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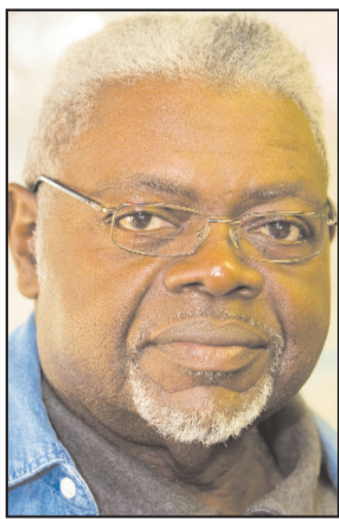
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, we see and hear the racist views of our elected officials, Mr. Tillis and Mr. Burr. They agree that the nominee for the United States Attorney is one of the most qualified and has had a great deal of experience. Yet, they will not approve her for this position. They have no valid excuse, but they say that they are conservatives and won't vote for her. Does this mean that all conservatives don't like Blacks, or do they want people to hate each other because of the color of their skin? I find that educational qualifications or experience don't matter with our elected officials. These are the things that make for good sound judgment and bring people together for a progressive and sound government.

When we look at what has taken place with new bills, oppressive laws, the outpouring of open racism, young men shot down in the street, innocent young Blacks arrested, innocent but harassed without a lawyer and then put in the courts, seeking a conviction, we must wake up. Our civil rights, our faith, our families, our very existence, are at a place wherein slavery is a strong possibility if this type of government action continues.

We must not stray away from our faith! We must hold to our family values! We must educate our people, both Black and Whites. Time is not our friend. Last of all, put aside all weights and different attitudes, Vote! Vote! Then get a friend to vote!

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

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NC POVERTY RATE CLIMBS

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

BY TAZRA MITCHELL OF THE NC JUSTICE CENTER

(April 1, 2015) - Poverty in North Carolina either climbed or stayed steady from 2007 to 2013, despite the economic recovery, according to a new report from the Budget & Tax Center, a project of the NC Justice Center. Both North Carolina's off-kilter economy and policymakers' decisions to cut back on vital supports for working families are keeping poverty high, as wages remain stagnant, economic gains bypass nearly everyone except those at the top, and lawmakers continue to enact policies that compound these economic disparities.

In 2013, poverty in North Carolina - which is defined as a family of four living on less than \$24,000 each year - was the most widespread it had been since before the turn of the century, the report said. The rate was 17.9 percent in 2013, the

11th highest in the nation, with the deep poverty rate and child poverty rate both the 12th highest.

"From the mountains to the coast, poverty-level incomes are a harsh reality for more than 1.7 million North Carolinians who find affording the basics such as rent, food, and utilities to be a daily challenge," said Tazra Mitchell, a policy analyst with the BTC and author of the report. "Making it just a little easier for people to increase their earnings not only helps families struggling to pay the bills but also makes the economy stronger for all of us."

Poverty has consequences for us all, and the depth of North Carolina's economic hardship is closely tied to demographics as well as where one lives, the report said.

Race and gender play significant roles in poverty. Communities of color, women, and children are more likely to face economic hardships than whites, men, and older adults, respectively.

Racial disparities in income not only harm people of color but have consequences for all of us

because inequities keep the economy from reaching its full potential. North Carolina's Gross Domestic Product-a measure of all goods and services produced in the state-would have been \$63.53 billion higher in 2012 if there had been no gaps in income by race and employment.

North Carolina's child poverty rate was 25.2 percent in 2013, an increase of 6 percentage points since 2007. More than 4 in 10 children who grow up in poverty are likely to remain there as adults, with even less economic mobility for African American children.

Poverty's reach varies considerably across the state, revealing a stark rural-urban divide. Out of the state's 100 counties in 2013, the 45 highest county-level poverty rates were all in rural counties-up from 31 in 2012.

More North Carolinians live in high-poverty

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JABBERWOCK QUEENS--SHAKERIA RICHARDSON, AMIRACLE DAVIS, NAIYA GRAHAM, AND KENDALL MCCLAMMY

Jabberwock 66

CONTRIBUTED ARTICLE

The Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated held its 66th Jabberwock Scholarship Pageant on March 7, 2015 at New Beginning Christian Church. The Theme of the pageant was "Flawlessly Me" addressing the value of inner beauty and self worth.

