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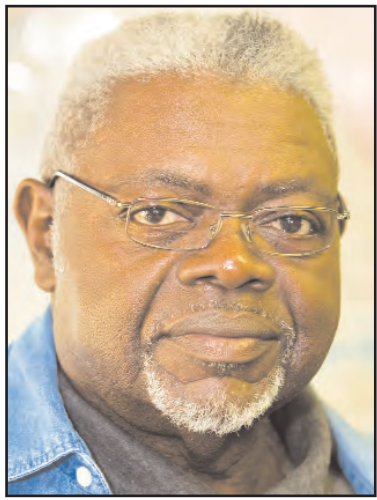
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BERNEST HEWETT

GET YOUR SHOT

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I wrote an article some time back about how important it is for people to take the COVID vaccine in order to combat this virus that is killing so many people. I got my shots, and my wife and children have completed theirs. This virus is nothing to play with! It infects the old and the young. Please take your shots!!!! It is a myth that the government is trying to get rid of Blacks through the use of this vaccine or that it makes women sterile. There are those who spread these lies, and, in some

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Why Blacks can't hesitate to get the COVID-19 vaccine

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If you feel as if you're getting whiplash from all of the confusing advisories and directives concerning COVID-19, and especially the now-dominant Delta variant, you're not alone. However, one fact remains clear! If you or yours remain unvaccinated against the coronavirus in any form, the risk, doctors and health officials say, could be a dire one.

"...[T]hings are going to get worse," Dr. Anthony Fauci, White House chief medical advisor, told ABC News Sunday, especially for African-Americans. Profound lack of trust of the government, of the medical profession, of the extremely fast vaccine development period, and waiting to see the affects of the vaccine on others are the main reasons why Blacks are hesitant to allow vital needles in their arms to stem the virus.

However, after months of decline, the number of COVID-19 cases has dramatically increased in the past several weeks as a result of the "hyper-contagious" Delta variant, and states across the country, including North Carolina, are scrambling to deal with the burgeoning outbreak. Indeed, 83% of new COVID-19 cases are directly connected to the Delta variant, according to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and, of those cases, nearly 100% of the hospitalized are unvaccinated.

As of Monday, August 2, according to the CDC, Whites (non-Hispanic) by far outpace other ethnic groups by 50%. Blacks (non-Hispanic) are 11.4% of national COVID-19 cases, while Whites comprise over 58% of deaths; Blacks are over 13% of COVID-19 deaths currently.

Evidence shows that the Delta variant can spread from human to human more quickly and incubates much faster than its predecessor. So it won't take you two weeks to determine if you've been infected.

In most cases, researchers say, it takes just four days.

Furthermore, throw out any notions about the Delta variant being no more dangerous than the common cold or influenza, health experts say. While much more is still being determined because of the short period of time the world has been dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, there is mounting evidence that beyond the initial illness, which, depending on one's risk factor (age, general health, race/ethnicity, economic status) symptoms may range from severe respiratory illness to ultimate death, and there are resulting neurological problems as patients get older. There is also evidence that those who are vaccinated can be carriers of the Delta variant, and, in some cases, can get sick from it, though not enough to require hospitalization, doctors say.

So getting either the two-shot Moderna or Pfizer vaccines is important protection to have if, for no other reason than to limit the severity

of the Delta variant. If you're unvaccinated, regardless of whether you contract COVID-19 or its Delta variant, here's what to look for in terms of symptoms, according to the CDC, that separate them from a common summer cold:

High fever or chills; severe shortness of breath; pronounced fatigue; strong muscle or body aches; constant headaches; noticeable loss of taste or smell; bad sore throat; nose congestion; nausea or vomiting; constant diarrhea.

The current CDC guidance to help restrict and curtail the spread of the more contagious Delta variant is for both the vaccinated and unvaccinated to continue to wear face masks in public, especially indoors. That guidance is especially true for school children going into this fall.

Here in North Carolina, the most vaccinated counties are Orange, Wake and Durham. The least vaccinated are Harnett and Hoke. Since last Friday, over 8,600 more North Carolinians have tested positive for COVID-19, with over 1,359 more people having been hospitalized.

Mask mandates are back in effect for many local and state government buildings. Gov. Cooper now requires vaccination verification for all state employees.

However, Republican N. C. Senate Pro Tem Phil Berger, in a fundraising letter last week, called the CDC guidance on making sure everyone, vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue wearing masks indoors, "guidance to ignore."

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cases, these same people have already taken their shots! They are just running their mouths. People of color, the shots are FREE, and they are safe! There is no excuse for our not getting them! I've been told that the government and the President are wasting money on these shots and that he needs to send out another stimulus check, but, if we don't take the shots, we might not live to receive, let alone enjoy, a stimulus check! THINK PEOPLE!!! Get vaccinated as soon as possible!!!

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

STATE BRIEFS



WILMINGTON CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO MAKE CONFEDERATE FLAG REMOVAL PERMANENT

[WILMINGTON] The two Confederate statues that were temporarily removed from downtown over a year ago will now be returned to the "superior owner," Cape Fear 3, a local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Published reports note that after the city attorney researched

the matter, the council voted to keep the two structures in storage until Cape 3 was ready to reclaim them and find new locations, per agreement.

NHC SCHOOL BOARD VOTES TO REQUIRE MASKS IN CLASS

[WILMINGTON] At the request of the New Hanover County NAACP, parents, other groups and CDC guidance, the NHC School Board Tuesday unanimously voted to require that all students in grades K-12 wear protective masks against COVID-19 during this upcoming semester. The board, which had to meet virtually because one member tested positive for the virus, made note of the rising

number of cases in the county due to the contagious Delta variant. Columbus and Pender counties school systems have voted not to mandate face masks, Bladen and Brunswick county school districts will decide next week.

NEW HANOVER D.A. DETERMINES THERE'S NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO FILE CHARGES OF INTIMIDATION OF NHC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

[WILMINGTON] Apparently planning to intimidate members of the NHC School Board and Supt. Dr. Charles Foust not only at future board meetings, but also at their homes and businesses is not enough

for charges to be filed. So says the NHC District Attorney's Office, even though Dr. Foust and NHC School Board members filed complaints last month against two board meeting attendees who allegedly plotted on Facebook to make life difficult for the school officials. After the NHC Sheriff's Dept. investigated and submitted a report to the DA, the decision was made that more would have to happen in order for the law to step in.

STATE PAYING \$100 TO FOLKS GETTING THEIR FIRST COVID-19 VACCINE SHOTS

[GREENSBORO] If you are currently unvaccinated

for COVID-19, the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services is offering to hand out \$100 Summer Cards to those 18 or older for the entire month of August. And if you are driving someone to get their first shot, NCDHHS is willing to give you a \$25.00 Summer Card. All of this is an effort to get as many North Carolinians as possible vaccinated to stem the current increase of COVID-19 cases across the state. To take part in the Summer Card Program, call 888-675-4567 or go to https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine-incentives.

COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS

Key North Carolina counties and their COVID-19 vaccination rates

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Approximately 61% of adults in North Carolina have received at least one shot of vaccination against COVID-19, with 58% being fully vaccinated. That 58% now has some protection against the new, more virulent, Delta variant, which is the primary source of new infections and hospitalizations.

As of Monday, August 2, 2021, according to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

In New Hanover County, 55.7% of the total population (234,473) have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, while 47.1% (110,407) have been fully vaccinated.

In Guilford County, 53.4% of the total population (537,174) have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while 45.9% (246,611) have been fully vaccinated.

In Mecklenburg County, 55% of the total population (1,110,356) have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while 45.8% (508,192) have been fully vaccinated.

In Buncombe County, 55.2% of the total population (261,191) have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, while 51.3% (134,096) have been fully vaccinated.

On Monday, Dr. Michele Laws, PhD, MA, Assistant Director for Consumer Support Services/Community Stakeholder Engagement and Historically Marginalized Populations COVID-19 Response Team Lead for the N. C. Dept. of Health and Human Services, issued the following important directive concerning the current spike in COVID-19 cases in North Carolina:

After months of decline, North Carolina is experiencing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases among those who are unvaccinated. Today (August 2), we had more than 3,000 cases reported. All of the State's key metrics are increasing with hospitalizations doubling over the past two weeks, the number of people going to the Emergency Department with COVID-like symptoms.

UPDATED GUIDANCE - First, anyone who hasn't gotten vaccinated yet is urged to do so now to protect yourself and your community. Getting vaccinated prevents serious illness, hospitalizations and death, even with the Delta variant, and slows community spread. Rigorous clinical trials among thousands of people ages 12 and older, have proven that vaccines are safe and effective. More than 160 million Americans have been safely vaccinated.

If you are not vaccinated, you need to continue practicing the three Ws. Wear a mask in all indoor public settings. Wait six feet apart in all public settings. Wash your hands often. In addition, you should not gather with unvaccinated people who do not live with you. If you do, stay outside and keep 6 feet of distance. You also should not travel.

There are also still places where everyone in the State needs to wear a mask, like healthcare settings, public transportation, large crowded indoor venues, and indoor places with large numbers of children. Per CDC's updated guidance, all K-12 schools should require universal masking. We have updated our guidance for schools to align with this recommendation.

Our updated guidance also calls on all employers to take proactive action with their employees. All employers should require employees to report vaccination status. Employees who are not fully vaccinated should be required to wear a face covering indoors, maintain physical distancing from others, and get tested regularly. Cabinet-level state agencies are to implement this guidance for State employees, by Executive Order 224 from Gov. Roy Cooper.

This moment requires action. Our trends are accelerating at an alarmingly fast rate because of the highly contagious delta variant. If you are already vaccinated, please urge your unvaccinated family and friends to get their shot now. It is not an understatement to say that you will save lives by doing so. You can get accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines at YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov.



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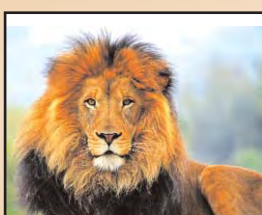
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“Save Snow's Cut Park” advocates organize

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new local advocacy group has formed for New Hanover County residents.

