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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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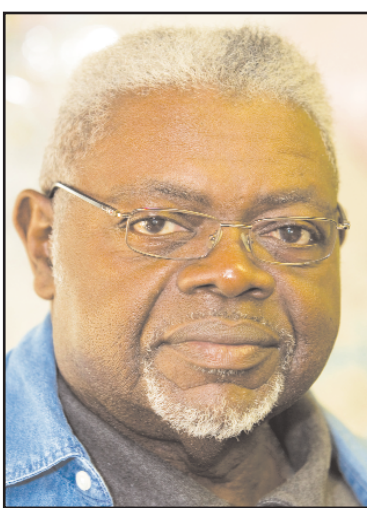
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BERNEST HEWETT

JUNETEENTH DINNER

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This year's Juneteenth Dinner, sponsored by the Brunswick County Black Leadership Caucus, was the most successful one we have had so far. The attendance was overwhelming, and the support of major companies and donors was great! We were able to distribute six \$1500.00 scholarships to high school students going to college next year.

The Thornton twins, Kelley and Kevon, Brayden Waddell, Brandon Vaught, Zarría Galloway, and Rayford Gilbert

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N.C. Attorney General Stein responds to Brunswick NAACP about Webster slaying

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Brunswick County NAACP president, Carl L. Parker, Sr., has responded to State Attorney General Josh Stein's May 4, 2019 letter to him, regarding Stein's earlier decision to clear the state trooper who fatally shot 28 year old Brandon Webster last January in Shallotte with a blistering condemnation, stating, "... every day [the trooper] remains in his current position, we lose faith in your ability to fairly apply justice in the State of North Carolina. Where is your sense of Justice Mr. Josh Stein," Parker continued in his

June 4 missive to the state attorney general. "With her attributes of a blindfold, a balance, and a sword, Lady Justice stands as a metaphorical representation of the moral force of our judicial system. However, the equitable treatment of justice in the case of Mr. Brandon Webster was grossly avoided because of the color of his skin."

"Ironically, Lady Justice is depicted as a White woman," Parker continued. "It is my fervent hope and prayer that she wasn't a racist White woman in this case."

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CARL L. PARKER, SR.



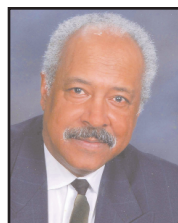
HOMER FENNEL, JR. CONTINUES THE LEGACY AT HIS CASTLE STREET SHOP. PHOTO COURTESY FENNEL FAMILY

Green Book business owner passes

BY BEVERLY SMALLS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Thursday, May 30, Homer Weston Fennell, Jr. the last proprietor of the local and nationally classified Negro Motorist Green Book business, Fennell's Florist, succumbed after a lengthy illness.

The son of the late Homer Sr., and Janie Wright Fennell, often assisted his parents with the daily management and hands-of needs of the black owned family florist that filled dire needs during eras of legal segregation, and full integration.



FENNEL

As the elder Fennells aged, he took full responsibility of the popular florist that adjoined the residential family space at 124 South Thirteenth St. Homer Jr. later expanded the business from the home site to the Castle St. business district that also catered to a majority African-American consumer base.

A graduate of the 1961 class of Williston Senior High, Homer's widow is his long-term school days sweetheart, the former Alice Boykins. He is also survived by five sons, a daughter, two sisters, eleven beloved grandchildren, one great-grand child, additional relatives, classmates, and friends.

Fennell's interests, community and work experi-

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Federal judge's ruling in voter ID case big blow to GOP

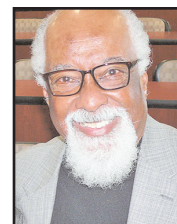
BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A federal judge cleared the way Monday for the NCNAACP's litigation against the law based on the constitutional amendment mandating voter photo ID to go forward without intervention by Republican legislative leaders.

The case is separate from the litigation by the civil rights organization pending in the NC Court of Appeals against the constitutional amendment itself. A Wake Superior Court judge had invalidated the amendment, saying that the legislature that put it on the November 2018 ballot was not constitution because several members had been elected from racially gerrymandered districts.

State appellate arguments in that case are expected to be heard soon.

However, in the federal case against the voter ID law passed by the NC General Assembly last December, the ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Loretta Biggs is key because, according to Attorney Irving Joyner, "From a procedural standpoint, this ruling will allow the case to move forward on a reasonable schedule without having



JOYNER

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Butterfield calls for impeachment; Adams wants office inquiry

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

While there has been no official move towards impeaching President Donald J. Trump in the U. S. House of Representatives, there can be no question that that Democrat-led body is moving closer.

Just two weeks ago, North Carolina's two African-American Democrat House representatives, Alma Adams (D-NC-12) and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), just weren't

there yet, with both saying that Trump's behavior in office was concerning and raised troubling questions, but they still weren't ready to formally call for impeachment.

However, last week, the proverbial light went on, with Butterfield officially calling for impeachment and Adams saying she's ready to move off the dime.

"The President has demonstrated

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CONGRESSMAN G. K. BUTTEFIELD



CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS

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were the recipients. There was a special recognition given to two Brunswick County veterans, Mr. Charles Jones and Mr. Harold "Hank" Hankins. Hank is one of the oldest Black business owners in Brunswick County.

There were three Outstanding Citizen's Awardees. Mr. John Elliot, Director Of Government and Community Relations at Duke Energy, was recognized for his work with minority communities

Mr. Joseph Butler was recognized for his work inside and outside of Brunswick County. He has had a great impact on retired teachers, both local and national. He has worked with family assistance agencies, the Brunswick County NAACP, of which he is a life member, and the Brunswick Black Leadership Caucus. He is a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and many other organizations. He is known for his long years of service as a principal and for his common sense approach to life. He has the ability to keep his composure even in difficult times.

STEIN

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As Brunswick County NAACP President Parker expressed, there is still pain in the African American community. As previously reported by the Journal, Webster died after he was severely wounded by Trooper Scott Collins in the parking lot of a Shalotte minimart New Year's Day. Webster, accompanied by a female passenger in his white truck, was shot after he drove around a traffic stop Collins had setup. After ordering Webster to halt, Collins discharged his weapon.

After a three-month investigation, State Attorney General Stein issued an April 12 decision, indicating that Collins was justified in firing his weapon when Webster's truck wouldn't stop. Stein added that, based on his

review of video of the incident, Trooper Collins did not employ excessive force.

In a four page scathing letter to Stein, Carl Parker blasted Stein for his decision, charging that, based on all Parker knew about the case, Trooper Collins ...intended to kill the moment he got out of his patrol car."

In a May 4, 2019 letter, responding to Carl Parker, AG Stein wrote, "Like you, I am saddened by the tragic loss of Brandon Webster. Law enforcement use of force is an area of great concern for many and one that I take seriously." AG Stein continued, "After conducting a thorough review of the actions taken by North Carolina State Highway Patrol Trooper Scott Collins, however, I determined that the evidence showed Trooper Collins acted reasonably in the face of a deadly threat. A reasonable officer in the same situ-

ation would have reasonably believed that the truck, rapidly accelerating toward him, posed an imminent threat of deadly physical force."

"When the life of an officer or other person is threatened, an officer may reasonably respond with force in self defense or defense of others. I remain committed to training law enforcement officers in de-escalation techniques and other strategies to avoid the use of force whenever possible."

However, in his June 4 reply, Brunswick County NAACP president,

Carl Parker chided Stein for how Trooper Collins reacted to Webster January 1, effectively saying that Collins never even considered anything other than using his gun to stop Webster from fleeing.

Citing several incidents from across the county and country where law enforcement either used restraint

in pursuing suspects or where officers used violence on unarmed people and were subsequently charged, Parker made clear he did not appreciate Stein's response.

"Your response letter to me was disingenuous, absent of sincerity, and pretended that I knew less about the issue of racial discrimination than I really do," wrote Parker, later adding, "...Trooper Scott Collins showed a reckless disregard for human life by shooting into a moving vehicle, killing the driver....While Mr. Brandon Webster's body becomes one with God's earth, the memories of his passing will hang heavy in the hearts and minds of all who remember that tragic day."

In a further dismissal of AG Stein's May 4 response, Parker continued to mock the state official.

