eartha Mae Junious

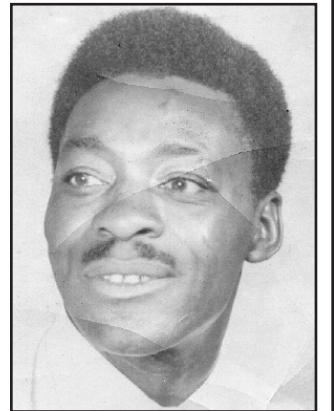
On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, God called Eartha Mae Junious home to be with the Lord. Eartha Mae Junious was born February 9, 1938 in Clarendon County, S. C.

to the late Dec. John & Dorcus Junious. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Eartha received her education in New Hanover Public Schools. She joined Mt. Calvary Baptist Church at an early age. While a member of Mt. Calvary, she served on the Pastor Aid Club, the F. R. Devane Choir, the Mass Choir, the Kitchen Committee, the Usher Board, and the Missionary Circle. Eartha loved to cook; her specialty was her Sweet Potato Pie. She loved children and ran a home daycare for many years.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John H. Junious, Grand George Junious; one Granddaughter Sharon Junious.

She leaves to rejoice in her memory one son Albert Junious (Wanda) of Wilmington, N. C.; two daughters, Shirley Junious-Hugee, Wilmington, N. C.; Wendy Junious-Green, New York; seven grandchildren, Brian, Shamere, Isiah, Fabian, Romelo, JoAnna and Michael, seven great-grandchildren, Ke'Mijae, Serenity, Liam, Dale, Russell, My Lisa, Alexius. One brother Richard Junious (Macie), of Wilmington, N. C.; one sister Marguerite Brooks, New York; three godchildren, Mozella Batts, Roderick Hankins (Mona), and Zakia Downey. Four sister-in-law's, Dorothy Junious, Rosetta Gore, Julia Brock, Rebecca Teachey. Special cousins Annie Junious, Esther Clemmons. Very special friends, Pat Randell, Betty Pender, the Canty family, the Aiken family, and very special dear friends, John Haynes, Evelyn Wilson. In addition Clara Everett and Norma Eason who preceded her in death. In addition to her family and friends, Eartha loved her church. A service of Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 So. 8th Street, Wilmington, N. C. Condolences may be made at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

In Loving Memory Of

Mr. Charlie J. "Charles" Haskins
Sunrise: September 20, 1929
Sunset: May 22, 2007

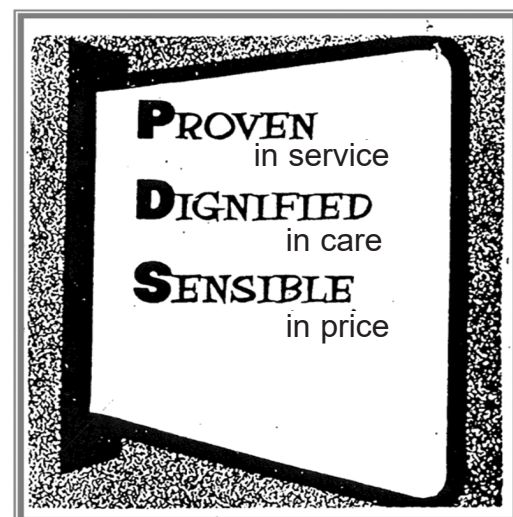
It's been twelve years since you left us. It's been hard very hard but I still stand tall. Looking up to God for my help. A place is vacant in our hearts and home. We all miss you so much and love you.

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In Memoriam



Connie Drain Green
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New Hanover County

The Daughters of Zion of Ebenezer will hold their Candlelight March on Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Dante Murphy and congregation of Manhollow Missionary Baptist Church will render the service. Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will hold their annual revival from Tuesday, May 21st- Friday, May 24th. Area pastors and their church families will worship. Devotional prayer service begins at 7:00 p.m. nightly and worship service begins at 7:30 p.m. nightly.



Religious Briefs

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will celebrate their Annual Ushers Anniversary on Sunday, May 26th at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Russell Nixon and Congregation of Mt. Roney Baptist Church. For more information contact Sister Doris Ellerby at 910-762-4805.