“Save Snow's Cut Park” advocacy group is rebelling against the New Hanover County Commission decision to close Snow's Cut Park permanently due to erosion-related safety issues.

In early May the Director of Parks and Gardens for NH County, Tara Duckworth announced that observations of erosion after Hurricane Florence link to a decision for discussions about closing the site.

Insuring the eroded site for use by the public is a problem.

The parkland is leased from the US Army Corp of Engineers. A year's notice is required if the county wants to terminate the lease.

Commissions voted to terminate the lease, and they have notified the Army Corp of Engineers.

Some area residents, including families with children are upset about the decision for permanent closure of the recreation grounds

that have been enjoyed near their homes for years.

Concerns regarding what organizer Marlene Wecker Barney refers to as, “the lack of transparency, and no public input,” are grounds for revisiting the commissioners' decision.

The advocacy group recognizes that reasons given for Park closure include erosion that compromises the septic system, as well as unsafe embankments and sinkholes.

“This is nothing new, so why now, and why Snow's Cut Park,” Barney said.

Her organized community residents and environmentalists have sought and gained assistance from a geologist.

That expert has documented, “affordable environmentally friendly options,” according to Barney.

Advocates for keeping Snow's Cut Park open want to be heard by county officials.

For information about participating in the movement to revisit the decision, and present views and options to NH County Commissioners, contact:

Barney, mmswb1@gmail.com or Victoria Garcia Velazco, Victoria123V@gmail.com



COUNTY VOTES TO CLOSE SNOW'S CUT PARK



EDITH WARD

Well known local personality succumbs

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Edith Cogle Ward, a Brooklyn, NY native and well known local personality passed away, Tuesday, July 27.

The daughter of the late Steve Cogle and Shirley Lowe, Edith relocated to Wilmington with husband, David Obah Ward after retirement.

She was a member of Wilmington (NC) Chapter of Links Inc.

“During her years of service she was very active and highly committed to her call to serve the organization and the community,” said Emma Jackson, personal friend, and Links Inc. member.

Leadership skills that Ward provided for the organization included services as a corresponding secretary, 1st Vice President of Membership, and a Co- Chairperson of the annual Kaleidoscope Brunch.

According to family, Ward's personable character and leadership skills link to experiences from early schooling and matriculation in her hometown Thomas Jefferson High.

Exposed to an institution with only two black teachers, as a student she persevered through slights and behaviors that included the prevention of a dream, becoming a cheerleader.

Ward shared that her spirit was lifted during that four-year period when a special guest speaker, Althea Gibson, tennis and golf pro visited.

Jackson said Edith Ward was a local avid golfer, a member of the Wilmington Alumni Community Choir, and a participant in the Ebony Readers' Book Club.

A graduate of Medgar Evers College, Ward earned a Masters Degree in The Humanities from Lincoln University, and was a PhD candidate through Walden University.

She spent fifteen years in the NY banking industry, and twenty-three in the Empire State's Housing and Community Renewal administrative offices.

Survivors include husband, David, son, Shawn Carson, two daughters from a blended family, Jerri W. Cummings and Selene Ward; a brother, Mark (Ernestine) Cogle, other relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by a son, Dwayne Carson.



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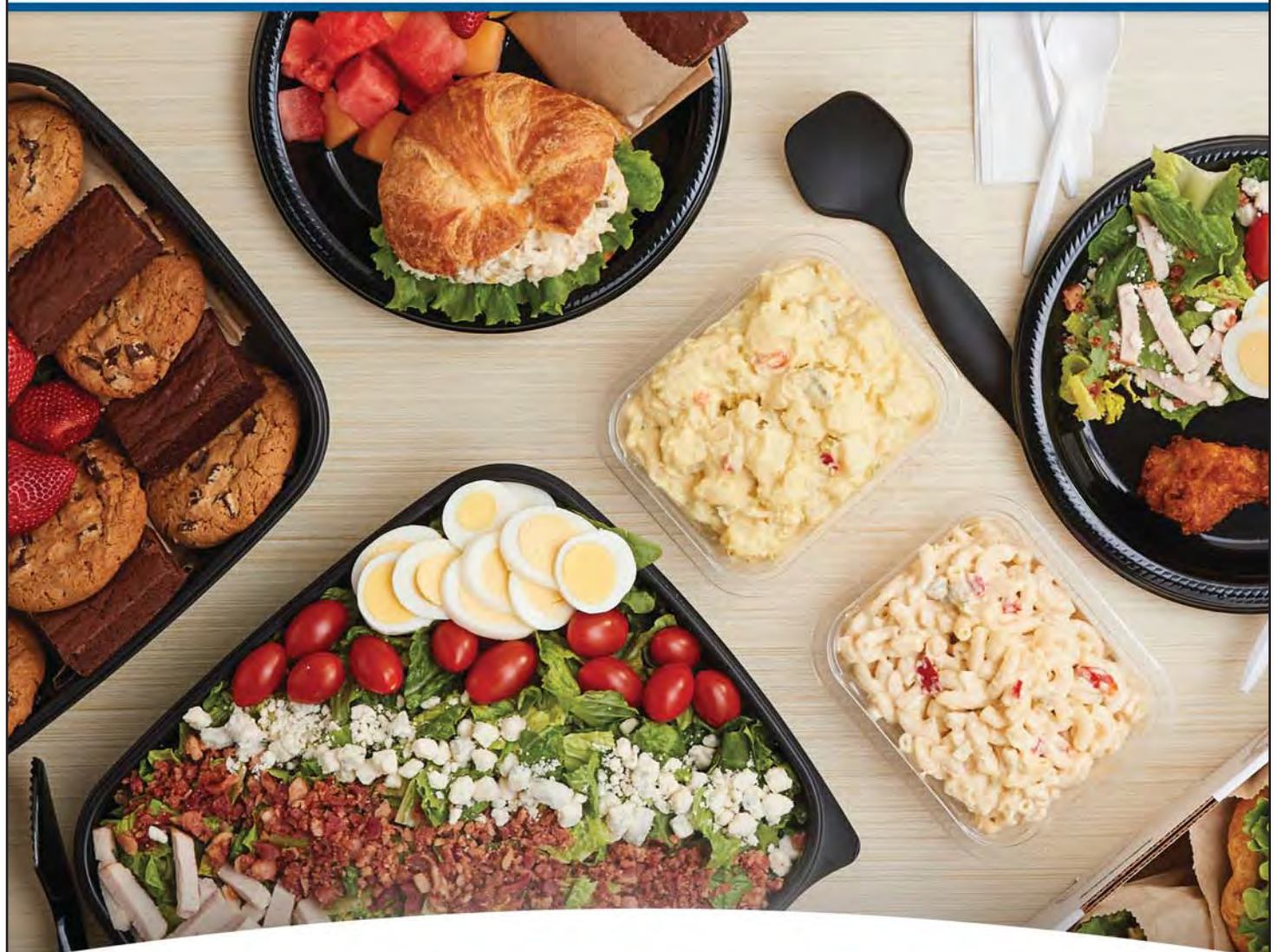
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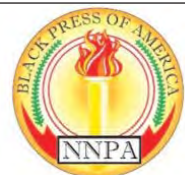
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OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

Vernon Jordan on Whitney M. Young, Jr.: One visionary warrior pays tribute to another

This Saturday, July 31st, we remember and celebrate Whitney Moore Young, Jr., on the centennial of his birth. Young served at the helm of the National Urban League during the turbulent decade from 1961 to 1971, overseeing the greatest expansion of scope and mission our organization has seen in more than a century. As the activism of the Civil Rights Movement expanded from the courts to mass-action non-violent demonstrations in the streets of both southern and northern communities, Young forcefully and publicly projected the League's tenets of social work and civil rights as never before.



Marc Morial

During our Equal Opportunity Dinner in November of 2019, the National Urban League honored three other former leaders - Vernon Jordan, John Jacob and Hugh Price - with the "Visionary Warriors" award for their years of unwavering leadership. Vernon Jordan, due to illness, was unable to attend, but shared prepared remarks in which he paid tribute to Whitney Young. We lost Jordan in March of this year. In honor of these giants of civil rights, we commemorate Young's centennial year by sharing Jordan's tribute.

Good evening. It is an honor to be here, to be alongside two great leaders of the Urban League, my successor John Jacob, and his successor, Hugh Price.

Of course, I, too, was a successor. And so tonight I'd like to thank my predecessor, the great Whitney Young, for this award - and dedicate it to him.

You see, I would not be here without Whitney. He was my mentor and guardian, my inspiration and dear friend. And for about as long as I knew him, he was trying to recruit me for the Urban League. I remember many years ago, in 1966, he gave me a ride from LaGuardia Airport and asked me to come work for him. But I was not ready to leave the South.

A few years later, in 1969, he asked me about becoming his deputy - and then rescinded the offer! He said I was more suited to a different job - one he was not ready to vacate anytime soon.

And not long after that, when I was offered the job as the Executive Director of the United Negro College Fund, I sought out his wise counsel. And he encouraged me to accept. So I moved to Manhattan, into the office just below his, and soon he became my greatest advisor and ally in this city, showing me the way forward as only he could. I learned so much from him.

His loss was tragic, and his impact was tremendous. Of course, his impact was not limited to me alone. In his near decade of leadership, he transformed the Urban League and had a profound impact. He was the original "Visionary" for this institution - imagining what it would be and could become for Black people in this country. And he pushed that vision closer to reality.

He also was an original "Warrior," a soldier in the army for civil rights ... alongside so many whom we still celebrate and others we have nearly forgotten. And he set the standard for what it means to combine the two - to be a "voice for the voiceless," and to fight tirelessly towards a vision of equality.

Indeed, 48 years ago, almost to the day, at my first Equal Opportunity Day Dinner, as the designated Executive Director, I reflected on the incredible impact of Whitney Young. And I will say tonight what I said then, because it remains true, almost half a century later: "Whitney has left us the instrumentality for change, an agency with a proven record of effectiveness, a vehicle with the blueprint for getting the job done. Thus, we have a charge to keep, a constituency to serve, a people to lead."