"...[T]he parents of Mr. Webster missed your call

and visit to their home to offer your condolences," Parker wrote. "Maybe you are afraid of their tears staining your clothes. Maybe the arms of your heart are too short or not strong enough to hug the emotionally spent parents of Mr. Webster."

"Beyond the inhumanity of the shooting itself, as the parents carried their son to the hospital, his last words to his father were 'Daddy, I am dying' and to his mother, 'Mom, I love you!' And then law enforcement officers had the unmitigated gall to arrest both parents while their son lay dying on a stretcher in the hospital."

However, Parker did end his rebuke of AG Stein on a respectful note.

"Let us - you, me and the citizens of our county walk forward together and not one step back," he wrote. "How can we walk together except we agree for the best of all humanity?"

RULING

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outside private attorneys who are attempting to disrupt or slow down this litigation."

The lawsuit by the NCNAACP was against Gov. Roy Cooper and the NC Board of Elections "...challenging the constitutionality of specific provisions of Senate Bill 824 ("S.B. 824"), titled "An Act to Implement the Constitutional Amendment Requiring Photographic Identification to Vote," according to Judge Biggs' order.

Suing the governor and the SBOE was a tactical decision by the NCNAACP, even though the GOP-led legislature passed the bill.

North Carolina voters ratified a ballot referendum during the November 2018 midterm elections establishing a constitutional amendment for voter photo ID. The

Republican-led NC General Assembly called a Special Session, passing S. B. 824 based on the voter ID amendment, requiring voters to present photo ID beginning in 2020 (that has been delayed), only to have it vetoed by Gov. Cooper on December 14. The legislature overrode Cooper's veto on December 19, 2018.

On December 21, the NCNAACP sued the governor and the State Board of Elections, to be defended by State Attorney General Josh Stein. In its suit, the NCNAACP "...challenged the provisions of S.B. 824 which imposed voter photo identification requirements, as well as the provisions "that expand the number of poll observers and the number of people who can challenge ballots."

From Judge Biggs' order, "Plaintiffs allege that "[t]hese provisions, separately and together, will have a disproportionately negative impact

on minority voters," ultimately resulting in "the effective denial of the franchise and dilution of [African American and Latino] voting strength." Plaintiffs' complaint further alleges that the challenged provisions "impose discriminatory and unlawful burdens on the right to vote that are not justified by any legitimate or compelling State interest." In addition, plaintiffs allege that the challenged provisions of S. B. 824 violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as well as the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. "

"Plaintiffs seek injunctive and declaratory relief to prevent defendants "from implementing, enforcing, or giving effect to the [challenged] provisions of S. B. 824."

However, in an effort to somehow derail the suit because they did not trust either Cooper or Stein to defend S. B. 824, both State

Senate Pro tem Phil Berger and NC Speaker Tim Moore filed a motion to intervene with the federal lawsuit on behalf of the NC General Assembly on January 14, 2019.

However, remember! The NCNAACP never named them in the suit.

Neither Gov. Cooper nor the SBOE objects to the GOP legislative leaders' motion to intervene, but the NCNAACP does, stating that, because neither Berger nor Moore was named in the lawsuit originally, they lack standing to be involved.

According to NCNAACP Attorney Irv Joyner, the legislative leaders attempted to take the case over because they did not want Attorney General Stein and Governor Cooper to be in a position to make any decisions about the outcome of this litigation. They told Judge Biggs that they did not trust either Stein or Cooper to protect the statutes which created this

voter ID requirement. In addition, they sought to delay the proceeding in order that there will not be a resolution of the case before the 2020 elections.

Joyner continued, "Judge Biggs ruled that the NC statutes give the authority to handle litigation against the State to the Attorney General and the Governor and there was no proof that the two of them have refused to competently handle this litigation. The legislative leaders argued that Cooper had initially vetoed the constitutional amendment proposal and that act was evidence that he was hostile to this requirement, but Judge Biggs, relying upon federal law, ruled that this conclusion was not supported by the evidence.

"The NCNAACP is pleased with this ruling...." Attorney Joyner concluded, "... but recognized that the legislators may seek to appeal Judge Biggs' decision."

IMPEACHMENT

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a clear disregard for the rule of law, and he must be held accountable," Rep. Adams said in a May 31 statement. "Impeachment is not off the table. However, before we move forward, the American people deserve all the facts. That is why I sup-

port an impeachment inquiry. Congress has a sacred responsibility to obtain the information necessary to determine the next steps."

With that, Adams joins fifty-four other U.S. House members, all Democrats except for Republican Congressman Justin Amash, formally calling for an impeachment inquiry, official proceedings by the U. S. House to investigate and present charges against the President of the United States for " high crimes and misdemeanors, a vague constitutional term " that legally covers a wide range of alleged offenses considered to be definitive violations of Trump's oath of office.

However, while Congresswoman Adams says she wants to examine what the facts for impeachment are, her North Carolina colleague, Rep. Butterfield, says he has all he needs and formally called for impeaching Trump last week.

"The evidence that has been produced so far is sufficient in my opinion to support an impeachment inquiry and removal," Rep. Butterfield told McClatchy News Service May 30. "I am prepared to vote for an impeachment inquiry ... and I will vote for impeachment and removal."

Butterfield, a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and NC Supreme Court associate justice, was reacting to the May 29 press conference by former Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who told reporters that, while his two

and a half year probe of alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential elections yielded no evidence of conspiracy between Russian agents and the Trump campaign, there was evidence proving that the President did try to obstruct the investigation.

Nevertheless, because of U. S. Justice Dept. policy that a sitting President could not be indicted for any crimes, Mueller and his team never charged Trump.

Like many other observers, Rep. Butterfield inferred from Mueller's statement that there was only one other avenue through which Trump could be held legally accountable.

"The remedy is through Congress. He meant to infer that the responsibility for going forward is clearly on the Congress," Butterfield told McClatchy, referring to impeachment.

Now that Congress is back in session after Memorial Day recess, Butterfield says he expects other House Democrats will also veer towards an impeachment inquiry.

Thus far, a majority of House Democrats are against impeachment, primarily because House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has urged patience. She has accused Trump of being engaged in "a coverup" of alleged misdeeds in office and maintains that impeachment is proper only after "all of the facts are determined."

Thus far, House committee investigations into Pres. Trump's alleged misdeeds have been stymied because

of the White House's refusal to provide documents and blocking witnesses.

North Carolina's third Democratic congressman, Rep. David Price (D-NC-4), also issued a statement on Twitter calling for Congress

to pick up Mueller's baton. "Special Counsel Mueller's public statement made it abundantly clear that the President has not been exonerated and [that] it's up to Congress to investigate from here."



“If the lions do not write their own history,
then the hunters will get all the credit.”

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STATE BRIEFS



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SENATE PASSES BUDGET WITHOUT MEDICAID EXPANSION

[RALEIGH] The Republican-led NC Senate passed its version of a proposed \$23.9 billion budget last

week, giving 5 percent raises to teachers, almost cutting staff in Chief Justice Cheri Beasley's office, and not expanding Medicaid coverage for over 500,000 poor North Carolinians, saying that it would stop people from working. Both Senate Democrats and Gov. Cooper blasted the Senate budget. Now conferees from both the state House and Senate have to hash out a compromise budget in the coming days, and maybe weeks, before it can be

passed by both houses.

REV. BARBER ON TRIAL FOR TRESPASSING AT NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[RALEIGH] This week, Rev. Dr. William Barber, former president of the NCNAACP stands trial in a Wake County courtroom for allegedly trespassing at the NC Legislative Building two years ago during a protest with other demonstrators. The prosecution

maintains that Rev. Barber and 20 others refused to leave when ordered. Barber has maintained that he had every right, as a North Carolina citizen, to be in the building during business hours because he was seeking to speak with his elected representatives. The judge has already ruled that Rev. Barber can argue free speech rights, but not that he had the right to disrupt legislative business. The trial was ongoing at press time.