Moore's Chapel AMEZ, 1492 Village Rd., Leland, will hold their Annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m. The guest for the afternoon service will be Rev. Micheal Ballard and St. John AMEZ Church of Elizabethtown. On May 26th the church choir will celebrate their anniversary at 3:00 p.m. There will be guest choirs, soloist and artist from the surrounding areas.

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The 150th Session of the NC Annual Conference of the AME Church



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REV. ARTIE ODOM AND FIRST LADY MARGIE ODOM

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The 150th Session of the NC Annual Conference of the AME Church was held April 24 -27, 2019 at The Maxwell Center in Goldsboro, NC. Led by Bishop James Levert Davis and First Lady Arelis B. Davis, and hosted by St. Stephen AME Church in Wilmington, the Conference officially opened with the Women's Missionary Society Convention, followed by Noon Day Ecumenical Worship Service, Opening Business Sessions and the WMS Night in White Service.

The Opening Worship Service on Thursday morning was led by Presiding Elder Evelyn G. Dunn, Southern District, and featured amazing, uplifting music by the Conference Choir, led by Sisters Roberta Mayo and Kenyetta Farrington. The Annual Sermon was rendered by the Reverend Ruth Pugh, Pastor of Island Creek AME Church in Rose Hill, NC. Rev. Pugh's spirited and uplifting message for the Conference was "Don't Get Off the Wall"; stay on the battlefield for Jesus!!

Ordination of candidates for Elders and Deacons was held on Friday, April 26th, followed by Holy Communion and several Business Sessions. The Ordination Sermon was rendered by the Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Fontana, CA. Rev. Brookins advised the candidates to stand strong and not compromise their faith and conviction in God. A Retirement Service was held that evening to honor the following Pastors who are retiring from the Ministry: Rev. Joseph Batts (New Light AME, Tabor City), Rev. Edward Hansley (Kendall Chapel AME, Winnabow), Rev. Mildred Brown (St. James AME, Kenansville) and Rev. Hannah Green (Myrtle Grove AME, Leland). The evening ended with Youth Ministry Emphasis, led by the Young People's Division of the WMS.

The Conference closed on Saturday, April 27th with a Memorial Service to honor those faithful servants we lost in this past year, followed by the Closing and Commissioning Service. The Proclamation of the Word was rendered by Bishop Robert V.

Webster, Retired Bishop of the AME Church. Rev. Webster shared a humorous yet touching story about a young man who earned his Masters' degree and felt this was enough to walk into the bank and secure a loan. The young man's father told him he would need some type of collateral, to which the young man replied "I have my Master's degree". After being denied at the bank, the young man returns home, down and dejected. His father tells him, "Son, I may not have all the fancy education you have, but I know one thing - I have the best collateral there is, and His name is Jesus!!!"

Several churches received financial blessings to make repairs due to damage caused by Hurricane Florence in September. Lastly, the Reading of Pastoral Appointments was conducted. The following are the appointments of the AME Churches in the New Hanover County area:

- Mt. Olive AME, Wilmington - Rev. Tony Mills
- Mt. Ararat, Wilmington - Rev. Stephanie Murerow
- St. James AME, Castle Hayne - Rev. Theresa M. Holmes
- St. Phillip AME, Wilmington - Rev. Patricia Freeman
- Hank's Chapel AME, Wilmington
- Rev. Sharon H. McKoy
- St. Stephens AME, Scotts Hill
- Rev. LaTanua Pickett
- Mt. Zion AME, Wilmington
- Rev. Jerould Richburg
- New Kelly's Chapel AME, Wilmington
- Rev. Jerry Pearson
- Old Scotts Hill AME, Wilmington
- Rev. Erica Price-Pollock
- Praise and Deliverance AME, Wilmington
- Rev. Sabrenia Smallwood-Moore
- St. John AME, Wrightsboro
- Rev. Wilma Hansley
- St. Stephen AME, Wilmington
- Rev. Thomas O. Nixon

Elder Evelyn G. Dunn was reappointed as Presiding Elder of the Southern AME District. Rev. Artie Odom, Jr., Pastor of St. Luke AME in Fayetteville, was appointed as Presiding Elder of the Northern AME District. Congratulations to Rev. Odom as he embarks on this new ministerial venture!!

Thank you to all who attended, and to all who served and assisted in any way to make this Conference a success. All Glory and Honor to God, our Most High!!