I am grateful to John and Hugh and Marc for being such stewards of the Urban League of this living legacy of Whitney Young. And today, its work would not be more vital - for families and communities across the country. We still have our charge to keep, our constituency to serve, our people to lead.

And we must continue to live by Whitney's example. So, before I go, perhaps even more than this award, I want to thank Whitney for the honor of a lifetime - the best job I've ever had. It has been an honor to be a soldier in Whitney's army, a warrior for a vision we must all keep fighting for.

Thank you.
"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League."

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

Rep. Cori Bush is my shero

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Congresswoman Cori Bush (D-MO) was once homeless. She wrote movingly (https://time.com/6085841/cori-bush-homelessness-crisis/) about sleeping with her babies in her car, with no place to go, nowhere to wash except a McDonald's restroom, nowhere to exhale.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

She was homeless and working, and among a group that has coined the term "unhoused" to convey the pain of living without a home, belongings stuffed into garbage bags, hot food an elusive possibility. Imagine that, and imagine that with infants, one just six months old, another not much older.

Bush has come a long way from her unhoused days, but she hasn't forgotten them. That's why she has spent several nights sleeping on the Capitol steps, joined by fellow members of Congress, Ayanna Pressley, AOC, and others. She is sleeping outside because nothing is going on inside. The eviction moratorium expired on July 31 without Congressional action, and as many as eleven million people may get eviction notices in the next few days unless Congress acts.

Typically, Congress does not convene in August. They are on vacation, or they are back in their districts holding constituent meetings. Truth be told, they are most-

ly on vacation, and Washington DC turns dead. Cori Bush says she could not imagine taking a holiday break while people are sleeping in the streets while Congress has taken no action. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the rest of the House leadership went home to enjoy their break.

Cori Bush and her colleagues are raising issues that have been ignored as we are "recovering"

from the economic impact of COVID and its mutations. One in four Floridians and South Carolinians are behind on their rent. Black folks are four times more likely to owe rent than whites are. Elderly Americans are disproportionately vulnerable to evictions - they, too, are running behind on their rent. And Congressional leaders have gone home.

Congressional leadership is Democratic, which is a frustrating aspect of the Democratic Party approach to economic justice. Speaker Pelosi might say that she did not move to extend the moratorium because she did not think it would pass. But why not try and force people to put their cards on the table. Are you in favor of mass evic-

tions, or are you prepared to support fellow citizens who run the risk of going unhoused because the eviction moratorium has run out? Members of Congress, regardless of party, have unhoused people in their districts. It would be interesting to put them on record about their willingness to help some people who have suffered because of COVID and its aftermath.

Notably, economic growth in the second quarter of this year was a high 6.5 percent. That might suggest that relief is not needed for people at the bottom. Robust economic growth, though, has shown the uneven nature of economic recovery. Unemployment rates have dropped, but faster for whites than for Black and brown people. People are working, and wages have increased some, but the federal minimum wage is as low as it has been for the past decade, and there are no signs that it will rise soon. While cobbling together an infrastructure bill, Congress is still struggling to pass a budget bill that includes increasing the federal minimum wage. These are challenges that must be dealt with in the coming weeks. Meanwhile, however, a simple piece of legislation to extend the eviction moratorium until the end of the year could provide relief for millions.

Few members of Congress

have had the experience that Congresswoman Cori Bush has. Certainly, some have experienced poverty, public assistance, and even public housing. But I'm not aware of another, besides Bush, who has had to sleep in her car with her babies. If others have had such experiences, they've not spoken of them because, in our individualistic economy, poverty is an embarrassment, a personal failure. But poverty is not personal; it's political. Or predatory capitalistic system was designed to generate poverty and inequality. It was designed to create a housing shortage that pushes rents up and people out.

It was intended to trigger gentrification that has transformed many "hoods" into hot spots. Predatory capitalism was not designed to allow people to thrive.

Cori Bush has gone from being unhoused to working in the House of Representatives. She has not forgotten the days she slept in her car. How can her colleagues forget the millions at risk, running home instead of taking care of the business they were elected to handle. She is a warrior for justice, a courageous champion. She is, indeed, my hero!

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To protect democracy, we have to fix the Supreme Court

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

It's been six months since the Biden-Harris administration began, ushering in an era of hope after four bitter and disheartening years. We have much to celebrate. At the same time, there are ways in which our future is wavering on a knife's edge: will we fulfill the promise of a more inclusive democracy, or be dragged backwards by the same forces that tried to reverse the presidential election on January 6? Will our federal government step up to protect voting rights, or will more and more states suppress them? Can we protect and expand health care?

I am proud of the commitment of advocates who are pushing the Biden-Harris administration and the new leadership in Congress to be their best. But there is another critically important step we have to take if we want voting rights, or health care, or workers' rights, reproductive rights, LGBTQ rights, or any of the rights we are fighting for to survive. We have to fix our Supreme Court.

For decades now, the same far-right forces that are fighting justice and equal rights for all our citizens have been working to pack our federal courts. Their crowning achievement has been the capture of the Supreme

Court, now dominated by ultraconservatives. The Supreme Court has dealt devastating blows to the Voting Rights Act. It has made it easier for companies to violate the rights of working people. It opened our elections to unlimited spending by corporate interests. And it is undermining health and safety regulations.

This matters greatly because even as we welcome the opportunities for change that we voted for in electing the Biden-Harris administration and Democratic leadership in Congress, there is a real risk that laws passed now - for progress that real people want - could be eviscerated by a far-right Supreme Court.

We can't let that happen. Fortunately, there are solutions on the table. President Biden has formed a Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States to study ideas for reforming the Court. They include a first-ever code of ethics for Supreme Court justices - a good idea in any era. They also include proposals that would address the unique moment we are in

now, when the Court has been so politicized and distorted by partisan interests. One idea is to set term limits for justices. Another is to add more seats to the Court, which would have a direct impact in easing the current crisis of a "captured Court."

There will be lively debate over these proposals, including pushback from traditionalists who think we should not mess with the makeup of the Court. But the number of seats on the Court has been changed before - not once, but half a dozen times.

It's also important to remember that we didn't get here through a traditional or normal course of events. The current Court makeup was achieved by cynical political machinations of Mitch McConnell, the former Senate Majority Leader. McConnell refused to hold hearings for President Obama's SCOTUS nominee Merrick Garland, thereby stealing the seat for Neil Gorsuch. He did this on the flimsy pretext that it was too close to a presidential election. Then, proving conclusively that he has no shame, McConnell forced through Amy Coney Barrett's confirmation for the late Justice Ginsburg's seat even though voting had already begun in the next presidential election.

So there are clear wrongs

to be remedied. The Roberts Supreme Court is losing the confidence of the American people, if it hasn't lost it already. In its current form it is becoming a political body incapable of protecting the rights of all, interested only in those of the privileged and powerful.

And that means Supreme Court reform needs to be an integral part of our campaigns for justice and equity on all fronts. We are fighting too hard for justice to see progress wrecked on the shoals of a rock-solid conservative Court. Let's raise our voices for term limits and more Supreme Court seats at the same time we're calling for the For the People Act and John Lewis Voting Rights Act, the Equality Act, immigration reform, reproductive rights, health care and fair pay.

Let's not trust our future to a captured Court.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.

THE BLACK PRESS:

USE It or LOSE It!

Spirit of the Olympics

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

With few exceptions, every four years citizens of the world revel in the pomp, ceremonies, and athletic excellence of the Olympic Games. Something in the human spirit admires the competition of the games and, for that moment in time, the emergence of the best athletes.

Like many this year, my attention has been primarily focused on gymnastics. I admire the grace, skill, and agility of gymnasts, and the long-term perseverance required to develop their craft to the level of world competition. I have nieces who are fledgling gymnasts and I know the extent of commitment required for them to compete at the local and state levels. I know of the hours they spend in practice each day while also managing their schoolwork and household responsibilities. I can attest that this is no small or insignificant task. It tests the full measure of their physical and emotional strength.

My exposure to their gymnastic experience gives me a degree of insight into the

challenge of maintaining the personal "balance" required to compete with regularity. That insight is why I condemn the criticism directed at Simone Biles for prioritizing her mental health ahead of competing in the Tokyo Olympics.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

I have read that she has been criticized for a lack of "toughness." Some criticism questions her patriotism and commitment to the country that she is supposed to represent. She has been accused of being self-centered and self-indulgent. These unjust critiques are of the same ilk as those used to deride and degrade tennis star, Naomi Osaka. Both of these young women have chosen their mental well-being over the expectations for their athletic performance. This choice is just as important as if they had pulled a muscle or broken a bone. (This may not be true for

Simone as she has been known to compete with broken toes.)

Their concern for personal mental health and well-being may be a newly expressed reason, but the expected "right" of the external control of "our" performance is nothing new. It harkens back to the control exercised throughout our existence in this nation - from slavery through the Civil Rights Era until today.

When Colin Kaepernick took a knee, he was disparaged as lacking a sense of patriotism. He was called a "bastard" by the sitting president. He was accused of being an ingrate who was privileged to be allowed to make the huge sums of money he made for playing a game. His placing principles over dollars was inconsistent with the mindset of those who criticized him. Prospering silently while others suffer under the oppression of systemic racism was not in Colin's "playbook." His critics could only focus on money, but his principles caused him to focus on the injustice occurring daily in his community. And who can forget Fox

Media personality (not newscaster), Laura Ingraham, telling LeBron James to "shut up and dribble." I have always believed that telling someone to "shut up" was among the greatest insults one could give another human being. It is tantamount to telling someone he or she is worthless. It is unacceptable to think that LeBron would sit in silence while the so-called leader of the free world practiced the vilest racism.

At the peril of their careers and lifestyles, Muhammad Ali, Arthur Ashe, Jim Brown, John Carlos, Tommie Smith, and others have ignored the demand for them to "shut up and perform" or "go along to get along." Each of them demonstrated their steadfast belief in a purpose higher than just existing as a well-paid, but muted entertainers. They and we are more than performers. Like the spirit of the Olympiad, we will exercise our right to express the full measure of our talents.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

When "Church" becomes an agent of destruction

It is beyond my capacity to understand why it is that some churches have become agents of destructive political ideology and conspiracy theories, resulting in so many of their followers and members to become targets for illness and death caused by the Delta variant of COVID-19.