REP. ADAMS CALLS FOR PROBE OF U.S. CENSUS BUREAU HIRING PRACTICES

[WASH., D.C.] Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12) led a bipartisan letter to the Office of the Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Commerce expressing concerns about the background check and hiring practices at the U.S. Census Bureau in light of the Charlotte regional office's employment of Kenneth Mabry, a regis-

tered sex offender. Congresswoman Adams was joined on the letter by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), and Representatives David Price (NC-4), G.K. Butterfield (NC-1), and Ted Budd (NC-13). The Bureau's failure to adequately investigate Mr. Mabry's background allowed a registered sex offender to occupy a position of public trust and receive a salary funded by our tax dollars for nearly one year." The letter stated.

FENNELL

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ences were varied. He communicated easily with diverse groups, and he often did.

After leaving Williston Fennell graduated from

Harris Barber College in Raleigh, and completed an apprenticeship with Merritt's Barbershop on Front St. That led to the opening of his own business unrelated to the florist trade.

He operated Fennell's Barbershop at Eight and

Dawson streets, and also joined the local Fire Department located at Fourth and Dock Streets.

Other municipal and governmental affairs include Fennell's becoming an inspector for OSHA, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and

being elected to the New Hanover County Soil and Water Commission.

He was linked to labor also. Fennell retired as a lower Cape Fear area longshoreman.

He will be eulogized 11 a.m., today, at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Black folks, the trade wars, and foreign policy

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Our nation's 45th President is dead set on a trade war. He has increased tariffs on goods produced in China, and he has now indicated that he will increase tariffs on goods produced in Mexico. While the President will say that this is a tax on the countries he is imposing tariffs on, the fact is that it is a tax on people who buy goods produced in China or Mexico. Products manufactured in China include electronics and electronic components, televisions, washing machine and refrigerators, and more. With a 25 percent tariff, a \$300 dishwasher will now cost \$375. The duty won't take effect today or tomorrow, but within a few months, US sellers will have no choice but to pass the cost along to consumers.

The tariff on Mexico will mostly hit agriculture. The President says he will impose a 5 percent tariff effective next week and will increase by another 5 percent monthly. It will primarily affect agricultural products like avocados and tomatoes, but folks who enjoy a Mexican beer or two will find those beers more expensive. Here's the rub, though. While Mexico exports more than \$250 billion in goods to us, we also export at least \$20 billion to them. Farmers who send soybeans and corn to Mexico are vulnerable if Mexico decides to retaliate by imposing tariffs of their own.

45 says he is imposing the tariff on Mexican-produced goods because of border immigration. The tariffs, 45 states, will be lower if Mexico can stop border immigration. But the tactic of increasing tariffs will have a negative effect on the Mexican economy, exacerbating, instead of abating, border immigration. And it will hit every consumer in her pocket. Because so many US auto companies have cars assembled in Mexico, at the maximum tariff, the average car will cost at least \$1000 more. And what about the grocery basket?

Tariffs are used to direct consumers away from foreign manufacturers and toward national ones. Theoretically, if a Mexico-produced avocado costs \$2 with a tariff (maybe up from \$1.50 without, numbers all theoretical), and a California-produced avocado costs \$1.75, a cost-conscious consumer, given the tax, might choose the California avocado over the Mexican one. But if California can't produce enough avocados to meet demand, folks will pay more with the tariff. It's a tax on consumers. Will people be as willing to take the hit with a \$1000 tax on an automobile? Possibly not. People may delay purchases instead of seeking out domestic automakers. In any case, it's a hit on the US economy.

Because African Americans earn less (with a median family income under \$40,000, compared to \$60,000 plus for whites), we are more likely to be the consumer affected. Consumer taxes are regressive taxes, taxes that hit the folks at the bottom hardest. Our voices need to be raised around the tax on Chinese produced goods, as well as the tax on Mexican manufactured goods. In his fit of pique, however, 45 doesn't get that he will hurt the consumers he vowed to protect, not the countries he is trying to punish.

Unfortunately, African American engagement in foreign policy has been peripheral. We've had folks like Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice take leadership on foreign policy, and folks like Mel Foote, of the Constituency for African, lead civil society organizations around foreign policy. And we can go all the way back to Frederick Douglass' ambassadorship to Haiti in the 19th century to illustrate our concern with foreign policy, even as we struggled in the aftermath of enslavement. Still, when African Americans are polled, foreign policy issues are not our most important. They must and should be, and for several reasons. First of all, we pay taxes for foreign aid. Secondly, people of color around the globe (including Mexico) are oppressed by US foreign policy. Further, we fall short of our rhetoric about democracy and human rights when we offer financial support to countries that choose to marginalize some of its citizens.

African American people are uniquely situated to lift our voices around foreign policy hypocrisy. The late great political scientist Dr. Ron Walters talked about "foreign policy justice," about the many ways we favored some nations, ignoring others, usually for strategic reasons. We can't tout democracy and then suppress it. Wait! We always have. We did it when veterans were lynched when they came back from World War I. We did it when we treated German prisoners of war better than returning veterans after World War II. But we don't have to consign the hypocrisy now. If we, black folks, believe in freedom, we must believe in foreign policy justice. And we must understand that foolish tariffs against Mexico will hurt us all.

Black voices need to be loud voices around foreign policy matters. Or we can be silent and accept the economic, moral, and political consequences of our nation's biased myopia.

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A COVER FOR GENTRIFICATION

Calling for Creekwood to be shut down and poor people to be "dispersed" throughout the larger community is a good cover for gentrification AKA urban renewal or negro removal, Chief Evangelist! These "killing fields" as you called it, are derivative of the mother killing fields which is the public school system and every other system in America which is based on white supremacy and black inferiority. I don't see you calling for those killing fields to be shut down.

The generational poverty that the Star News referenced

as more reason to shut down "Such places as Creekwood and Houston Moore" does not reference generational blood sucking passed on by white families, institutions and practices used in Wilmington since before 1898. Not to mention the generational ignorance of the true knowledge of black people prior to slavery; the knowledge of the original people of the earth and mothers and fathers of civilization. It is purposely kept out of the text books to keep us oppressed, produces lack of love and value for self and kind, self hatred and self destruction.

But this is not only in the black community. The killing in any city USA

is nothing new; just as the many other crimes and crisis that the Caucasian community is experiencing but I don't hear you giving the solution to shut them down. The heroin/opioid crisis among Caucasians is at an all time high and has gotten world attention. The response is treatment centers, funding for support programs, sympathy for the users as "victims", and every effort to ensure the safety of those who use the drugs even though they are deemed "criminals." But the black community can only get a "wash our hands of this" approach. By the way the heroin comes into America by way of boat or plane and ends up in the inner city and the young

black males end up being the fall guy again for the crisis.

Suffice it to say, I don't support or condone the crime that occurs in the inner city or any community and am actively working to make a difference. In the case of shutting down Creekwood and Houston Moore, I believe that the larger plan is to develop those areas into new communities that won't accommodate poor and disenfranchised people, and Wilmington is not building affordable housing for them.

Tyrone Muhammad
Student Minister/Nation of Islam
Wilmington, NC

MATTERS OF OPINION

RAINBOW COALITION

A new plan to make Wall Street pay for creating the foreclosure crisis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Last week, as Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., convened a House Financial Services Committee hearing, featuring the CEOs of Wall Street's biggest banks, the financial watchdog group Better Markets released a stunning report on the banks' criminal records: Wall Street's Six Biggest Bailed-Out Banks: Their RAP Sheets and Their Ongoing Crime Spree.

The report profiled the records of Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley and Wells Fargo. Detailing the staggering \$8.2 trillion that was committed to bail out these banks when their excess-



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

blew up the economy in 2008, the report laid out what it called their RAP sheets — the record of illegal activity for which they have been fined a cumulative total of \$181 billion in over 350 major legal actions.

The report concludes that these big banks "have engaged in — and continue to engage in — a crime spree that spans the violation of almost every law and rule imaginable. ... That was the case not just before the 2008 crash, but also during and after the crash and their life-saving bailouts. ... In fact, the number of cases against the banks has actually increased relative to the pre-crash era."

The scope of the illegal activity is breathtaking — overcharging soldiers on their mortgages, conspiring to fix the price of credit card fees, massive improper foreclosure practices, billing customers for services never provided, rigging interest rates, violating sanctions against countries like Iran, and more. The large fines are, for these mega-

banks, merely a cost of doing business. And so the crime wave continues.