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Young entrepreneurs on the rise

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was another beautiful day that the Lord sent us to enjoy. We should rejoice and be glad in it.

Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She said she hopes that everyone had a great Mother's Day. Mrs. Margie Robinson led us in devotion. We opened by singing "I'm so glad Jesus lifted me." We then repeated the

Lord's Prayer in union. Thank God for hearing our prayer. Next we sang "Pass me not" and Mrs. Robinson was thanked for the devotion. Mrs. Lena Boykin introduced our speaker for the day, who was Mr. Christopher Sims from Creators Print house on Princess Place Drive here in Wilmington. We are all creative; you can use scraps to make wonderful things. You can honor the legacy of your departed loved one with t-shirts, blanket throws, pillow covers, license plates and

many other items. You can design the item the way you want it. We received a lot of great information. There were many questions and answers. If there is a church group that would like pictures they can do them.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby. Mrs. Mary Green explained our birthday celebration. The call winner for today was Mrs. Wilhemina Love. All callers were given a hand and thanked. Mrs. Sheila Ross

gave us info on fun day for next week. Mrs. Annie Haskins gave us the sick report. We were encouraged to continue praying. Announcements were heard next. Mrs. Michelle Brooks enlightened us with her blessings of Tuesday's Blessings. Thanks to Michelle. Mrs. Mary Martin gave us smiles, she did it again. Our circle was formed, we sang, "Bind Us Together." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Evelena Jennings. There were 45 in attendance.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Hidden treasure"

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

Treasure - Something or someone regarded as precious or valuable
Hidden - Put or kept out of sight

Every servant of the Lord must refrain from the lure of self exaltation and self righteousness, and resist the temptation to take the credit for what God is using them to do. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is a hidden treasure that empowers the Believer to do the will of God in the work of the ministry.

This treasure is hidden in the heart and mind of the human spirit, which is to be submitted to the will of God and the obedience of Christ. There is something on the inside, that works on the outside and brings about a great change in the lives of people.

We must remember to Give God the Glory!

We serve a perfect God, who works through imperfect vessels, to do His perfect will!

Though greatly used of God, all must confess, we are not the source of greatness. God Is! "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" Acts 17:28a Apostle Paul was greatly used of God, but kept himself grounded with such a spirit of humility. He said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live, in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20 He gave God all the glory for the great things that he used him to do!

In reading a biography of Fra Bartolomeo, a great Italian painter, who was also a Dominican Friar; it was said that he refused to sign his name to his work which was beautiful and inspiring. He decided to give God the glory for his work by scratching on each painting, "Pray for the picture, or pray for the painter. For the painter that he may do his work in a better way, for the picture that it more clearly show the Lord; and let the name of the artist be forgotten." This man knew he was operating on the power of hidden treasure!

We also find the Word of God

to be an unending source of "hidden treasure". The Bible is not just a good book! It is a storehouse (treasury) of information that's precious and valuable to the entire human race. Some people refer to the Bible as a roadmap, because it can lead from earth to glory! The Bible is also like a treasure map that gives us directions to finding answers to life's pertinent questions.

Question: Is prosperity the will of God?

Answer: 3 John 2

Question: Who gives us power to get wealth?

Answer: Deuteronomy 8:18

Question: Where do we go to find healing?

Answer: Exodus 15:26, Psalm 103:3, Matthew 4:23

Question: What is life's Greatest Principle?

Answer: Proverbs 4:7

Question: Where can I go to get love and not be rejected?

Answer: John 3:16; John 6:37

Question: What is the way to Eternal Life?

Answer: John 14:6; I John 5:11-13

Question: What must I do to see the Kingdom of God?

Answer: St. John 3:3

Question: How does Jesus feel about sinners?

Answer: Matthew 9:10;

Matthew 9:12 & 13 Romans 5:8 Question; What must I do to be Saved?

Answer: Romans 10:10-14

We hope you find or unearth the hidden treasure of God in your life today...

My Prayer: Search me O God, and try me. Please reveal any hidden treasure in my life that will give you glory and honor: In Jesus' name. Amen. Tell Somebody!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Matthew 6: The vocational prayer clinic

Matthew 6:5 (KJV) "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are"

The purpose of the vocational prayer clinic is to do a practical study of prayer through actual self-participation in prayer, so that the Word of God will become a reality in our lives through practice. The vocational prayer clinic is designed with a specific goal in mind: first, to teach the "simplicity of prayer" as Jesus taught



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

His disciples. Secondly, to define prayer based upon the word of God.