In Nashville, Tennessee, Greg Locke, the pastor of Global Vision Bible Church, has told his members to understand that they will be put out of the church if they wear masks. He has also told them not to get vaccinated. (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/07/27/tennessee-pastor-greg-locke-masks/>) Locke has called people "crack-smoking, demon-possessed Leftists" and is deeply committed to spreading the Big Lie and all conspiracy theories that have drawn in so many people. (<pic.twitter.com/humGnQnBoC>)

What is astounding is that they believe their lies, including the one that asserts that it was not Trump supporters who were responsible for the January 6 insurrection but, as stated by Michele Bachmann, were "left wing activists who looked like they had been trained as warriors." (<https://t.co/1EzR3ifpLW?amp=1>)

This involvement by Christian Nationalists and their churches is not new; Christians from the time of this country's inception believed that God wanted this country to be created as a Christian nation "by and for white people."

But it is as puzzling as it is reprehensible to those who believe that there is one God who taught that we were all to love each other. God, neither in the Hebrew Scriptures nor in the New Testament, advocated bigotry. Staunch Christians have declared, as did the late Rev. C.T. Vivian and Archbishop Desmond Tutu that one cannot be a Christian and a racist, and Tutu declared in a book that God is not a Christian!

It is difficult to hear the voices of people who believe in the Christianity taught by the Christ in these days where Christian nationalists are storming every part of American society - from its government to its policies and to the Church in general. Those who have declared that they are "pro-life" are pushing and encouraging people not to get vaccinated or wear masks in response to COVID-19, apparently unconcerned that so many people who do not have to die will from this deadly disease. And, just as during the Civil Rights movement of the 60s where pastors and preachers taught in their Sunday sermons that segregation was sanctioned and approved of by God, 21st century Christian Nationalists are preaching their misinformation in their Sunday services and through social media.

It is mind-boggling, confusing, and maddening. God's name and the church are being used to support the murderous lies of people who say they love God, love this country, and love police, when in fact their actions reveal that they do not love any of the three. (<https://www.newyorker.com/news/on-religion/a-pennsylvania-lawmaker-and-the-resurgence-of-christian-nationalism>)

It occurred to me that these are the same people who have used the name of God and the church to support ideas that catastrophes of the not-so-distant past are the result of a God who is unhappy with America's liberalism - i.e., acceptance of the rights of the LGBTQIA community, welcoming of immigrants from anywhere but especially from non-white countries, and, of course, the passing of the law making abortion legal. We can all remember hearing Evangelical pastors blaming hurricanes and other disasters on what they defined as the malfeasance of people in power who have allowed too many liberal policies to pass. (https://www.salon.com/2014/04/11/6_most_absurd_things_the_christian_right_has_blamed_on_gays_partner/), but the energy and actions of the Christian nationalists have made even some Evangelicals leery and critical of what that group has been perpetuating and spreading. (<https://www.npr.org/2021/02/24/970685909/evangelical-leaders-condemn-radicalized-christian-nationalism>)

What is disturbing is that it feels like the voice of "the church," not the Christian nationalists but mainstream Protestant and Jewish and other religious groups, has been rendered largely silent. There is not enough push-back to Christian Nationalist toxicity, not enough yelling out the "good news" that in the eyes of God, everyone counts and everyone matters.

Many white Christians have never believed that, however, and those who do believe it have lived in fear of being attacked by vehement Christians who are content with stuffing their version of God down the throats of everyone. In their eyes, God is white, and God supports the causes of white people. The way they see God affects and determines the way they treat human beings, which determines how they relate in society. That reality has been the rule even before Christianity came to America.

I often wonder what the God of weary years and silent tears is thinking, and I also wonder why God - the omniscient, the omnipresent, the omnipotent - doesn't intervene and shake people into following God and not their political and cultural preferences and inclinations. These Christian nationalists, emboldened by the former president who one might call the Christian-Nationalist-in-Chief, are bold with their assertions that they are on the side of God and, more importantly, that God is on the side of racism, sexism, and bigotry of all sorts.

I do not understand how this story ends, but it will end. Where will those who follow the commands of the Christ be and what will "the church" look like?

I shudder to even think about it. The church has caused many problems for people in the past who have sought love and instead have received judgment and ostracization, but the darts being thrown out by the church of Christian nationalists are more toxic than ever. "The Church" has become an agent of destruction, and it is anyone's guess how wide and deep will be the fallout.

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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet Suicide... PTSD... First Down

Last week I wrote about the courage of the Capitol and D.C. police officers who risked their lives in hand-to-hand combat with a well-funded, well-trained, white militia of almost a thousand men and a few women on Jan6/21.

The roughly 1,000 members of the White Militia (it was NOT a Mob) quickly overpowered the 150 diverse members of the Capitol-D.C. officers on duty. The diverse officers were unprepared, untrained, and underfunded, for hand-to-hand combat. They were told if an assault ever happened, massive military reinforcements could be there in less than an hour. They did not know the U.S. Department of Defense had been salted with Trump loyalists who intentionally disregarded their cries for reinforcements.

The Racist Militia had sharpened their flag-spears and stashed their cash and weapons in their vehicles parked nearby. Some had donned body armor underneath their plaid and beach boy shirts. Their plan was to initiate the assault minutes after confederates detonated bombs two blocks away, diverting several officers from the greatly understaffed Capitol-DC police force. When their command staff ordered the assault, the goal was clear: Pressure V.P. Pence to refuse to do his Constitutional duty to validate Joe Biden's election.

If Pence failed, they were to assassinate him. That would stop him from declaring Joe Biden the U.S. President on Jan6/21 as required by the Constitution, and Trump would take it from there with the Stop the steal big lie.

A large group of highly-trained militia men ran up the right side of the Capitol Hill and scaled a wall to an open window, where inside confederates helped the break and enter this undefended part of the Capitol. The second highly-trained Militiamen ran straight up the historic Capitol Steps toward a Line held by perhaps 15 Capitol police at the top of the steps. They turned around, pushed open the big gold doors that serve as a backdrop for hundreds of ceremonies a year, and tried to secure the big doors from inside. They were unsuccessful. These moments were extremely humiliating for the Capitol Police.

Four Cop-Suicides Associated With The Assault

Seven months later, as the country stumbled into August, two D.C. Police officers involved in protecting the Capitol that day, committed suicide at their homes, doubling the total cop-suicides who were defending the Capitol on Jan6/21 to four. D.C. Police Officer Gunther

Hashida, a member of the Emergency Response Team of the D.C. Police Department was found dead in his home on July 29th. Hashida had been a cop for 18 years. In a delayed announcement, D.C. Police Officer Kyle DeFreytag, a cop for five years, was found dead on July 10th.



Al McSurely

D.C. Police Officer Jeffrey Smith was a cop for 12 years when he committed suicide earlier this year. And Capitol Police Officer Howard Liebengood had been a cop for 16-years, when he committed suicide earlier this year.

These four known suicides highlight Capitol Police Officer Harry Dunn's recent Congressional testimonial advice to his brothers and sisters. "There is absolutely nothing wrong with seeking professional counseling. What we all went through that day was traumatic. If you are hurting, please take advantage of the counseling services that are available to us."

Suicide is the Number one cause of police deaths.

The Congressional Black Caucus Emergency Taskforce on Black Youth Suicide and Mental Health

Only three years ago in 2018 the Congressional Black Caucus, led by its Chair and former Los Angeles social worker and political activist, Cong. Karen Bass, helped set up an Emergency Taskforce on Black Youth Suicide and Mental Health. NC Congresswoman Alma Adams, the late John Lewis, former-SNCC field secretary Eleanor Holmes Norton, and scores of Black and anti-racism psychologists, social psychologists, and other social scientists who have dedicated their lives to reversing the School to Prison Pipeline collaborated with the CBC initiative. In December 2019, the Taskforce posted its Report to Congress, packed with useful information for parents, teachers, cops, juvenile court workers and all human beings who care about children. Its four findings are on Page One:

1. Over the last several years, data has emerged indicating an alarming increase in the suicide rates for Black children and teenagers over the past generation.

2. While research has shown climbing rates for youth from other racial and ethnic groups, the trend for Black youth runs counter to historical data showing lower rates of suicide for them. This chal-

lenges the public perception that Black youth simply do not commit suicide.

3. Our research has raised questions about whether the [3-step] path from mere suicidal [1] thoughts to [2] attempts is fully understood in Black youth, and whether we have the knowledge and tools to intervene in this path, before the [3] worst happens.

The Report cited the data for these shockers. Defining U.S. Youth as people from 10-19 years old, it found Suicide is the second leading cause of death. In 2017, 3,000 youth died by suicide. Black youth suicides nearly doubled in the past decade. In 2007 2.55 out of 100,000 Black youth committed suicide. In 2017, 4.82 per 100,000 Black youth committed suicide. The suicide rate of Black youth has been increasing more rapidly than any other ethnic group.

The free report, Ring The Alarm, The Crisis of Black Youth Suicide in America, can be downloaded from the Congressional Black Caucus Website.

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Biles Smiles.
Dr. Christine Blasey Ford's Path.

McSurely's First Down Formula

We are in the beginning phases of a massive transformation in understanding some basic principles of mental health. Psychology as a science was for the very rich, and the upper white middle class in Europe and the New York area, with some of its theories seeping down to working class people through the emphasis on testing and guidance counseling after the Soviets shot Sputnik around the world. I got my Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology during the early 1970's while my lawyers and we were trying to stay out of jail because of the Contempt we had for Sen. John McClellan and other Senators. Here are three suggestions for your own Mental Health during the highs and lows of this period.