The banks particularly prey on the vulnerable, regularly pleading guilty of discriminating against African Americans and Latinos. Long after the bailout, for example, JPMorgan Chase paid \$53 million to settle charges that it had discriminated against minority borrowers by charging them more for a mortgage than white customers.

The banks were at the center of the housing bubble and its collapse. About 10 million people were displaced from over 4 million homes across the country. Minority neighborhoods were hit the hardest.

For decades, the banks redlined minority areas, depriving residents of access to mortgages or loans for small business development. Then, when the banks inflated the housing bubble, they targeted minority neighborhoods, peddling predatory mortgages to customers who they knew

could not afford them. As one former Wells Fargo mortgage broker explained in a sworn affidavit, "The company put 'bounties' on minority borrowers. By this I mean that loan officers received cash incentives to aggressively market subprime loans in minority communities." At the height of the rapacious lending boom, nearly 50 percent of all loans given to African American families were deemed "subprime." The New York Times described these contracts as "a financial time bomb."

When housing prices cratered, the bomb exploded. Mass evictions left entire neighborhoods scarred by empty houses. The banks then failed their legal duty to keep the homes up, with neighborhoods turning into waste pits. With homeowners evicted, local revenues declined. Stores were shuttered; schools closed;

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Ignorance breeds racism

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

By ignorance breeding racism, I don't mean the lack of college or other educational degrees. I'm really talking about how some families teach their children to hate certain people based upon lies. In order to really drive home the point, I'm making, I recommend a book called Confessions of A Recovering Racist, a book by my good friend, the late George O'Hare, in cooperation with Emma Young of Chicago.

George does the best demonstration of how ignorance breeds racism as he talks about his upbringing and how he discovered the truth about the lies he was taught about Black people as a child. Some of it is humorous, but is the best lesson I've ever read or heard on the need for people to get to know each other before



Dr. E. Faye Williams

judging them. Even as I'm writing this, I know there're a lot of people who would prefer not to know the truth about those they already hate without cause, but truth can change others.

George speaks about how he became a changed person once he met such people in person, listened to them, talked and worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Dick Gregory, Jesse Jackson, Father Clement, Willie Barrow and many others.

He speaks of the time he found himself at a meeting of Black people when a woman asked what he was doing there, and he thought he'd explain to her how he believed in equality of all people and wanted to do what he could to help. The woman told George he didn't belong there and should go back to his own community and talk with his own people. When he told Dick Gregory about the encounter, to George's shock, Mr. Gregory agreed with the woman and said there were many people talking to the Black community, but raised the question of who was talking to the racists

in the white community. George saw his opening

Because he had so much respect for Mr. Gregory, George took on a different approach and began quizzing white people about things he had learned about the value of Black people to our world. Once when a white man was telling him about his mother's open-heart surgery and found that after surgery she was doing well. George said to his friend, "So a Black man saved your mother's life." The man could not believe it was Daniel Hale Williams, a Black man, who made medical history by performing the first successful open-heart surgery and all heart surgeons use his techniques today!

From that point George went on to enlighten his friend on who Garrett Morgan (inventor of the traffic light and gas mask) was, Dr. Percy Julian (who discovered the value of Cortisone and invented foam used to put out fires) was, Dr. Shirley Jackson (the Black woman who invented the touch-tone telephone, the portable fax, caller ID, call waiting and the fiber-optic cable) was, Marie

Van Brittan Brown (the Black woman who developed a patent for closed-circuit television security) was. He learned and taught much more!

George was so impressed with his new found knowledge and appreciation of Black people that totally discredited the stories he'd learned growing up. He now knew better than the lies about Black people that he'd been taught, and felt compelled to teach others. That's how his decision to form his "National Association of Recovering Racists" was born. Naturally, he made his friend Dick Gregory Chairman of his Advisory Board and Father Clements a member of the Advisory Board.

White people, if you really want to learn how to deal with your racism, a good place to begin is by reading George's book—Confessions of a Recovering Racist.

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local services decimated. Those victimized were most often those who did the right thing: working steadily, putting together the money for a down payment on a home for their children. A rising African American middle class was eviscerated. In 2012, the National Fair Housing Alliance reported that African Americans suffered "the largest loss of wealth for these communities

in modern history." Between 2009 and 2012, African Americans lost just under \$200 billion in wealth, bringing the gap between white and black wealth to a staggering 20:1 ratio. According to the Better Markets report, the six biggest banks have paid over \$181 billion in fines and settlements for their criminal activity. This money generally goes back into the general fund, unless the settlement agreement provides for some relief to those injured. That too often leaves those most injured by the illegal

practices out in the cold. What would make sense is that any fines that aren't used to recompense the direct victims be put into a fund to rebuild the communities most injured. Supplement that with revenues from sensible taxes on the banks — like Elizabeth Warren's call for a simple corporate tax on the profits they report — and a multibillion-dollar fund could be created to help repair the communities most impacted by the bankers' crimes. Use that money not to line the pockets of the big banks again, but to

seed community banks and cooperatives, to support non-profit affordable housing development, to create postal banking services that could liberate the poor from the usurious charges of payday lenders. That might not end Wall Street's addiction to crime, but it would help repair the communities that they have devastated. One would think that law-and-order conservatives might support this act of simple justice. *Rev. Jesse Jackson is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.*

Black bodies creating White power

Almost every high school student in America knows about the compromise reached during the drafting of the U.S. Constitution resulting in enslaved people being counted as three-fifths of a person during the national census held every 10 years. Even while white Southerners denied enslaved people in those states the rights guaranteed to citizens, they still demanded that the enslaved people's bodies be counted in the census. The Southerners made this demand because the size of a state's population determined how many representatives those states would be granted in Congress. The more representatives a state had, the greater the state's power in the federal government.



Oscar H. Blayton

viding one drop of benefit to the souls inhabiting those bodies. It also helps us to understand how black bodies currently are being used to enhance white supremacy in America. Today, significant numbers of prisons - where brown and black inmates from urban areas are incarcerated - are located in rural, predominantly white census tracts. And for years, these brown and black bodies have been used to inflate the census figures in order to enhance the political power of those rural white areas. The practice of counting prisoners in the census tracts where they are incarcerated decreases the political power of the home communities of those prisoners and transfers that power to an alien community with diametrically opposed interests. This is what happens when an individual is removed from his urban home in a liberal Democratic district and incarcerated in a district that voted for a white supremacist like Donald Trump. The body of that inmate, who by incarceration is ineligible to vote, has now increased the population count in the conservative district while the count of his liberal home district has been reduced. The body of the inmate of color, like the body of his or her enslaved ancestor, has been stolen in order to enhance the political power

of his or her oppressor. There are approximately 2.3 million Americans in prisons and jails today. It also has been reported that between 1970 and 2000, more than 1,100 prisons were built in the United States, with roughly 70 percent of those prisons being located in rural communities, mostly in conservative Southern states such as Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma and Texas. Data collected by the Vera Institute of Justice shows that largely rural counties that voted for Donald Trump had a 53 percent higher jail admissions rate than those that voted for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. The national NAACP has reported that while African Americans and Hispanics make up approximately 32 percent of the U.S. population, they made up 56 percent of all incarcerated people in 2015. A slide rule is not necessary to figure out that when you have large numbers of people victimized by the mass incarceration policies of this country, and a significant number of those inmates are used to further empower white supremacists in rural areas, there is little incentive for conservative politicians to correct this injustice that has been dubbed "prison gerrymandering." In addition to stealing bodies to gain political power,

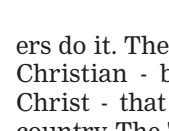
these rural areas receive increased federal funding based on their inflated population figures. This takes money from inner cities where many of the inmates had lived and redeposits those funds into the rural, predominantly white areas where the prisons are located. This is a win-win for white supremacy and a significant handicap for urban areas victimized by a lack of services, over-policing and courts that hand down harsh sentences. The practice of prison gerrymandering is slowly attracting attention. Six states - Delaware, Maryland, Nevada, California, New York and Washington - have outlawed prison gerrymandering and others have started taking steps to reduce or eliminate it. The year 2020 is coming. It is not only an election year, but a year when the next census will be taken. Battles will be fought over racial gerrymandering and voter suppression. Ending prison gerrymandering is a battle that also must be fought. If prison gerrymandering is taking place in your state, organize and act. The year 2020 is coming and we must fight against all attempts to foster white supremacy, including prison gerrymandering. *Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights activist who practices law in Virginia.*

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES
God sent the shooter

I am struck by the way different people view God. I am examining and writing about how in this country there is not one God, but at least two: the God of white people and the God of black people. The God of white people is associated and connected with religion of empire; that God has been soundly rejected by the likes of James Baldwin, Dr. James Cone, and William Jones, who wrote *Is God a White Racist?*

There may be even more, however. There seems to be a Conservative God and a Liberal God, or a Republican God and a Democratic God. The God of Conservatives and Republicans - members of whom are not only white but many races - is a lot different from the Liberals and Democrats, if what I am seeing is accurate. The God of the "Right" stands for and endorses policies and situations which the God embraced by those on the Left would not think of endorsing.