Mrs. Marva Robinson was the Mistress of Ceremony and entertainment was provided by Mikala Parnell, Violinist; Dance Express Performing Arts Studio Ballet Class and Jabberwocky, Miss Avereé Jaden Bell.

Naiya Graham was crowned Little Miss Jabberwock. Naiya is the daughter of Mr. Corey

and Mrs. Karen Graham. Naiya was escorted by KeShawn Daniels, son of Ms. Janelle Washington. First Runner up to Little Miss Jabberwock Princess was Kendall McClammy. Kendall is the daughter of Ms. Dawn McClammy. Kendall was escorted by Christopher Carr, son of Mr. Christopher Carr and grandson to Mrs. Lillie Carr. Amiracle Davis was crowned Miss Jabberwock Princess, she is the daughter of Mr. Joel and Mrs. Sandra Johnson. Amiracle was escorted by Isaiah McFadden, nephew of Mr. Brandon and Mrs. Suprena Hickman. Shakeria Richardson was crowned Miss Jabberwock. Shakeria is the daughter of Ms. Linda

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NNPA PHOTO NNPA PRESIDENT AND CEO BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS DISCUSSES THE "STATE OF THE BLACK PRESS"

Black Press faces challenging, but hopeful future

BY FREDDIE ALLEN SENIOR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Jordan Shanks, a sophomore English major at Howard University admitted that before Black Press Week, he didn't know much about the Black Press or the Richmond Free Press, the Black newspaper published in the Virginia city where he grew up.

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Black women protest delay in confirming Loretta Lynch

BY JAZELLE HUNT NNPA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Hundreds of Black women and girls representing the Black Women's Roundtable descended on the nation's capital last week to petition the Senate to confirm U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch as the next attorney general.

"Loretta Lynch has been waiting over 140 days to get a vote on the floor. That's never happened in the history of this country," says Melanie Campbell, convener of the Roundtable, and president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (NCBCP).

The Black Women Roundtable is the intergenerational arm of the NCBCP.

"They're holding her up because they're having a partisan battle," said Campbell. "... Why is this happening to a Black woman? The American people believe in fair play. It's not fair, and it's not correct."

Campbell was one of about two-dozen members of

the Roundtable who visited Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's (R-Ky.) office on Thursday and attempted to meet with him on the matter. They were told he was busy and would not be able to meet with them, or greet them.

The women held a prayer vigil outside his office; security was called, but did not escort them out. They were able to meet with McConnell's chief of staff; Campbell describes his response as "on-message stock answers."

In addition to meeting with representatives, the Black Women Roundtable (BWR) released its 2015 Black Women in the United States report.

"This report is a little bit different than the last one in that it gives both the 50,000-foot view by providing data analysis across a variety of areas and indicators,"

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## JABBERWOCK

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Pringle and Mr. Donald  
Richardson. Shakeria was

escorted by Justice Terry, son  
of Ms. Crystal Terry. Shakeria  
is a Senior at New Hanover  
High School and was awarded  
the scholarship.

The Jabberwock Pageant  
was started many years ago  
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program is used as a means  
of raising scholarship money  
for deserving high school  
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endowed scholarship at UNC-  
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ton Alumnae chapter serves  
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and Pender counties.

## PROTESTS

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said the report's editor, Avis  
Jones-DeWeever. "But in addi-  
tion to that, it's augmented by  
the stories from women...who  
are BWR members in states  
all across this country, whose  
voices are literally infused  
into this report. So you not  
only get the data, you also get  
the narratives behind the  
numbers."

A similarity it shares with  
last year's inaugural edition is  
the mix of celebration and  
concern.

And the concerns are many.  
First, every state with a large  
Black population, with the  
exception of Maryland and  
Delaware, plus Washington,  
D.C., is home to high numbers  
of uninsured Black women.  
All of the states in question  
have refused to expand  
Medicaid coverage under the  
Affordable Care Act. At the  
same time, reproductive serv-  
ices are disappearing in these  
states, resulting in a rising  
maternal mortality rate  
among Black women, from 30  
to 42 deaths out of 100,000  
live births (compared to 12  
deaths for White women).

"Already as it stands, Black  
women have maternal mortal-  
ity rates that are frankly  
unheard of anywhere else in  
the industrialized world,"  
Jones-DeWeever said at the  
report release event. "If you  
are a Black woman in  
America, you have a better  
chance of surviving child-  
birth if you gave birth in  
Libya than in the United  
States of America. Our

women are dying because of  
lack of care, and there's no  
excuse for that."