1. Hang a picture of Simone Biles celebrating her Bronze medal, so you see it every day.

2. Join the growing movement to Impeach Brett Kavanaugh-The IK Movement. It's not too late to Impeach him for lying to the Judiciary Committee and 55 million Americans watching his facial and body language on high definition TV screens. You know he is lying. The Brewski Parties the rich prep-boys held were famous in the high-class Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland community.

Dr. Blasey began the high hurdle race to deal with the trauma she suffered when

Kavanaugh had clapped his hand over her mouth, so she could not scream. And she could not breathe. A few years later, she enrolled at UNC-CH as a psychology major and earned a Bachelor's degree. Clearing the first hurdle, she went to California to earn a Ph.D in Research Psychology, preparing her to teach hundreds of students about the dynamics of post-traumatic stress, which prepared her to teach over 50 million television viewers the ugly details of Justice Kavanaugh's sexual assault. Millions of viewers nodded "Me Too" while watching her on their TVs.

Recently Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, who watched both the Liar and the Truth Teller from only a few feet away in the Senate Judiciary Hearing Room, knew well who was lying. Whitehouse has demanded the new Department of Justice and the old White House Counsel, who helped cover up Kavanaugh's lies three years ago, to post the evidence gathered about Kavanaugh in 2018. Release the tens of thousands of FBI leads that were never opened. Join the IK movement will also improve your mental health.

3. The First Down is unique to the American game of football. Your team can be losing by three touchdowns with only a few minutes left. But you still have a chance to make a first down. If you can gain ten yards, the referee dramatically points his finger forward, and calls First Down! He instructs his colleague on the sideline to Move the Chain. Your team gets a breather and a lift. All you have to do is gain ten more yards. First Down! Another lift; another breather! Each First down, gets you closer to a touchdown. Confronting trauma, post traumatically, has a similar beat to it. Ten yards at a time. Move the Chains!

-Al McSurely
Att. McSurely worked in the Civil Rights Movement from 1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became a lawyer after 15 years of apprenticeship to Bill Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy, and Morton Stavis while they fought off charges of sedition and contempt. He earned his law degree from NCCU Law School and has been suing racist institutions ever since. He has worked closely with his friend, Bishop William J. Barber II. Five years ago, he married O'Linda Watkins, President of Moore County NAACP Branch.

Tell them you read it in THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Don't wait to get vaccinated

After months of decline, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again in North Carolina. Most of those cases are because of the more contagious Delta variant—and nearly all new cases are in people who aren't vaccinated. COVID-19 cases in North Carolina reached their high-

est levels in two months. That's why the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) urges all unvaccinated North Carolinians age 12 and older to get a COVID-19 vaccine to protect against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. COVID-19 is a serious ill-

ness. Even if you have a mild case of COVID-19, you may struggle with long-term effects like shortness of breath, chest pain, and brain fog—all of which are preventable with vaccination. Those who are not fully vaccinated are at greater risk for infection by the Delta variant.

Vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19 and the Delta variant. The risk of getting COVID-19 is greater than the extremely low risk of negative effects from vaccination. Rigorous clinical trials with thousands of people age 12 and over, and experience with COVID-19 vac-

ination among hundreds of millions of diverse Americans have shown that vaccines are safe and effective—even against the Delta variant. Not vaccinated? Get tested if you're feeling sick. If you have not yet been vaccinated and are exposed to someone

who has COVID-19, or if you develop COVID-like symptoms, make sure you get tested. Don't wait to get vaccinated. Visit [MySpot.nc.gov](https://www.nc.gov/MySpot) to find a vaccine location near you.

Region "O" Council for the Advancement of Minorities in Engineering (ROCAME) announces 2021 scholarship and student of the year winners



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TONY CARTER, ALIZABETH ERVIN, WHITLEY DOCKERY AND HILDA GEORGE

BY TONY CARTER
PRESIDENT ROCAME

ROCAME was able to award 3 - \$1,000.00 scholarships in 2021. The applicants had to be a graduating high school senior with a 3.0 or greater GPA, accepted to an accredited college or university, and planning to major in a STEM discipline. The applications were reviewed by the scholarship committee and recommendations for receiving the scholarship were based on the student's participation in ROCAME, other STEM events, community service, extra-curricular activities, employment, and significant hon-

ors or accomplishments. The students' essay statements on why they would like to pursue a career in the technical field, and recommendations from a teacher or committee member were also taken into consideration. Alizabeth Ervin, a graduating senior from Whiteville High School, is the recipient of the ROCAME scholarship sponsored by International Paper, Riegelwood, NC. Alizabeth graduated in the top 5% of her class and is a member of the National honor Society. She has an unweighted GPA of 3.92. She plans to study Clinical Laboratory



TONY CARTER, MALAYKA SHAW AND WILLIAM FLYTHE

Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Alizabeth is the daughter of Arika Ervin and granddaughter of Barbara Ervin. Malayka Shaw, a graduating senior from North Brunswick High School is the recipient of the 2021 ROCAME Scholarship. Malayka plans to attend NCCU and major in Computer/Interdisciplinary Studies. Her unweighted GPA is 3.11. Malayka has earned Academic

Excellence Awards in Information Technology, Economics and Chemistry while participating in ROCAME in grades 9 through 12. She is the daughter of Derwood and Denise Shaw. Aliyah Chasten, 2021 Graduate of Hoggard High School, is the recipient for the 2021 ROCAME Scholarship sponsored by Corning, Inc., Wilmington, NC. Aliyah



EMEKA EZE, VALORIE CHASTEN, ALIYAH CHASTEN, RODNEY HANSLEY AND TRACY CARR

has an unweighted GPA of 3.75. She has been involved with ROCAME in grades 6 through 12. Aliyah has been an active participant in Cheerleading, Track and Band while serving as Student Body SGA President. She plans to attend NCA&TSU and major in Architectural/Bio Engineering and Business. Aliyah is daughter of Craig and Valorie Chasten. Whitley Dockery from Columbus County, Whiteville High School, is the recipient of the 2021 High School Student of the Year Award. ROCAME is a 501c (3)

non-profit charitable organization. It was established in 1979 by area industry and education leaders to provide a sound and viable program to encourage all minority students to enter the fields of math, science, engineering and technology also known as STEM. Carter W. Newsome and Rock Sanders designed the initial program to introduce and expose minority students to engineering disciplines. Since its inception, ROCAME has provided the opportunity and catered to thousands of students in Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and New Hanover Counties to participate in the program.

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You can protect yourself.

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Find a vaccine location near you at [MySpot.nc.gov](https://www.nc.gov/MySpot) or call 888-675-4567.

Malachi N. Nelson

Malachi N. Nelson, age 6, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, July 11, 2021.
His love and memories will remain in the heart of his mother, Onika Grady of Wilmington; siblings, Mason Grady, Maceo Grady and Royalti Temoney all of Wilmington 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.*

Gene O. Smith

Gene O. Smith, age 50, of Cary, passed away Thursday, July 22, 2021. A celebration of Mr. Smith's life was held on Friday, July 30, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.
His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Cassandra Smith of the home; children, Desmond James of Cary, Lazuwatun Meggett of Albuquerque, NM and Qua Smith of Raleigh; mother, Iris Edwards (Bennie) of Wilmington; god-daughter, Kiara Lloyd of Charlotte; siblings, Angela Chadwick of Garner; Andrea Smith of Heartland, TX, Renee Smith and Matthew Smith both of Wilmington, 4 grandchildren 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.*

Rachel Vaughn

Rachel Weston Vaughn of Wilmington, NC, quietly passed from this earthly realm in the late hours of Saturday, July 24, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Life Care Center. A memorial service was held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.
She was a native of McClellanville, South Carolina, born to the late Moses Weston and Evelyn Miller Weston. A career educator for thirty-six years, Mrs. Vaughn graduated from Lincoln High School, Voorhees Junior College (now Voorhees College), St. Augustine's College and Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY).
She was married to the late Rev. William Prince Vaughn, Sr. and they leave behind two daughters, Karen L. Vaughn of Beaufort, South Carolina and Nancy E. Vaughn of Dover, Delaware as well as many relatives, former colleagues and dear 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*

Koredreese R. Tyson

Koredreese "Korry" Robert Tyson, son of Carol Tyson Green and Robert McNair was born on April 27, 1982 in Harlem Hospital, in Harlem, New York. "Korry" as he was known by family and friends departed this earthly life on July 24, 2021. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.
Korry grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System and attended E. A. Laney High School. He graduated from North Carolina Community College.
Korry was a leader who inspired thousands. He was a role model and taught so many people. He was a go getter with a big personality and energy that lit up any room.
Korry had a very special bond with his mother and touched the lives of many. He has been at the helm of promoting peace and directly responsible for some of the positive impact we have seen in our community. Korry worked at TRU Colors in the HR Department as Director of Affiliations, then as a Manager for the Landlord Group which acts as direct liaisons between a designated community the people who live in it and those who have organizations there. Korry was instrumental in the recruiting efforts of new team members and cultivating of culture at TRU Colors by hosting luncheons and continuing the Kite Program. In his role, he organized, mobilized and educated people to

build a sense of community while driving the social mission of unity across cultural, color and association divides. Korry also represented the company on many occasions including, in Vegas for a leaders and legend event where he met Dirk Nowitzki who wished him well in his efforts.

Korry was preceded in death by his father, Robert McNair; his grandfather, Lewis Tyson and a special cousin, Ajene. Koredreese "Korry" leaves to cherish his fond memories: two daughters, Kailee Tyson of Charlotte, NC and Khari Tyson of Wilmington, NC; mother, Carol Tyson Green (Mark) of Wilmington NC; brothers, Rodney Tyson of Wilmington, NC and Dr. Robert Morris of Jacksonville, FL; sister, Shauna Tyson of Wilmington, NC; grandmothers, Earla Davis (Vernon) of Wilmington, NC and Bernice McNair (Andrew) of Brooklyn, NY; loving aunts, Velma Burnett (Rudolph) of Atlanta, GA, Shebra Johnson of Wilmington, NC, Tanya Tyson of Greensboro, NC, Daijuana Carter (Kyle) and Kimara McNair all of Brooklyn, NY; beloved uncles, David Johnson, Louis Tyson (Pearl) and Rodney Tyson all of Wilmington, NC, Adrian Tyson (Keisha) of Maryland, Ben Johnson (Sunnye) and Jack McNair all of New York; two special nephews, Riley Tyson of Charlotte, NC and Justice Tyson of Wilmington, NC; beloved cousins raised as brothers and sisters; close friends, Say Jac, Dontay, Anthony, Shaquan, Keavon, Lil Mike, Montrell, Kayla, and Khalilah "KO"; a special father figure, Johnny Crusher Jackson and a host of other relatives and many 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.*

Jerry J. Williams, Jr.