Rev. Susan K. Smith



Different races and ethnicities make God into what they want God to be in order to justify their cultural beliefs and political ideology. Both "sides" do it - or should I say all believers do it. There is the phenomenon of being religious but not Christian - because of not following the teachings of the Christ - that is rampant throughout the world and in this country. The "religious" often call themselves "Christian," but seem to ignore the command of Jesus to love God with all one's heart, mind and soul, even though he or she identifies as Christian.

There is clearly a breakdown and a difference in the perception, understanding and worship of "God," and there is clearly more than one "God" on the religious landscape. This comes to mind because of something I read this week. Ten years ago, a medical doctor who performed abortions in Texas was gunned down in his church by a pro-choice (anti-abortion) zealot. Dr. George Tiller was at his place of worship, Wichita Reformation Lutheran Church when man who identified himself as being an "evangelical Christian" barged into the narthex and shot Tillman dead. During his funeral, anti-abortion protesters marched outside of the church and one person carried a sign that said, "God Sent the Shooter." God? Whose God? Which God? A God who would "send" someone into a church to kill someone is not the God I know or worship, any more than is the God that ignores oppression and seemingly sanctions it, if the followers of this God are to be believed. The God who "sent the shooter" is the same God who allowed Emmett Till to be lynched and his murderers go free, is the same God that "sent" preachers and law enforcement officers to lynchings, the same God who to this day allows injustice to flourish and for the masses to suffer. That's not my God.

Rev. Terry Williams, an organizer with the Ohio Religions Coalition for Reproductive Choice wrote in a recent piece that the sentiment behind the "God Sent the Shooter" proclamation is an "offensive, malignant sentiment" and is a "root theological statement of the anti-abortion movement." It is the same sentiment that is driving the passage of draconian laws written to prevent women from getting abortions once a fetal heartbeat is felt, regardless of how the pregnancy happened. It is a sentiment...but it is not God. The God behind that sign is the God that people called on in history (and still do) to support white supremacist thinking. It is the same sentiment that encouraged Dylann Roof to go into Emanuel AME Church in South Carolina in 2015 and kill nine people who were at Bible study. It is the God who sanctioned grown white men to spray firehoses on women and children in Birmingham during the Civil Rights Movement, and the same God whose believers say punished gay people by sending horrendous storms into cities, killing many and making many more suffer, as did a Louisiana lawmaker proclaimed in 2016. (<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/christian-home-destroyed-flood-tony-perkins-natural-disasters-gods-punishment-homosexuality-a7196786.html>) Many who talk like this claim to be "Christian," but they clearly do not worship the God that I do. It is appalling that anyone would say such a horrible thing as "God Sent the Shooter," but it is even more appalling that those who malign the name and character of God in this way do it unabashedly, without fear of consequence. That God is foreign to me and to many. It is a God which has been constructed to support white supremacist thought, which includes not only racist thinking, but sexist as well. It is not my God, and could never be. *Rev. Susan K Smith is available for lectures, workshops and preaching. Contact her at revsuekim@sbcglobal.net, or visit her page at www.crazyfaithministries.org.*

TO BE EQUAL
Congressional hearing in Queens highlights challenges and importance of 2020 Census

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Despite the positive changes we have made throughout history, there is a persistent trend of bad actors playing politics with the survey in order to disenfranchise racial minorities. We see a present-day example of this type of bad faith provision in the 2018 announcement that the Department of Commerce planned to add a citizenship question to the census. There was no valid reason for this proposal other than a concerted effort to suppress the response rate of minorities and new immigrants." - Congressman William Lacy Clay

Carolyn B. Maloney, co-chair of the House Census Caucus, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Days after the hearing, irrefutable evidence emerged to bolster my testimony that the "citizenship question" is a ploy to rob vulnerable communities of their political power. A political strategist who played a key role in adding the citizenship question authored a study concluding the question would allow lawmakers to draft even more extreme gerrymandered maps to shift power away from the targeted vulnerable communities. The National Urban League has a long history of playing an active role in the decennial census, beginning with Urban League Executive Director, Whitney L. Young, Jr.'s testimony before the House Subcommittee on Census and Statistics in September 1970. Continuing his legacy, the Urban League has served on past Census advisory committees, and I've had the honor of chairing the Census Bureau's 2010 Census Advisory Committee at the invitation of President, Barack Obama's then-Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke. During this week's hearing, I testified that the racial and political polarization of our society puts at risk the most important element of our representational democracy. Distrust of government is historically high, and the looming Presidential election threatens to politicize the process. Hostility toward immigrants, emanating from the highest offices in the land, has created a climate of fear inhibiting people from responding. We must combat these

threats. An inaccurate census will deprive communities of accurate data for most federally-produced statistics, such as the Consumer Price Expenditure survey, Centers for Disease Control, the National Center for Educational Statistics and a host of others. An inaccurate census will deprive communities of critical social, demographic and economic research conducted by think tanks, academic institutions and the private sectors. An inaccurate census will deprive communities of billions of dollars in federal funding. An inaccurate census will deprive communities of the just enforcement of civil rights laws and constitutional protections like fair housing and voting rights. And most importantly, an inaccurate census will deprive communities of fair political representation in the U.S. Congress, the Electoral College and state and local legislatures. Over the past 60 years, Census accuracy has steadily improved, but some groups still experience higher undercounts and omissions from the census than others. These include racial and ethnic minority groups, immigrants, single-parent households, non-English speakers. Other populations that are chronically undercounted are renters, mobile young adults, people displaced by natural disasters and the formerly incarcerated. In the 2010 census, the Black population had the highest net undercount and omission rate of any major race or ethnic group. Overall, 9.3 percent of the

Black population was completely missed in the census, based on the Census Bureau's post 2010 census Demographic Analysis. The undercount rate for Black males age 18-49 was very high -7.6 percent - meaning almost 8 percent of all African American males in this age group were undercounted. And because Black men experience disproportionately higher rates of incarceration, they are more likely to be counted in the communities where they are imprisoned - typically rural jurisdictions - than in their own communities. Prison gerrymandering, as this practice is known, along with the fact that Black communities are undercounted and non-Hispanic white communities are more likely to be overcounted, represents a massive transfer of political power and violates the Constitutional principle of one person, one vote. We urge every community to get involved and to encourage their neighbors, family members, church members, and co workers to participate in the Census; to count everyone in the household, including babies, foster children and extended family members. It is important, safe and easy. In addition, we urge Congress to continue to hold oversight hearings to shed light on issues the public needs to know about regarding census readiness; especially cyber security, the 2020 Census Integrated Communications Campaign, and field infrastructure. *Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.*

leadership gap, inadequate funding and staffing and a deliberate campaign to intimidate immigrants and communities of color all make the 2020 Census among the most challenging in American history. This was my testimony this week before a special field hearing of the US House Committee on Oversight and Reform Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties regarding the upcoming Census. The hearing, entitled "Getting Counted: The Importance of the Census to State and Local Communities," was held at Queens Community College at the request of Congress Members



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New Hanover County

The Willis Richardson Players will sponsor a "Holy Ghost Gospel Sing" on June 9th at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 520 N. 5th Ave. Appearing will be Lamanuel Bokyin and Company, PC and Perfect Praise, Ginwright Family Singers, Browntown Male Chorous, L & M Singers, soloist Roscoe StanStanton, Keon Harrison and other groups and soloists. Admission is free.