Simplicity means the condition or quality of being simple, which is having or composed of one thing (the word of God), without additions or modifications; without embellishment; not ornate or adorned, not elaborate, elegant".

Described in our definition is what prayer should be, simplistic, but oftentimes we do the opposite and call it prayer. In other words, what is being described as not true prayer is exactly what we do and call it prayer. For instance, we attempt to make it beautiful, as by ornamentation. What comes to mind is my own prayer life or lack of it. I was never taught how to pray according to scripture and the people who I modeled my prayer life after, had not been taught properly either: So it was unlearned (ignorant)

teaching from the improperly taught (ignorant). My prayers were designed to sound good, with feeling or with great emotions and great intensity. It was made to sound beautiful, elaborate and adored by people and not God. There may, however, be excitement in things that we enjoy and certainly when we pray to God. Purpose for which and to whom we are praying is very crucial.

I was also taught that prayer was the sincere desire of the heart. Well, I've learned in life that it doesn't matter how sincere you are, sincerity does not matter without knowledge of how something is done. You can't do what you don't know.

Notice the term "without embellishment". Jesus describes this kind of praying in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 6:5, 7-8a: "And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their own reward. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them".

These verses describe the kind of prayers we pray and the kind we hear being prayed in our churches. Jesus says to us, do not pray to be seen or heard of men nor use vain repetitions.

Don't allow innocent people to set up with their compliments, saying, "I really enjoyed your prayer" or the expression, "man you prayed today". It is way of sometimes unintentionally setting one up for failure and not receiving answers from

God. When praying one of those purposefully beautified, good sounding, emotional and high volume prayer; over a very short length of time, one finds himself praying to be heard and complimented or congratulated by the audience. When they came and said, "man you prayed today" or "I enjoyed that prayer" that was actually the answer to your prayer. Not very much for my performance. The majority of prayers we hear being prayed in our churches today is to entertain those persons in the pews and not really to get an answer from God. They might sound a little more polished and eloquent. But ask yourself if it is a prayer acceptable by Him. God is a jealous God and will not share His glory.

God kind of prayer; which is described 2 chronicles 7:14-15: (KJV) "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place". This kind of prayer has been so ignored, neglected, abandoned or forsaken that it has died in many churches and replaced with some form of entertainment or activity. Prayer is what I call the vocation, livelihood or profession of the church.

Prayers is also like the power line that brings the electrical current into your home whereby all your appliances and electrical equipment function. The God kind of prayer; keeps us, the church connected to the power source, so that the promises of God can be manifested

in and through the church. Without prayer the church cannot function properly because prayer is it's life functioning source.

This study or clinic also allows new life to flow through body as you pray to God rather than man. Prayer becomes the "livelihood" or "vocation" of the church.

Prayers' benefits become our sought after results as we give God praise. The (Christian) is especially suited or qualified through training. Livelihood refers to that which provides the necessities of the church (people being saved, healed and delivered and whatever else is needed).

Psalms 145:18-19. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desires of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

The church has failed in providing and investing time in training its members in prayer. When this kind of preparation or training is not in place, people are left without knowing the principles of praying to receive the blessings of God. He promises to answer our prayers. So if our prayers are not being answered, the problem is not God's, but ours. Notice the in John 14:13-14,

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." The prayer of the righteous brings forth much.

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Flora Doub Burnette**, 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 **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Robert Doub Burnette,
Administrator
3825 Canterbury Road
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Dena Ratcliff Beard, having qualified on the **29th day of January, 2019**, as Collector of the Estate of Samuel Harold Beard, Jr. (19-E-159), deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **29th day of July, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 25th day of April, 2019.

Dena Ratcliff Beard
Collector/ESTATE OF Samuel Harold Beard, Jr.
David E. Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Virginia Blair Moore (19-E-482)**, 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 31, 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 May, 2019

Thomas Patrick Moore
Executor
of the Estate of Virginia Blair Moore
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 18CVD829

**OTTO GREENE JR.,
PLAINTIFF
V.
THEDDIUS EVETTE GAINES
GREENE**

**TO: THEDDIUS EVETTE
GAINES GREENE, DEFENDANT**

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty(40) days after the first date of publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to this Court for the relief sought.