Jerry Jerome Williams, Jr. entered into rest at his home on July 25, 2021. Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.
Born June 15, 1967, he was the first-born son of Jerry J. Williams, Sr. and Linda G. Williams.
He attended Laney High School and graduated with his GED in 1985. He was known for his sense of humor. When he was with a group of friends or relatives, he most likely would have you laughing. He loved sports and spent many of his youthful days as a fast runner and great baseball player. He liked automobiles, so there was no surprise to see him drive up in a shiny new car. Most of all, he will be remembered for his love for God, his family, and his Yorkie, "Brody".
He was raised in a Jehovah's Witness family but made the truth his own when he dedicated his life to Jehovah and got baptized in Long Beach, California in 1999. He held dear the hope of having peace with the animals and good health in God's promised paradise.
Jerry is survived by his parents, Jerry J. Williams, Sr. and Linda G. Williams of Castle Hayne, NC; his wife, Marilou Williams of Durham, NC; his sons, Jerry III of Clayton, NC, Juston of Raleigh, NC and Dave of the Philippines; his daughter, Jillian of Clayton, NC; seven grandkids, Janaiya, Jayden, Jaliyah "Mookie", Giovanni, Sanaa, Jayla, and Jeriah; one brother, Carlyle (Sonja) of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Erica Alexander (Scott) of Durham, NC and Adrienne Pickard (Jimmy) of Wake Forest, NC; three aunts, Bernadine Butler (Nobel) of Castle Hayne, NC, Joan McKoy of Concord, NC and Dorine Bentley (Ben) of Queens, NY; three uncles, Robert Grady of Brooklyn, NY and Reginald Bellamy, and Jeff Bellamy, both of Queens, NY; a host of cousins 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.*

Wanda G. Basyden

Wanda G. Basyden, age 65, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, July 26, 2021. A celebration of Ms. Wanda's life was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 4925 New Centre Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403. Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park, 1311 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC

28412.

Her love and memories will remain in the heart of her sons, Angelo O. Basyden (Redina) of Burgaw and Byron L. Basyden of the home; sisters, Jernell Simmons (Dwayne) of Columbia, SC and Catherine Nixon of Wilmington; brothers, Hezekiah Nixon, III (Antionette) of Wilmington, George Bloodworth (Martha) of Wilmington and Bernard Bloodworth (Kim) of Pennsylvania, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren 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.*

Edith Ward

Edith was born in Brooklyn, NY, on October 16, 1947. She was the oldest child born from the union of Steve Cogle and Shirley Lowe. The second child was their son whom they gave the biblical name Mark. Edith was named after her Aunt Edith and proudly let everyone know that she was honored. However, in an ironic twist, everyone called her Beverly instead, it wasn't exactly what she expected.

In Edith's early school years she attended elementary schools PS. 68, PS. 21, and Junior High School 171 in Brooklyn, NY. She then enrolled in Thomas Jefferson High School. On her first day she was met with an unusual happening. She wasn't on the roster. The teacher called all the names and then turned to Edith and she said, Beverly, this name on the list says "Edith Cogle". Edith, feeling a little embarrassed, said, "oh yes, that's my name also". From then on, she would be called Edith publicly and Beverly only with the family. As a student at Thomas Jefferson, she anticipated having a great new experience, which she did in part. She discovered that there were only 2 black teachers in the school. Her grades dropped a little because of the lack of empathy and inclusion in many of the school activities. One of her desires was to be a cheerleader but was denied the opportunity. Thankfully, for her comfort and joy she was able to play the violin in music class. During her four year experience only one thing gave her hope and inspiration. One day during an assembly a tall black woman was introduced to the audience and her name was Althea Gibson. She was awed and so very happy to see a famous black person. Althea became her SHero for the rest of her life. After graduating high school she received the following degrees, Medgar Evers College- Brooklyn NY - Associates, Lincoln University - Pennsylvania - Masters of Humanities and Walden University Indiana PhD Candidate.

After high school, she began working in the banking industry. She started her career as a bank teller in the Chelsea area of Manhattan. There she excelled in her job. Within five years she was promoted to a management position. She was then transferred to Midtown where she was the only black woman as the organizations' window dress for the public's equal opportunity display. Understanding these dynamics and the political concerns of the time, she played the game until she had other opportunities to pursue. While her earnings were good, she wanted more security and benefits. After 15 years in the banking industry, she became employed by the state of New York with the division of Housing and community renewal. This new job became the crowning jewel of her work career. She had found an organization that enabled her to truly thrive. Again, she quickly moved up the corporate ladder to become director of the housing rents administration and the director of the employees assistance program. While she achieved much in the 23 years of her work experience with the agency, her joy came with the opportunity she had to help and inspire others. When leaving for retirement, her colleagues wanted her to stay a little longer, claiming they had no one to replace her. She extended her stay for one month until they finally selected a successor. It was truly a labor of love for Edith with this organization. She was still in contact with her colleagues many years after.

In 1978 she met and married her husband, David Obah Ward in Brooklyn, New York. Their union did not produce children between them, but each had two children to share as a blended family, she had two boys and he had two girls

so it was the perfect plan. She had so much fun with the girls. They were the love and pride of her life. They did everything together for many years. Today the veil of sadness is upon us, and while the reality is fresh in our minds, our memories are keeping us in a steady state.

Edith departed from us on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve Cogle and Shirley Lowe and her son, Dwayne Carson.

Here to celebrate and cherish the gift of love and the memories shared with Edith are her loving husband, Obah David Ward; son, Shawn Carson; brother, Mark Cogle (Ernestine); daughters, Jeri Ward Cummings and Selene Ward; grandchildren, Shardei Lewis, Breanna Cummings and Kasia Cummings and Kushon Burch and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins 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.*

Cynthia A. Bryant

Cynthia A. Bryant, age 77, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, July 29, 2021. A celebration of Ms. Bryant's life will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Interment will follow in St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her daughters, Kelly Bryant of Atlanta, GA and Monique Bryant of Wilmington; siblings, Franklin Bryant (Phyllis) of Hiram, GA and Rosetta Bryant Terry of Navassa, one grandchild 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*

Howard E. Harris, Sr.

Howard E. Harris, Sr., age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Public viewing 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401.

A celebration of Mr. Harris' life will be conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Inspirational House of Praise, 9871 Wayne St. NE, Leland, NC

28451. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his children, Bishop Howard E. Harris, Jr. (Adelina) of Bolivia, David Harris, Phyllis Nesbitt (Bishop Tommy Nesbitt), Stanley Harris and Wanda McKoy (Reginald) all of Wilmington; sister, Mazie Jacobs of Wilmington, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and 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.*

James L. McCollum

Deacon James L. McCollum, age 80, of Bolivia, passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2021 at The House of God Church, 443 Maides Ave., Wilmington, NC 28405. A celebration of Deacon McCollum's life will be conducted at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd. SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Interment will follow in Cape Fear Memorial Park.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Priscilla McCollum of the home; children, Henry L. McCollum of Fayetteville, Terrence L. McCollum of Bayonne, NJ and LaTasha M. Hicks of Raleigh; sisters, Betty McNair of Jersey City, NJ and Mary Kyser of Kinston, PA; 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren 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.*

British T. Moss

British T. Moss, age 50, of Brooklyn, NY (formerly of Castle Hayne), passed away Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

A celebration of British's life will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at New Beginning Christian Church. A viewing will be held one (1) hour prior to the service.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Bridgett Williams Moss of the home; children, Brielle Neil of Kansas City, MO, Jakilah Smith of North Carolina, Brandon Turner of Raleigh, NC and Brinaga Moss of North Carolina; mother, Myrina Dickerson of Castle Hayne; brothers, Laurie Bernard Moss, Jr and

Jabbar Sean Dickerson (Cece) both of Wilmington, 5 grandchildren 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.*

Geraldine Foy Wheeler

Geraldine Foy Wheeler died July 15, 2021. A memorial service was on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Geraldine, affectionately known as "Gerry" was born to the late Charles E. Foy, Sr. ad Lillie Bellamy Foy Hyman on August 29, 1938. She was a graduate of the Greatest School under the Sun, Williston Sr. High School in the Class of 1956. She loved her classmates. Gerry was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles E. Foy, Jr. and James A. Foy. She was a devoted member of St. James AME Church in Castle Hayne, NC where she was very active until her health failed. Gerry was a member of the Helping Hand Club, The LE Humphrey Club, Pastor's Aide, a Stewardess, a Missionary and on the Kitchen Committee. For many ears Gerry was the proprietor of Foy's Corner Grocery Store on the north side of town. Her love for the children in the neighborhood was always front and center and they loved and adored her as well. She took the initiative to plan and sponsor an annual trip to Myrtle Beach for the neighborhood children who otherwise wouldn't have had a summer vacation. They looked forward to this and it was something she thoroughly enjoyed. Several years ago, as adults, the children came together and honored her for her kind acts and love. Her impact on the is everlasting. Gerry was diligent about planning days with her nieces and nephews. During the Azalea Festival activities, she would allow them all to spend the night, bond and have fun with each other. She often showed her love through the amazing cakes she baked. Her cakes would melt in your mouth and everyone looked forward to enjoying them at gatherings. Family was an integral par of her life.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, a daughter, Natalie Wheeler; three bons children, James, Diane and Rev. Richard Wheeler; three sisters, Dennie Simpson (Charles), Gale Wilson (Leo) and Betty Newkirk (Charles); two

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TELL SOMEBODY

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Abomination - Something that elicits extreme dislike

1. A proud look
All pride is not bad. It can be a positive characteristic to have, when one has self respect or shows satisfaction in one's work or achievement. On the other hand, pride can be very negative, when one has an overly high opinion of oneself, which can evolve into conceit, and escalate into an overdeveloped opinion of one's abilities. "Pride goeth before destruc-

tion, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

2. A lying tongue
A lie is a false statement purposely put forward as truth. A lie is something meant to deceive or give a wrong impression. Proverbs 19:5 says, "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape." Proverbs 12:22 says, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight" Psalm 101:7b says, "He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight."