Community Briefs

Brunswick County

The Town of Navassa will hold their 38th Annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, July 6th. They are inviting queens, civic groups, churches, community leaders, business vendors, etc. to participate. Please contact the Navassa Parade Committee at 910-371-2432 or email at navassaparade@gmail.com to get further information.

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Help, I co-signed for a car and I want OUT!

Hello Journal family, I've missed ya! I've been moving AGAIN to my 5th temporary location since Hurricane Florence but it's all good and I'm BACK. This week I could not wait to drop this info on you because I run into this sooo often and it's really affecting so many.. They were doing it out of the kindness of heart. Just wanted to help their friends and loved ones only to find out later the carnage that came from it. Being to debt-heavy (high debt ratio) is the #2 reason (after bad credit) that most can't get a home loan approval. Oh, I know not all co-signing situations end badly but unfortunately, some stats reveal in most cases the bad out ways the good... SMH, it can be challenging to be removed as a cosigner from a loan. To gain a better understanding of why let's look at why a cosigner is used at all. A cosigner is needed when the borrower's own credit and/or income isn't enough to qualify for the loan by him or herself. The cosigner has stronger credit and income and is required by the lender or creditor to help guarantee that the loan will be repaid. Please believe me when I tell you that IF you sign that document saying you will pay if they don't, YOU WILL BE



Brenda Dixon

HELD TO THAT. So many blindly believe that it could never happen because they know that person so well and I know they won't leave me hanging like that, but sometimes things happen that is out of their control. What if that person loses their job? What if they go to jail? What if they just flip and go MIA? What if their job decides to downsize or just close altogether with no warning? What if that person gets sick and can't work? What if that person dies? The what IF'S are the unknowns but they can happen. When that borrower is 30, 60 or 90 days late, you are 30, 60 and 90 days late and both of your credit files will be impacted. Their credit is getting reported to negatively and your credit scores are being affected at the same time. Truth is "Life Happens" and it's out of all of our control so know that if you sign that doc saying you will if they don't... GET READY BECAUSE THEY ARE COMING for you to make that word good!

Now that you know the role of a co-signer let's look at FOUR ways you might possibly be removed from a car loan if needed. I'm going to be upfront with you and let you know that if you didn't ask upfront if there is a way to be released from this obligation, you may have a real uphill battle but nothing beats a failure but a try. So, you could try (1) Asking for a "CO-SIGNER RELEASE": Some loans have a program that will release a

cosigner's obligation after a certain number of consecutive on-time payments have been made. Two years of on-time payments seem to be the norm. Read through your loan documents to see if there's any type of program associated with your loan. Or, call the lender and ask if something like this applies to your loan. As a general rule, the bank won't remove your name from a cosigned debt unless the other person has demonstrated they can handle the loan on their own. Think about it: you would never have been asked to cosign if the other borrower had shown this ability from the beginning. People can change and become more responsible, yes but the bank will definitely want proof. (2) More common is the only way to get a co-signer removed from a loan/car loan is to "REFINANCE" the loan. That said, there are indications recently that lenders have begun loosening their credit requirements a bit, so while your credit or income may have required you to find a co-signer or make a larger down payment in the past, it may not now. Reach out to the lender and see if they will allow the refinance since so many payments have been made on-time by the primary borrower. It is IMPORTANT that the payments be made in a way they can be tracked with a paper trail showing that the primary borrower, not the co-signer made these payments. NO CASH, the most effective

way is to pay with a personal check or make a payment with a card that can be easily verified by monthly statements. (3) You can "SELL THE CAR". This sounds good in theory but truth is the car depreciation happens so quickly that most people are upside down (owe more than what it's worth) to the point it can't be sold unless you're willing to pay the difference to the bank to get the loan cleared. (4) You just got to work overtime and throw every extra dollar as this debt and "PAY IT OFF". This is the most disturbing option to most. Who really wants to pay off a debt for another person? NOBODY that's who. However, when this boot is on your neck and you can't buy a home because you have this car payment or whatever you cosign for payment being count against you, it sometimes is worth biting the bullet and paying it off. At the end of the day, if this cosigned debt keeps coming up as the reason you can't get the things needed for you and your family, something has to be done. Plan your way out of it and chalk it up as a serious lesson learned. Help others if you can and tell them "JUST DON'T DO IT!"

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Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place holds special ceremony for After-School Program graduates



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER JUDGE JAMES FAISON WITH WRAAP GRADUATES

Wilmington, NC - Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place (WRAAP) is proud to recognize the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of its participants for the 2018-2019 school year at a recent program graduation ceremony that took place on May 30, 2019 at Freedom's Way Ministries-1952 Dawson St.

Several community leaders and stakeholders, school officials, program participants and families came together to show their support to program participants enrolled in WRAAP' After-School Enrichment Academy

Program.

The Honorable James H. Faison 111; 5th District Court Judge was keynote speaker at the graduation ceremony. Mr. James Faison's message was both encouraging, inspirational, & heartfelt on many personal levels. Other activities included specialty awards presented to students, parents, and community volunteers.

On behalf of WRAAP' Board of Directors, program staff, parents, and volunteers we would like to thank our program participants and supporters for another successful school year. Community involvement has

been a key element to WRAAP'S success, as well as, impact in the community! WRAAP's mission is to bridge the educational and social gaps that exist amongst youth, families, and communities. The WRAAP' After School Enrichment Academy Program is an award winning 501 c 3 non-profit "youth" organization and operates out of Freedom's Way Ministries-1952 Dawson St. To learn more about WRAAP please visit the company's website at www.nc-wraap.com or contact Mr. Daryl Dockery, Executive Director, at 910-392-6007.



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Maggie Howard

Maggie Howard died May 26, 2019. Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Maggie entered this life on September 9, 1929. She was the 9th child of Willie Bee McNeill and Maggie Fairley McNeill. Maggie was born and raised in Maxton, North Carolina where she received her primary and high school education at RB Dean School. Maggie took a great leap of faith and ventured out where she found herself under the bright lights of New York City. There she met her future husband, Willie Joe Howard, uniting in marriage on May 12, 1956, in Bennettsville, South Carolina. Maggie and Willie began their life together in Harlem, New York. Through their union they were blessed with one son, Andre' and one daughter, Roslyn. Maggie enjoyed a fulfilling career as a Certified Nursing Assistant with the Veterans Administration where she dedicated 32 years of service, caring for others. Maggie moved her family to Springfield, Massachusetts after the unexpected passing of her husband to be closer to family. She worked hard to provide a loving but stern home for her children. Despite Maggie's straight forward, no nonsense disposition, her nieces and nephews loved to hang out with "Aunt Nita" for some fun. Her favorite pastime was BINGO. She returned to her hometown of Maxton, North Carolina and transferred to the VA Hospital in Salisbury, NC, where she retired in 1985. She was a member of Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church from childhood where she continued to worship and tithe for decades upon her return to North Carolina. Later in life she joined Brooklyn Community Church where she served as Mother of the Church until her final sunset. Maggie was a member of the United Order of Tents, Wendell Court Order of Calanthe, Eastern Star and a highly active member of the Maxton's Senior Center. She resided in Wilmington with her daughter and son-in-law.

In addition to her parents and husband, Maggie was preceded in death by her son, Andre' Howard; brothers, James Cleveland McNeill, Willie Bee McNeill, John Walter McNeill; sisters, Mary Letha Bridges, Sarah Jane McEachin, Palmer Lee Jemison, Estella Taylor and Annie Bell Carelock and granddaughter, Sakinah Cook.

To carry on her legacy Maggie leaves: her daughter, Roslyn Fleming (Willie) of the home; grandchildren, Kishana Johnson of Springfield, MA, Andrea Brewington (Kenneth) of the home, Roxann Dumas (Curtis) of Wilmington, NC, Jessica Glaspie (Emmett) of Hanover, MD, Reginald Barrett and Otis Barrett of Greenville, NC; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; sister, Lillye Dumas of Maxton, NC an immeasurable number of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and close friends. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

James Carpenter

James Carpenter died May 31, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Homer Fennell, Jr.