Black women also experi-  
ence violence at dispropor-  
tionately high rates; they're  
more than twice as likely as  
all women, and three times as  
likely as White women, to be  
murdered. More than half of  
Black women who knew their  
murderers were romantically  
involved with them.

Economic success is another  
uphill battle. Despite national  
gains, Black women's unem-  
ployment has remained the  
highest among all women -  
8.9 percent compared to the  
national rate of 5.5 percent.  
While that's lower than last  
year, the rate has been on a  
slow rise, contrary to unem-  
ployment stats for other  
women.

In the report, wage dispari-  
ties play out across income  
categories, and especially  
across education levels. For  
example, Black women with  
master's degrees earn slightly  
less than Black men with  
bachelor's, and White men,  
Asians, and Latinos with  
associates or post-secondary  
degrees.

The good news, though, is  
that Black women are seizing  
political power as never  
before.

This year, Alma Adams (D-  
N.C.) became the 100th Black  
woman elected to Congress.  
There are two new Black-  
woman mayors of major cities.  
Two new congressional rep-  
resentatives became the first  
Black congresswomen elected  
from their states (New Jersey  
and Utah), and Mia Love  
became the first Black woman

ever elected to Congress as a  
Republican. There are two  
Black women running for  
Senate in 2016 - It's been 17  
years since a Black woman has  
occupied a Senate seat.

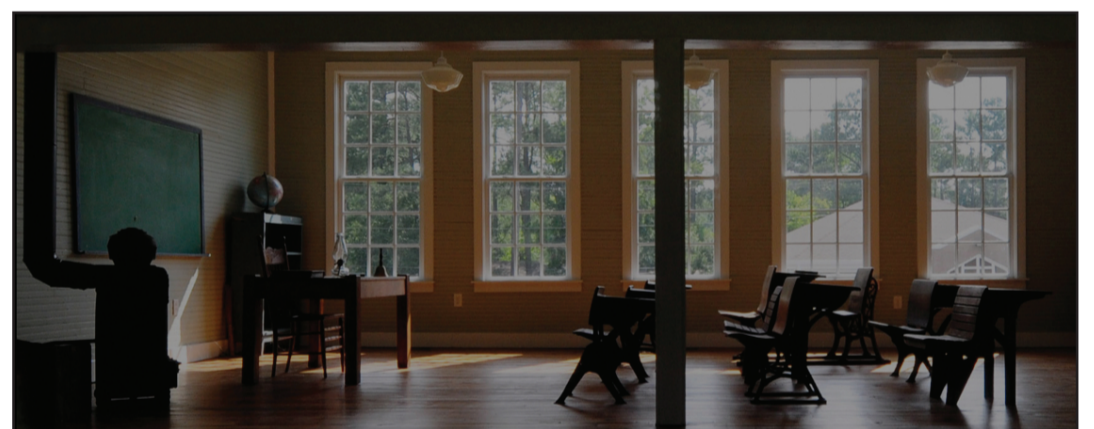
Three Black women rep-  
resentatives, Rep. Yvette Clarke  
(D-N.Y.), Rep. Eddie Bernice  
Johnson (D-Texas), and Rep.  
Stacey Plaskett (D-VI), were  
also present at the launch and  
spoke on the need to be  
involved in the reproductive,  
civil, and human rights, and

other political conversations  
that impact Black women most.

The Black Women in the  
United States report is  
released each year as part of  
the BWR's National Women  
of Power Summit, which  
brings girls and women from  
all over the nation to exercise  
their civil rights, develop  
solutions for sociopolitical  
problems, and honor Black  
women making strides in  
these areas.

"We try to bill the summit

as an organizing  
summit...we're going to take  
our key priority issues, delve  
deep, and then...get into  
smaller groups and talk strat-  
egy," Campbell said. "We're  
not a research institute, but  
we know we have to have good  
data to be able to quantify  
what we're doing [and] to  
understand what's going on  
with us. We try make sure we  
tell the story about the chal-  
lenges, but also what we're  
doing well."



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**HOUSE SPEAKER CAUTIOUS ABOUT NC "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM" ACT**



[RALEIGH] State House Speaker Tim Moore, a Republican, says lawmakers are going to move cautiously on their own version of a so-called "religious freedom" law so that it doesn't hurt North Carolina's "brand." Moore is watching the huge controversy in Indiana after

it passed a similar law last week, designed to allow businesses the right to discriminate against gay people on the basis of religious beliefs. Numerous corporations have blasted the state as a result, including the NCAA, which is holding the Final Four basketball tournament in Indianapolis this weekend. Supporters say the law "protects" religious liberties as guaranteed by the US Constitution.