3. Hands that shed innocent blood.
Psalm 94:21,22 "But the

Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off." Sometimes it seems like people are getting away with evil. In reality, they never get by with God. It only seems that way because, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place,



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beholding the evil and the good." Proverbs 15:3

4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.

Imagination means to have a notion without a foundation. We cannot always follow our heart because....

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9

5. Feet that be swift in running to mischief. "Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood." Isaiah 59:7a

6. A false witness that speaketh lies.

God's Law concerning being a false witness is

included in one of the Ten Commandments. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Exodus 20:16

7. He that soweth discord among brethren

Discord is marked by tension, strife, and the lack of agreement among persons. The tools of discord are gossip and slander. It is wrong to initiate gossip and it is worse to repeat gossip. Proverbs 22:8 declares, "He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity; and the rod of his anger shall fail."

Lord help us to set a watch upon our lips, so that the words of our mouth and the

meditation of our heart will be acceptable in thy sight. In Jesus' name. Amen

Don't forget to Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Faith is acting on the word of God

I want to make this open statement so that we can understand that there is a difference between believing, or belief and faith. Belief or believing is an attitude of the heart or a state of mind, or static without motion. Faith is an action, which means the process of acting or doing something. A movement or series of movement. Habitual, vigorous activity. Faith is acting on what you believe! (I will be using several translations for more clarity in the lesson)

You got to get this! You can believe God or the right things about God and not be saved, healed, or deliver, again it's a state of mind without manifestation. You must believe but that's not enough, you must act on what you believe and receive. Confessing with your mouth is an action. Romans 10:8-11, 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.10 For with the heart

man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

You can't get saved by just believing, you must receive Him, which is an action: John 1:12, (KJV) 12But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Faith is acting on what you believe; the action is always twofold it always began with a verbal declaration. And is followed by a physical action that support what you have said or a corresponding action in line with what you believe.

James 2:19, (NLT) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

(TMSG) 19Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you had done something wonderful? That's just great. Demons do that, but what good does it do them?

(KJV) 19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest

well: the devils also believe, and tremble (These verses are saying the devil believe).

Let's use an example this, so that all can understand: I have keys for my house, car and others. I am carrying these keys because I believe they work, but in order for



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them to work I must do something. I must leave here go to my car open the door place the key in the ignition and turn to key or when I get home, I must place the key in the lock and turn it to unlock the door to open it. I must do the same thing with my faith key. The key serves as an activator, our faith in God is an activator, which activates the power of God in our circumstances.

Let's examine this illustration that given in James 2:14-17, (NLT)14What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?

Can that kind of faith save anyone? 15Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, 16and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well!"-but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?17So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

You got to get this! I must do something! You must do something. We must do something! We must put into practice what we have heard and receive because God's Word is practical. Practical is defined as of, relating to, governed by, or acquired through practice or action. Practice means to do or perform habitually; make a habit of.

James 1:22-25. KJV 22But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty,

and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Faith must and will become our first nature or lifestyle through being a doer of the word, (habit or practice). Philippians 4:9. (NLT) Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me-everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

(KJV) 9Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

11Corinthians 5:7. (NLT) 7For we live by believing and not by seeing. (TMSG)7It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going.

(KJV)7(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) How does faith work? Faith is a process, which means a series of actions, changes or functions that brings about a result. (saved, healed, deliverance, prosperity and whatever the need). Mark 11:22, 24, (KJV) 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 24

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (MEV) 22 Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you will receive them, and you will have them.

1John 5:14-15,(KJV)14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Father, in the name of Jesus we pray, that you meet us at the point of our needs, I cast the whole of my care upon you because you care for us. I believe and receive and activate the blessings you have already given to us through your Son Jesus Christ. 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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brothers, Leon Foy (Juliette), Milton Foy (Brenda), s goddaughter, Evangeline Tait; a grandson, Ricardo Grady; a very special nephew, Tyrone Foy (Vickie); many niece and nephews; her canine, Sinbad which was the apple of her eye who is now being cared for by her niece, Vera Allen (Kevin); many cousins and friends far and near with whom she maintained a close connection. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Catherine West

Catherine West died July 17, 2021. Graveside service was held on Friday, July 23, 2021 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Catherine was one of seven children born to the late Henry J. and Annie Laura Shavers on August 1, 1932.

Surviving to cherish her memories are: her son, TaCarlo Anderson West (Sharon); daughter, Allie West Bullock; grandchildren, TaCarla Lene West, Terichia West Lea (LeVar), TaCarlo Anderson West, Jr., Clifton Bullock and Andras Bullock (Kristy); great-grandchildren, Trevon Hooper, Andras Bullock, Jr., Tanea Rogers, Catorie Lea, Logan Lea, and Christiana Lea; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Larry Nelson

Larry Nelson died July 18, 2021. Graveside service was held on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Larry Darnell Nelson of Wilmington, North Carolina was born to the late Mazie and Harvey Nelson, Sr. on June 29, 1955.

Larry was also preceded in death by three brothers, Harvey Nelson, Jr, Kenneth Nelson and Alexander Nelson.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two son, Larry (Sharmeka) Nelson and Michael Nelson all of Philadelphia, PA; 7 grandchildren, Kayla, Leilah, Michael Jr., Ashanti, Aariona, Ciyahna and Gianna; 2 great-grandchildren, Messiah and Malachi; sisters, Bettie Sands (Maurice) of Idaho, Mazell Huggins, Ruth Williams and Carolyn Nelson all of Wilmington, NC and Ernestine Nelson of California; brothers, Ervin Nelson (Yonne) and Jeffery Nelson (Monica) all of Wilmington, NC; sister-in-law, Ramona Nelson of Durham, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grand-nephews, other relatives and friends, including a special friend of

20 years, Loretta Forden of Wilmington, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Corey Prather

Corey Prather died July 18, 2021. Funeral service was held on Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Corey D'Angelo Prather, affectionately known as "Lil Corey", was born on August 25, 1977 to Barbara Wooten and the late Louis Mitchell.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Prather; brother, Carlton Whitley and grandmother, Arnell Mitchell. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Tonisha Prather; one son, Dayzhaun Prather; two daughters, BreAira Prather and Leslie Hough; mother, Barbara Wooten; mother-in-law, Janet Gause; father-in-law, Anthony Gause; six sisters, Melissa Prather, Ebony Mitchell, Myesha Silman, Angelique Evans, Christina Calhoun and Lorri Ann Jackson; two brothers, Scott Underwood (Shelly) and Ahaah Spencer; five aunts; three uncles; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Annie L. Brown

Annie L. Brown died July 20, 2021. Graveside service was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at Pine Forest Cemetery.

Annie, also known as "Annie Boo" by her departed husband Robert L. Brown was born on June 24, 1941, the daughter of the late Charles and Josie Newkirk.

Annie Boo was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Brown, Sr., son, Robert Brown, Jr., sister, Queenie Hodges, and two brothers, Norman and William Newkirk. Annie leaves to cherish her memory: her loving children, Reginald Newkirk of Brooklyn, NY, Vanessa Brown of Atlanta GA, Derilyn Brown of Bronx, NY and Shawanna Brown of Brooklyn, NY; grandchildren, Keith Brown of Brooklyn, NY, special loving caretaker, Laticia T. Brown of Atlanta, GA, Thomas Brown of Charlotte, NC, Tyrone Brown of Bronx, NY, Jaquan Brown of Wilmington, DE, Markiea Ifill of Brooklyn, NY, and Ryshawn Brown of Wilmington DE; 7 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Roderick Newkirk of Atlanta, GA and Larry Crawford (Laura) of Rocky Mount, NC; three sisters, Lorretta Martin (David) of Clayton, NC, Delores Miller (Olivier) of Castle Hayne, NC, and Effie Willis (Derek) of New Rochelle NY; brother-in-law, Kenny Rae Brown of Brooklyn, NY; beloved aunt, Evelyn Jermott; a spe-

cial daughter; Denise Curry and a special niece, Denise Bennett, both of Wilmington, NC; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Alfred Nixon

Alfred Nixon died July 20, 2021. Funeral service was held Monday, July 26, 2021 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Brother Alfred, son of Robert and Beatrice Nixon was born on September 19, 1949, in Wilmington, NC.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Barbara Nixon; daughter, Alfreda Nixon-Marshburn; grandchildren, India Brandon, Mikillo Marshburn; brother, Jerry Nixon (Nazalee); sister, Queen Esther Nixon-Ransom, sisters-in-law, Ethel Nettles, Norma Louise Wells, Carrie Murphy (Archie), and Shirley Bowens all of Delco, NC, Annie Scott and Alice Noel, both of Wilmington, NC; four uncles, Raymond Bowens and Benjamin Bowens, both of Delco, NC, Otto Bowens (Barbara) of Plainfield, NJ and Hersal Pickett of Ocala, FL; a special and devoted friend, Keith Winfield; two young ladies whom she referred to as her daughters, Antoinette Waters and Raven Waters; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

Tymekia Troy Askew

Tymekia Troy Askew died July 20, 2021. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Perkinsville Cemetery.