Homer Fennell, Jr., died May 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Izola Byerson

Izola Byerson died May 31, 2019. Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 7, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial will follow in the Wilmington National Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Willie "Bubba Jack" Robbins, Jr.

Willie "Bubba Jack" Robbins, Jr., funeral services were held on Thursday, June 6th at Ephesus SDA Church. Burial in the Robinson Cemetery. *A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Joe Dickey

Joe Dickey died Monday, June 3, 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.*

Leroy Cotton

Leroy Cotton 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.*

Mack Ford

Mack Ford died Monday, June 3, 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.*

Reverend Bobby Stukes

Reverend Bobby Stukes 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.*

Charles M. Hughes

Charles M. Hughes, age 54, of Shallotte, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2019. A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Sea Lawn Memorial Park.

He is survived by his mother, Geannette Hughes, a host of brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Julia Emilia Bouley

Julia Emilia Bouley, age 103, of Bolivia, passed away on Friday, May 24, 2019. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., June 18, 2019 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 47 Pine St., West Springfield, Massachusetts. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, 420 Kings Highway, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Survivors include her daughter Francine Bouley Becklo, her son in law Michael Becklo and grandson Alex Becklo. *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.*

Russle Thames

Russle Thames, of Columbia, SC passed away, Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Russle Lee Thames was born June 16, 1958 in Charleston, South Carolina, and was the son of the late Rosa Lee Thames Toliver. He departed this earthly life on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Hampton Regional Medical Center, in Varnville, South Carolina.

Russle was raised in Wilmington, North Carolina and attended New Hanover High School. He was very inclined in the Arts. Russle loved to write poetry, play the harmonica, play the guitar and listen to music. He also loved to enjoy the excitement of Thriller and Western movies. What Russle enjoyed most was putting a smile on peoples' faces with his risible charm.

In addition to his mother, Rosa Lee Toliver, he was preceded in death by his sister, Carman Mae Thames.

Those left to cherish his memories are his step-father, Norman Lee Toliver of Wilmington, NC; brothers, Kevin B. Lenning (Renee) of West Lawn, PA and Cargle Thames (Jeneata) of Queens, NY; sister, Cleo Toliver of Columbia, SC; nieces, Antoinette N. Mumford (Nettie) of Columbia, SC, Sonja Lenning and Tamara Van Meter both of Pittsburgh, PA; nephew, Brendan W. Lenning of West Lawn, PA, and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

Annie C. Simons

Annie Carolyn (Reaves) Simons of Upper Marlboro, MD (formerly of Bolivia), passed away, Thursday, May 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC. Interment will follow in Reeves Family Cemetery. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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Loraine Patricia Raynor
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Sunrise: June 7, 1943
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In Loving Memory Of



Dolly E. Holmes
Sunrise: August 24, 1956
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Your son "Man"

In Loving Memory Of



Cherry Baker Nelson
Sunrise: June 9, 1943
Sunset: May 21, 2016

Loving memories of our special sister on your 76th birthday. As we look upon your pictures, sweet memories we recall, of a face so full of sunshine and a smile for one and all. You were a special sister in our lives, and we will always remember you. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Our dear sister; Cherry in Heaven

Loving sisters, Christine Alston, Marylyn Hamilton and Geraldine Baker Roberson and brother William Baker

In Loving Memory Of



Dorothy Gregg Russell
Sunrise: June 16, 1936
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Mom

We knew little that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories; your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our Family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God call us one by one, the chain will link again.

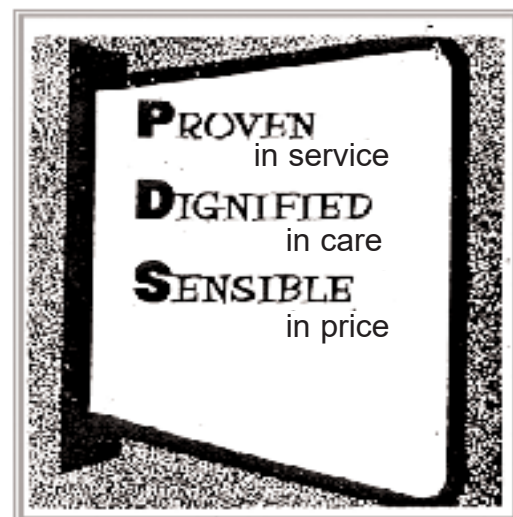
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New Hanover County

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 South 10th Street, will hold Vacation Bible School, June 17th - 21st, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 pm nightly. The theme is "World Changers: Leading Through Action". Classes will be available for all ages starting at 5 years old. Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist, 801 South 10th Street, Youth Department will celebrate its anniversary holding a Youth Revival, June 5 - 7, 2019, 7:00 pm nightly. The nightly lineup is: Wednesday - Evangelist Linda Smiley

McMillan; Thursday - Rev. Jeffrey Pearson; Friday - Elder Vanessa Reaves. A spaghetti dinner will be served following the service on Friday night. The anniversary will culminate with the morning worship service at 10:45 on June 9, 2019. Rev. Robert Jones of Whiteville, NC will be the speaker of the hour.

Mt. Zion AME Church, 1111 North Fifth Avenue, will be celebrating their Annual Father's Day program on Sunday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Daniel Webb, assistant pastor of St. Luke AMEZ Church, Wilmington, NC.

Brunswick County

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will hold their second annual "Bikers for Christ" Celebration. The date is Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be food and a 15/20 mile ride.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

Kenneth Chestnut Men's Day speaker at Mt. Olive AME Church

On Sunday, June 16, Mt. Olive will celebrate Men's Day at the 11:00 Worship Service. The theme will be "Men in Ministry and Fellowship". Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Kenneth Chestnut, a native Wilmingtonian and graduate of the class of 1964 from Williston Senior High School after which he enrolled at Duke University and graduated with a degree in civil engineering. After a distinguished 45-year career in the commercial and residential construction industry, he returned home where he is kept busy mentoring students at Williston Middle School with the 100 Black Men; serving on the boards of the Wilmington Housing Authority and the Cape Fear Community Land Trust and as a mentor to students in the Business School at UNCW as part of the Cameron Executive Network.

Kenneth returned to his home church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and is the Senior Warden of the church's Vestry. He is actively involved in the parish's community outreach activities.

In his spare time, he serves as President of the Ocean



KENNETH CHESTNUT

City Beach Citizen's Council which sponsors an annual Jazz Festival on Topsail Island during the Fourth of July holiday. He is an active member of the Wade H. Chestnut Chapel in the Ocean City Community named after his father. Kenneth has three adult children and six grandchildren with whom he enjoys spending his time. He is an avid gardener and Big Green Egg enthusiast.

We invite you to join us on Men's Day, June 16th which is Father's Day to hear this dynamic speaker. Dinner will be served after the service.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Senior Citizens Fellowship hold birthday celebration

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHELLA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

It was a beautiful day to fellowship with one another and as usual we are once again blessed. Today was our closing meeting as summer has arrived. Our celebration was held at Sensations Restaurant

in Wallace, NC. Our traveling prayer warrior was Mrs. Michelle Brooks. 52 persons were present. We even had music playing as we dined. A great time was had by all. We also enjoyed the meal. As previously stated this was our final meeting; we will gather once again in September. We wish to thank all of our

readers and any other persons that have contributed to the success of our fellowship. It has all been done with God's help. We wish all of you a safe summer and look forward to gathering again in September. In all things give thanks! God deserves all of our praises. We celebrated all birthdays from January

through June. We were also favored with gifts. We thank you all. We thank all who have supported us; may God continue to bless each of you. We must continue praying for each other. Remember, love is an action word, share it! Until September, God's blessings to all!

TELL SOMEBODY

"The promise of the Father"

Promise- An indication of something forthcoming; A declaration

Of something that one will or will not do something. Pentecost-A Christian festival celebrated on the 7th. Sunday After Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples Disciple - Follower; Believer

The Holy Ghost / Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father to the disciples of his Son, Jesus Christ. God cannot lie. Therefore, every promise that he has made is a possibility for every believer! Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the Son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

The Promise of the Father, is expressed several times in the Word of God in both the old and the new testament. In Isaiah 43:3, he promised, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring."

The Promise of the Father, in Joel 2:26-28 is, "And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."

The Promise of the Father in John 14:16 is, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever."