This the 2nd day of May, 2019

Otto Greene Jr.
704 Hanover St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 2, 9, 16, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Kenneth L. Davis**, 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 **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Lisa Caple, Administratrix
51 Winding Way
Upper Chichester, PA 19061

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Joanne Marie Samara (18-E-1071)**, 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 **August 7, 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 May, 2019

Victoria ann Kristian & Mark Karol Groman
Co-Executors
of the Estate of Joanne Marie Samara
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Remell C. Melvin**, 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 **16th day of August, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Patricia A. Melvin, Executrix
6106 Northshore Drive
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Patricia Ann Joseph**, 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 **16th day of August, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Barbara Simmons, Administrator
423 Montego Ct.
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Nicholas L. Campana, having qualified on the 2nd day of May, 2019, as Executor of the Estate of **Anita Louise Campana (19-E-575)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **21st day of August, 2019**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 16th day of May, 2019.

Nicholas L. Campana, Executor
Estate of Anita Louise Campana
David E. Anderson
Attorney at Law
9111 Market St, Ste A
Wilmington, NC 28411

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **William Lee Morton**, 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 **16th day of August, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Barbara S. Morton, Administrator
4734 Salix Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Clara L. Cook**, 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 **16th day of August, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Linda C. Robbins, Administratrix
4611 Split Rail Drive
Wilmington, NC 28412

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Richard William Rodda**, 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 **16th day of August, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Jeremy Edward Rodda,
Administrator
6413 Emerson Ave.
Huntington, WV 25705

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Rose Godwin Shephard**, 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 116 N. Channel Haven Drive, Wilmington, NC, on or before **August 16, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Bevin James Shepard, Jr.
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Rose Godwin Shephard
116 N. Channel Haven Drive
Wilmington, NC 28409

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Ernestine Lewis**, 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 116 N. Channel Haven Drive, Wilmington, NC, on or before **August 16, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Dale Lewis-Burnett, Administrator
2012 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Hazel G. Smith**, 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 **24th day of July, 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 25th day of April, 2019

Pamela Smith Kittredge, Executrix
154 Ginger Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28405

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

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-103

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of **CHARLES B. KING**, late, of Castle Hayne, 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 **27th 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 25th day of April, 2019.

Brian Anthony King, Executor
Estate of Charles B. King
Harrison B. Freeland
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed,
L.L.P.
P.O. Box 4
Wilmington, NC 28402

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 19 JT 91

**IN THE MATTER OF:
A.R.D. (DOB: 03-25-2019)**

**TO:
ANY UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL
FATHER OF THE ABOVE
CAPTIONED FEMALE CHILD
BORN IN WILMINGTON,
NORTH CAROLINA.**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within thirty (30) days following **May 2, 2019**, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR **June 24, 2019**, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Department of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of April, 2019

LeeAnne Quattrucci
Attorney for the Petitioner
401 Chestnut Street, Suite J
Wilmington, NC 28401
Tel.#: 910-795-0230
Fax #: 910-401-1485

May 2, 9, 16, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Victoria Bailey Liles (19-E-393)**, 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 24, 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 15th day of April, 2019

Charlotte Noel Fox
Administrator
of the Estate of Victoria Baily Liles
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Co- Executors of the estate of **Emma T. Miars**, 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 **31st day of July, 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 2nd day of May, 2019

George T. Miars, Co- Executor
1727 Azalea Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403
Peter H. Miars
3913 Sweetbriar Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lori Ann Skokowski**, 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 **31st day of July, 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 2nd day of May, 2019

Krystal Lee Ann Skokowski,
Administrator
613 Hillside Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28412

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2019

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **James Carroll Fox**, 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 **9th day of August, 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 9th day of May, 2019.

Katharine R. Fox, Executrix of the
Estate of James Carroll Fox
124 Edge Hill Road
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GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Irmgard Haller Plyler**, 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 **9th day of August, 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 9th day of May, 2019.