Tymekia was born on June 21, 1970 to the late Walter Troy Sr. and Esther Perkins Troy. She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband of 14 years, Cornelius Askew; son, Joseph Lamb, Jr.; daughter, Mekiyah Lamb; stepdaughters, Amis Askew, Simara Askew; sisters, Monica Bellamy (Billy), Sandra McIntyre; god sisters, Elizabeth Galley, Sandra Stringfield, Trecia Williams, Mamie Hargrove, Eevelna Henderson, Wanda Jackson, Amonda Tyndul (Alphonza) and Georganna Turner; god brother, Clarence Lofton; mother-in-law, Ella Bond; sister-in-law, Bobbie Harrell, Delores Askew-Woodard; brothers-in-law, Bethel Askew, Terrail Bond; od parents, Tony and Faye Richburg and era Lloyd; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Lucy Selena Bowens Wilkins

Lucy Selena Bowens Wilkins died July 21, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the Salem Cemetery, Delco, NC.

Lucy, the daughter of the late Grace Bowens and the late Sidney Miller, Jr., was born in Columbus

County on December 20th, 1954.

To cherish her memories are: her husband of 40+ years, Clifton Wilkins of Wilmington, NC; three daughters, LaKeisha Wilkins, Gracie Wilkins and Tracie Wilkins, all of Wilmington, NC; three granddaughters, Angel Wilkins of Lynchburg, VA, Iyanna Green and Amelia Green, both of Wilmington, NC; five grandsons, Antwan Oliver, Amir Oliver, Amarian Oliver, Ammar Oliver and Kevin Green, Jr., all of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Belinda A. Pickett of Delco, NC and Vanessa Olivari; one brother, Sidney Miller, Jr.; four sisters-in-law, Janice Young of Wilmington, NC, Shelia (Doug) Cunningham of Hampstead, NC, Cathy Simpson of Knightdale, NC and Sherry Bowens; brother-in-law, Eugene Graham; six aunts, Katie Ruth Brown of Riegelwood, NC, Elma Louise Wells, Carrie Murphy (Archie), and Shirley Bowens all of Delco, NC, Annie Scott and Alice Noel, both of Wilmington, NC; four uncles, Raymond Bowens and Benjamin Bowens, both of Delco, NC, Otto Bowens (Barbara) of Plainfield, NJ and Hersal Pickett of Ocala, FL; a special and devoted friend, Keith Winfield; two young ladies whom she referred to as her daughters, Antoinette Waters and Raven Waters; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Joseph Mikel Mitchell

Joseph Mikel Mitchell, Jr. died July 20, 2021. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Joseph, affectionately known as "Lil Mike" was born on March 23, 1971 to Minnie L. Mitchell and Joseph Mikel Mitchell, Sr.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Mikel Mitchell, Sr. and his brother, Jaron Mitchell. He leaves to cherish fond memories: his son, Jaron Mitchell; his mother, Minnie L. Mitchell grandmother; Leola Waters' sisters, Eboney Coppedge, Hadiya Coppedge and Tracy Formey; aunts, Linda Walters and Louvenia Johnson. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Helena Hall Boykin

Mrs. Helena Hall Boykin died July 23, 2021. Graveside service was held on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at Oleander Memorial Gardens; 306 Bradley Drive, Wilmington, NC.

Helena was born September 11, 1930. She joined Mt. Olive AME Church at a very young age, serving to the upmost. She departed this earthly life on July 23, 2021.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Boykin. She was married to Robert Daniel Boykin on June 25, 1949. The two celebrated 72 years together. Treasuring her precious memory is: her husband, Rev. Robert Boykin; Children and Grandchildren: Ronald A. and Helen A. Boykin (RoKisha B. and Leon Reynolds, Brianna, Brittney, DeLishia B. Davis - Maya, Mycah), Robert Boykin's Children (Robert and Dassile-Orlando Janay, Christopher, Nayyara, Caydyn, Nicholas, Matthew), William O. and Marie F. Boykin (Derrick and Tamika; Kenya-Geneva, Kiara; Rochaun - Kennedy, Zoie, Raelyn; LaKyna - Jaylan, James, ZeMontrae, and William ("Baby Boy") Helena and Joseph H. Highsmith (Michael-Daniel; Joseph K. and Leslie-Kalia; Ronald-Pamela, Iyanna, Josi, Jeremiah, Diedra and Giovanni-Samiya, Grayson); her beloved family and friends: Oliver A. Boykin, Alice B. Fennell, Marnie J. Williams, Adelle Dickson, George Dickson, Kevin Jackson, Linda Pearce-Thomas, Peggy Green, George Ronald Brown, Lucille Waddell, Freddie and Mary McClammy, Thelma Grainger, Janice and Jonathan Barfield, Joyce and Eldridge Grady, Lola Reaves, Lillie M. Robinson-Renee and Jerould Richburg, Margaret Franklin, Alma Patricia Richburg, Pauline Temoney, Cathy and Thomas Ingram, Kevona-David; Margaret, Derick, Nehemiah; Ashley Logan, Cato, Rose and Nicholas, Precious and Lee Bellamy, Alicia-Leah, Vivian M. and Kevin West, Erica, Sadie McAllister, Camesha, Phillip and Tyler, Ruth Marie Hillian, Russell and Patricia Hewett, Emelie Todd, Michelle Brooks, Paulette Smith, Bryant, Dot Stewart, Hattie Sherrod, Terri and Wendell Boykins, Cheryl and Perry James, Cherry and Michael Smith, Rosalind Perkins, Sandra David, Maria Jones, Marguerite Atwood, Betty Dorsey, Lela Coleman, Annie Burton, Geraldine Nicholas, Alfonza Damon, Eddie Foster and the Staff of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home, other relatives and many, many dear friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Deacon Daniel Foy

Deacon Daniel Foy died July 24, 2021. Graveside service was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at the Pollock Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, Dan was also preceded in death by his brothers, Charles Foy and Freddie Foy and his sisters, Velma Foy and Rosa Foy and his brother, Stanley Thomas. He leaves to cherish fond memo-

Bri'Yanna Emily Doxon-Williams

Bri'Yanna Emily Dixon-Williams died July 24, 2021. Funeral service was held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Bri'Yanna was born to Elton B. Williams, Jr. and Adrian T. Dixon on early Monday morning, December 10, 1999.

Bri'Yanna leaves to cherish her memories: her father, Elton B. Williams, Jr. of Wilmington, NC; her mother, Adrian T. Dixon of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Malquan Dixon of Wilmington, NC; one sister, Arriion Williams Dixon of Wilmington, NC; grandmother, Brenda Dixon Jenkins of Wilmington, NC; grandfather, Elton Williams, Sr. of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Sharon Williams of Charlotte, NC and Maria Williams of Wilmington, NC; four nephews, Jayden, Amir, Dominic, and Emmanuel; three nieces, Zuri, Aerial and I'Yanni; special Nanna, Maxzine Dixon Utley of Wilmington, NC; a special uncle, Tige Utley of Wilmington, NC; a special aunt, Arielle Utley-Nixon (Frederich); six special first cousins, Dandrell, Frederick, Donshinae (Joseph), Carolinda, Shaylin, and Emarie; eight great-aunts; four great-uncles and a host of other aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Warren Clarkson

Warren Clarkson died July 25, 2021. Service information is incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Melissa Letitia Carmichael

Melissa Letitia Carmichael died July 31, 2021. Service information is incomplete. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

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Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Carol Jackson Shell (21-E-1063)**, late of New Hanover County, 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 **October 29, 2021** 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 29th day of July, 2021.

Leslie Graham Shell, III
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
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Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Ruth E. Syre (21-E-1057)**, late of New Hanover County, 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 **October 29, 2021** 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 29th day of July, 2021.

Thomas Ralph Syre, Jr.
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Dennis Higgins**, 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 **29th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021

Denise Hayes, Collector
615 S. 12th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Administrator of **Robert Pierce Myers (21-E-1124)**, late of New Hanover County, 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 **November 5, 2021** 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 5th day of August, 2021.

Scott Parker Myers
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 5, 12, 19, 26 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Administrator of **Francine Deborah Nagy Thornton (21-E-932)**, late of New Hanover County, 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 **November 5, 2021** 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 5th day of August, 2021.

Charlotte Noel Fox
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 5, 12, 19, 26 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Hobson Sanderlin Morgan**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of October, 2021**, 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 22nd day of July, 2021

Joy D. Morgan, Executor
5601 Marsh Bay Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28409

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Harry Arnold Drake, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of October, 2021**, 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 22nd day of July, 2021

Wayne William Kool, Executor
236 Oakland Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **John E. Nolan (21-E-836)**, late of New Hanover County, 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 **October 22, 2021** 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 22nd day of July, 2021.

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July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Bradford Utz**, 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 **29th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021

Nicole Utz, Executor
317 Hanover Lakes Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Dennis Higgins**, 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 **29th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021

Denise Hayes, Collector
615 S. 12th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
RODERICK VONZELL ALLEN**

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Roderick Vonzell Allen**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Natoshia Tameka Allen, Administratrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No: 910-762-4176

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
NORMAN LEE TOLIVER**

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Norman Lee Toliver**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Gale Griffin Hall, Administratrix
Terry B. Richardson
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July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
GEORGE WILLIS HILL**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **George Willis Hill**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Payton Elizabeth Freeman, Executor
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
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Fax No: 910-762-4176

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jill M. Gillespie**, 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 **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of July, 2021

Wanda Hunt, Executrix
704 Samuel Chase Lane
Melbourn, FL 32904

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
THE CITY OF WILMINGTON
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RFP for Temporary Employee
Staffing**

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington North Carolina (WHA Central Office), until date and time noted below, 1524 South 16th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

- Bid Submission: Friday, August 20, 2021 by 3:00 p.m.
- Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup beginning Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Central Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 for project manual pick up, or
- Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then RFP at no charge.
- Questions; E-mail to cburns@wha.net no later than August 9, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

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July 29, August 5, 2021

**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 34**

**IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.P.
(DOB: 4/15/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
ANY UNKNOWN-FATHER OF
MALE CHILD BORN IN NEW
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA TO ALISON NAYLOR**

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 August 5, 2021, 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 September 27,
2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon
thereafter as it may be heard, at
the New Hanover County
Courthouse, 138 N 4th Street,
Wilmington, North Carolina,
28401.**

This the 3rd day of August, 2021.

Jill Cairo
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.
Dept.
of Social Services
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August 5, 12, 19, 2021

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Sources: Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013); The American Newspaper Media Industry: Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013); 2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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