The Promise of the Father in John 14:26, is, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy

Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Promise of the Father in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father; even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

The Promise of the Father in John 16:7 is, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

The Promise of the Father in Acts 1:4-5 is, "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father: For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

The Promise of the Father in Acts 1:8 is, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

When God makes a promise, you can believe it, and should expect to receive it.

If God is your father, you have been made a promise that cannot fail. Have you received the Promise of the Father since you first believed? If so, praise the Lord, and don't forget to 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

God's word is practical!

James 1:22, (KJV) "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves". (ERV) "Do what God's teaching says; don't just listen and do nothing. When you only sit and listen, you are fooling yourselves". Practical is defined as of or obtained through practice or action: as knowledge that can be used; useful. Concerned with the application of knowledge to useful ends, rather than with speculation.

Practical points includes one who has needs: to be born again, healed or anything else from the Lord. God's Word is the most powerful medication, vaccine, antibiotic, or antidote in the world. Its success rate is guaranteed one hundred percent, if taken according to the direction. This one requirement is called faith, which has steps or actions: believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth, without doubting or wavering. God's Word must be received by each of us personally or individually! The power and blessing you and I can receive from it will be according to how we hear it. You must receive His Word as God talking directly to you and He is: the Word of the living eternal God and the greatest authority in our lives. You must decide personally that whatever it says to you, you will go into action to obey and asking no ques-

tion, because God is faithful to His Word. Mark 11:22, (KJV) "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God". Faith is a product of the Word of God, which is spirit or supernatural seed that will produces in us the God-kind of life, which is a life full of health and well being. How does it come? Rom. 10:17, "So then, faith cometh by hearing and by hearing the Word of God". God's Word is the source of all that is good: Proverbs 4:20-23, The Amplified says, "My son, pay attention to my words and be willing to learn; Open your ears to my sayings.21 Do not let them escape from your sight; Keep them in the center of your heart.22 For they are life to those who find them, And healing and health to all their flesh.23

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life". (We must give place, make room for God's Word to have first place in our lives if we expect to receive the promises that it contains). You've Got To Get This! Faith places God first in your life. We want faith to work in second place or wherever we can fit it in. It will not work where conveniently placed; its only designed for the first position, which becomes intimacy with God.

Matthew 6:33, the Amplified, "But seek (a)aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (b)His way of doing and being right), and then all these things (c)taken together will be given you besides". Who is first in your

life? Make no mistake about it; it is who you are giving most of your time, service and commitment. It is who or what you enjoy the most, Exodus 20:3, 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4You shall not make for yourself any idol", The question should be asked and answered by every person that is here reading. For example, what husband or wife would think they were first if their mate was being intimate with someone else and spending more time, prime time and money with another and only giving you what's left. 2Corin.13:5, Amplified says, "Test and evaluate yourselves to see whether you are in the faith and living your lives as [committed] believers. Examine yourselves [not me]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [by an ongoing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you-unless indeed you fail the test and are rejected as counterfeit?"

Inquiring minds should want to know! 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself any idol", Television has become the greatest idol or treasure in the life of a Christian through ignorance. We have made it the idol in our homes because it seems to be so harmless and yet it is very destructive to the family. It causes us to disregard moral values and to forget the principles of the Bible. Matthew 6:21-23, Amplified, 21"for where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centers] will be also.22 "The eye is the

lamp of the body; so if your eye is clear [spiritually perceptive], your whole body will be full of light [benefiting from God's precepts].23 But if your eye is bad [spiritually blind], your whole body will be full of darkness [devoid of God's precepts]. So if the [very] light inside you [your inner self, your heart, your conscience] is darkness, how great and terrible is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord]". Question? How much time do we spend with God, in prayer, reading and meditating in the Word or how much time do we spend watching TV? Just stop and time yourself. " Nielsen's National Poll found that, Children aged 2-11 watch over 24 hours of TV per week, while adults aged 35-49 watch more than 33 hours and the poll suggests TV time increases the older we get. On average it is more than five hours of live television every day". We need to repent. So we pray.

Father, in heaven we ask today, help us to make you first in our lives and to love you with all our hearts in Jesus Name. Your help is available. Amen.

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

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This the 15th day of May, 2019

Christopher Taylor Lewis
Executor
of the Estate of Glenn Waitte Lewis
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2019

**NOTICE
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Duncan Powell Nesbitt, Sr.**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of May, 2019.

Rebecca Rogers Nesbitt, Executrix
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May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2019

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Jacqueline Alice Bourque**, deceased, late of Pender County, North Carolina, this is to notify that all persons having claims against the said estate to present such claims to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of August 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 30th day of May, 2019.

Jack Patrick Shoemaker - Administrator
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May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2019

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Carter Newsome**, 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 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 30th day of May, 2019

Dr. Paula Newsome, Executrix
Charles T. Calhoun, II, Attorney
Po Box 2041
Wilmington, NC 28402

May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2019

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Morris Lee Brown**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of May, 2019

Sylvia Shepard, Administrator
1214 Wynnwood St.
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May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2019

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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
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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

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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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
BEFORE THE JUDGE
NEW HANOVER COUNTY FILE
NUMBER: 13 CVD 2973**

Let Notice be hereby given to **ANTWAIN DENNIS** last known of Wilmington, NC of a hearing on the issues of Ex Parte and Permanent Custody to be held June 17, 2019 at 9:30am, New Hanover District Courthouse, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington NC 28401, courtroom 300 before the Honorable Robin W Robinson.

May 23, 30, June 6, 2019

BID REQUEST

RPC Contracting is requesting bids from any interested NCDOT certified MBE & WBE firms for Contract C2041812 (Colington Road Improvements) in Dare County bidding on 6/18/19. There will be a pre-bid conference at 3:00 PM on Monday 06/10/19 at the office of RPC Contracting, 934 W. Kitty Hawk Road, Kitty Hawk, NC. Plans and specifications are available for review at the same location or may be downloaded from NCDOT's Project Letting website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Divison1Letting.asp> x. For more information please call 252-261-3336, ask for Jay. RPC Contracting is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**

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
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Elizabeth C. Edgerton**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of May, 2019

Alton Reid Edgerton, Jr., Executor
3139 Oakley Circle
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 24**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
D.A.H.B.
DOB: 2/26/2014)**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
UNKNOWN-FATHER OF
MALE CHILD BORN IN NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO
LATOYA RASHE' BAILEY**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **May 30, 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 have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 30th day of May, 2019.

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
1650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

May 30, June 6, 13, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Linden B. Frey**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of May, 2019

Debra Lynn Phillipi, Executrix
106 Old Mill Rd.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Robert Lee James**, 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 **23rd 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 23rd day of May, 2019

Doris James, Executrix
1013 South 11th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2019

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION
FILE NO. 17 JT 25**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
C.M.B.B. (DOB: 10/21/2009)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:
PUTATIVE FATHER, BOBBY
HANSLEY AND ANY
UNKNOWN-FATHER OF MALE
CHILD BORN IN NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO
LATOYA RASHE' BAILEY**

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following **May 30, 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 have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney Kristen Callihan has been appointed to represent Putative Father, Bobby Hansley. Attorney Callihan can be reached at Kristen@the-boyleslawfirm.com; 319 N. Front Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 or at 910-763-6345,

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 30th day of May, 2019.

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May 30, June 6, 13, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

The Trustee Search Committee of Maple Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church located on 17788 NC HWY 53 East Maple Hill, NC 28454 is seeking Sealed Bids for their Church restoration project. Sealed Bids should be sent to of Maple Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 88, Maple Hill, NC 28454 to the Attention of the Trustee Search Committee by the closing date of **June 18, 2019**. **Bids post marked after this date will not be accepted. No non Post Mark Bids will be accepted.**

June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Danny H. Furr**, 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 **6th day of September, 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 6th day of June, 2019.

Crystal Hayes Johnson, Executrix
of the Estate of Danny H. Furr
5507 Old 74
Chadburn, NC 28431

MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Harold Ross Inman**, deceased, of Fort Bend County, Texas, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of September, 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 6th day of June, 2019.

Mollie Melone Inman, Executrix of the Estate of the Harold Ross Inman
4023 Lake Brazos Lane
Richmond, TX 77406
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019

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