Daniel Belk Plyler, Executor of the
Estate of Irmgard Haller Plyler
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Wilmington, NC 28409
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GIBSON, PLLC
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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Aleda Marggraff (19-E-603)**, 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 **August 14, 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 16th day of May, 2019

Brett Marggraff
Executor of the Estate of Aleda
Marggraff
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY In the Superior Court Before the Clerk New Hanover County File Number: 17-SP-699

CHARLOTTE NOEL FOX, Administrator for the Estate of NORMA HEWETT, Petitioner, vs. KAY SMITH, CAROLYN MOSS, JENNIFER HEWETT, JESSIE HEWETT, ANTHONY HEWETT, RONTA BROWN, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF NORMA HEWETT, Respondents.

To Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Norma Hewett:

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

A Petition for Possession, Custody, and Control of Real Property and Sale of Real Property by Private Sale to Pay Debts of Norma Hewett. The real property sought to be sold is described as follows:

"BEGINNING at a point in the western line of Thirteenth Street One Hundred and three (103' feet South from its intersection with the Southern line of Castle Street at the Southern line of an alley; runs thence Westwardly along the Southern line of said alley and parallel with Castle Street One Hundred and fifty five (155' feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with Thirteenth Street Thirty one (31) feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with Castle Street One Hundred and fifty five (155' feet to the Western line of Thirteenth Street; thence Northwardly and along the said Western line of Thirteenth Street Thirty one (31) feet to the point of beginning; the same being parts of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 84 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Subject, however, to an easement and right-of-way unto the owner or owners of the property immediately adjoining the above described tract on the South, their heirs and assigns, ever the extreme Western ten feet of the first above described tract and leading Southwardly from the alley above referred to."

Also being identified as Tax Parcel ID #R05410-008-024-000

Address: 606 S. 13th Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina 28401.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 28-A-13-3, Petitioner seeks to take possession, custody, and control of said real property and sell the real property at a private sale in accordance with Chapter 1, Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes and to apply the proceeds of the sale of the real property; first, to the satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and the costs of administration; and after satisfaction of the debts and other claims against the Estate and costs of administration, distribute to the heirs.

A hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., in room 219 of the New Hanover County Courthouse located at 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. If you fail to file a written response by or appear on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., any order entered by the Court shall be binding as if you were personally before the Court and any payment or distribution made by the Administrator under orders of the Court shall have the effect of fully discharging such personal representative and any sureties on the personal representative's official bond to the full extent of such payment or distribution as ordered.

This, the 9th day of May, 2019.

CRAIGE & FOX, PLLC
Charlotte Noel Fox
N.C. State Bar No. 32678
Administrator of the Estate of Norma Hewett
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May 9, 16, 23, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA New Hanover County IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 19 SP 0105

IN THE MATTER OF: The Foreclosure of the Real Estate Deed of Trust executed by Bertha Higgins recorded in Book 2605, Page 778, New Hanover County Registry.

By: Alan M. Solana Substitute Trustee

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Bertha Higgins, recorded in Book 2605, Page 778, New Hanover County Registry (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"); and under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as Substitute Trustee by that certain instrument recorded in Book 5878, Page 169, New Hanover County Registry; and under and by virtue of that certain Authorization, Findings and Order Allowing Foreclosure entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and the said Deed of Trust being by its terms subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded the foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and due notice having been given to those entitled to same, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the appropriate place for foreclosure sales at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, at 12:00 Noon on May 24, 2019 the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, which property includes all that certain lot or parcel of real estate, including all improvements and fixtures located thereon, situated, lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, the same being owned of record by the heirs of Bertha Higgins, as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice of Sale, and being more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Together with all the buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including all heating, plumbing, ventilating, lighting goods, equipment and other tangible and intangible property, attached to or reasonably necessary to the use of such premises.

The sale will be made subject to all encumbrances existing prior to the recording of the Deed of Trust, including all valid and enforceable liens and also will be subject to all taxes and special assessments outstanding against the property. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the herein-described property for a period of 120 days following confirmation of the sale. The real property may be sold in separate parcels, all together or in any manner the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, or both, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the notes make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

Should the property be purchased by a party other

than the holder of the Deed of Trust, that purchaser must pay, in addition to the amount bid, the following items: (a) the tax required by §7A-308(a)(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the bid amount up to a maximum tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and (b) the excise tax on conveyance required by §105-228.28 et. seq. of the North Carolina General Statutes of one dollar (\$1.00) per five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or fractional part thereof of the bid amount.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b), the successful bidder at sale may be required to make an immediate cash deposit or certified check not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount bid or seven hundred fifty and no/100 dollars (\$750.00). In the event the holder is exempt from paying the same, the successful bidder may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Trustee's Deed, any land transfer tax, and the tax required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1). Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in N.C.G.S. §45-21.30(d) and (e). The owner and holder of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust may make a credit bid.

The upset bids procedure of §45-21.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes is applicable to this sale.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination pursuant to §45-21.16(b)(2) of the North Carolina General Statutes. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to expiration of the upset bid period and/or the sale, and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Exhibit A

Legal Description

BEGINNING at a point in the Eastern line of 5th Street 137 feet North of the Northern line of Wooster Street; running thence Northwardly along the said Eastern line of 5th Street 61 feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with Wooster Street 173 feet 3 inches; thence Southwardly and parallel with 5th Street 61 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Wooster Street 173 feet 3 inches to the Eastern line of 5th Street, the point of Beginning. Same being a part of Lot 4 in Block 63 according to the Official Plan of the City of Wilmington, North Carolina which is located in the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

This the 26th day of April 2019.

Alan M. Solana, Substitute Trustee
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May 16, 23, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 19 SP 0103

IN THE MATTER OF: The Foreclosure of the Real Estate Deed of Trust executed by Nancy Lawrence recorded in Book 3235, Page 143, New Hanover County Registry.

By: Alan M. Solana Substitute Trustee

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust executed and delivered by Nancy Lawrence, recorded in Book 3235, Page 143, New Hanover County Registry (as modified, amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Deed of Trust"); and under and by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned as Substitute Trustee by that certain instrument recorded in Book 5878, Page 169, New Hanover County Registry; and under and by virtue of that certain Authorization, Findings and Order Allowing Foreclosure entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and the said Deed of Trust being by its terms subject to foreclosure, and the holder of the indebtedness thereby secured having demanded the foreclosure thereof for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, and due notice having been given to those entitled to same, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the appropriate place for foreclosure sales at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, at 12:00 Noon on May 24, 2019 the property conveyed in said Deed of Trust, which property includes all that certain lot or parcel of real estate, including all improvements and fixtures located thereon, situated, lying and being in New Hanover County, North Carolina, the same being owned of record by the heirs of Nancy Lawrence, as reflected on the records of the New Hanover County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice of Sale, and being more particularly described as follows:

See Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Together with all the buildings, fixtures and improvements thereon, and all rights, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, including all heating, plumbing, ventilating, lighting goods, equipment and other tangible and intangible property, attached to or reasonably necessary to the use of such premises.

The sale will be made subject to all encumbrances existing prior to the recording of the Deed of Trust, including all valid and enforceable liens and also will be subject to all taxes and special assessments outstanding against the property. This sale will be further subject to the right, if any, of the United States of America to redeem the herein-described property for a period of 120 days following confirmation of the sale. The real property may be sold in separate parcels, all together or in any manner the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, or both, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Substitute Trustee or the holder of the notes make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.

Should the property be purchased by a party other than the holder of the Deed of

Trust, that purchaser must pay, in addition to the amount bid, the following items: (a) the tax required by §7A-308(a)(1) of the North Carolina General Statutes of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the bid amount up to a maximum tax of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and (b) the excise tax on conveyance required by §105-228.28 et. seq. of the North Carolina General Statutes of one dollar (\$1.00) per five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or fractional part thereof of the bid amount.

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The upset bids procedure of §45-21.27 of the North Carolina General Statutes is applicable to this sale.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination pursuant to §45-21.16(b)(2) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons for such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to expiration of the upset bid period and/or the sale, and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee(s). If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee(s), in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Exhibit A

Legal Description

BEGINNING at the Southern line of Castle Street at a point 165 feet eastwardly from the intersections of the Southern line of Castle Street with the Eastern line of 13th Street, runs thence South and parallel with 13th Street 110 feet to the Northern line of an eleven foot alley; thence Eastwardly along the Northern line of said eleven foot alley and parallel with Castle Street 41 feet and 3 inches; thence North and parallel with 13th Street 110 feet to the Southern line of Castle Street; thence Eastwardly along the Southern line of Castle Street 41 feet 3 inches to the point of Beginning. Reference Deed Book 751 at Page 628, New Hanover County Registry.

This the 26th day of April 2019.

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