**LAWMAKERS LOWER STATE GAS TAX**

[CHARLOTTE] As of April

first, it is even cheaper to fill up your gas tank. That's because the state Legislature has reduced the 37.5 cents per gallon gas tax by one-and-a-half cents a gallon, with more reduction to follow over the next 15 months. Lawmakers had to act quickly to stave off a greater loss of revenue thanks to the dramatic drop in gasoline prices in recent months. 36 cents per gallon will remain in force until December, then fall further to 35 cents in January 2016, and then 34 cents in July. In 2017, the tax will be adjusted just once a year, and the start to climb back up to

36 cents by 2019.

**MCCRORY BLASTS LAWMAKERS FOR SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTION, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BILLS**

[RALEIGH] Hard feelings between Republican Gov. Pat McCrory and his GOP colleagues in the state Legislature are only intensifying, as the governor blasted them for considering new measures to redistribute sales tax revenue collections, and also establish a state law that legalizes religious dis-

crimination against gay people. In a radio interview, McCrory called the sales tax plan "class warfare" because it would take tens of millions of dollars from richer counties and redistribute them to poorer counties, forcing property rates to rise in counties like Wake and Mecklenburg. The governor then said the proposed "religious freedom" bill "makes no sense," further asking, "What is the problem they're trying to solve?"

**NCCU STUDENT KILLED IN CAR CRASH**

[DURHAM] A student

attending North Carolina Central University was killed in a two-car crash on Highway 55 Tuesday evening, authorities say. Chekeira Renae Reid of Greensboro, a senior majoring in recreation administration, died from her injuries. Another NCCU student, Tariq Jamal Jacobs of Norfolk, a sophomore member of the NCCU Eagle football team, was injured in the accident. A memorial service was held Wednesday on campus. Authorities are still trying to determine what caused the crash.

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**POVERTY**

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areas. Urban and suburban areas are contending with the growing concentration of poverty. In fact, the state's metropolitan areas experienced some of the biggest

jumps in the country for the number of people who are poor and living in high-poverty areas.

Work and income supports such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and temporary unemployment benefits

helped lift 1.5 million North Carolinians - including 340,000 children - out of poverty each year, on average, from 2009 to 2013, under the Supplemental Poverty Measure. Unfortunately, in the last few years both state and federal lawmakers have cut back on these supports,

making it harder for people who live paycheck to paycheck. In addition, tax cuts are costing upward of \$1 billion this fiscal year and going forward, making it impossible to replace the most damaging cuts to anti-poverty programs and other vital services that lawmak-

ers enacted in the aftermath of the recession.

"North Carolina needs policies that create equal opportunity, rebuild entryways to expand the ranks of the middle class, and ensure that prosperity is broadly shared so that all North Carolinians can reach their potential,"

Mitchell said. "Until lawmakers fix the state's and the nation's broken economic model, large numbers of people from Murphy to Manteo will wake up to poverty, struggle to put food on the table, and be unable to afford the basics like rent and child care."

**BLACK PRESS**

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"The state of the Black Press is impacted by the generation gap between the older folks and the younger folks," said Shanks.

Members of the Black community, young and old, believe that bridging that gap will be critical to the future of the Black Press.

Despite myriad challenges facing the Black Press, Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., president and CEO of the National Newspapers Publishers Association (NNPA), a federation of more than 200-Black owned newspapers, said that 188-year legacy of African American newspapers remains strategically important, insightful, indigenous and impactful.

"The challenge for us today, however, is to have a greater sense of economic accountability and economic equity and parity with those companies that are the profit

beneficiaries of the trillion dollar consumer spending of [Black] people in the United States and throughout the world," said Chavis.

"What is the state of the Black Press in America and in the world today? It is financial assessment time," said Chavis. "The Black Press needs to be financially more sustainable and profitable."

Chavis and others also echoed Shanks' concerns about a generational and cultural gap preventing youth from engaging with the Black Press.

E.R. Shipp, an associate professor and journalist-in-residence at Morgan State University in Baltimore, said that shortly after she began teaching a course on Black media at the school, she showed her students the documentary "The Black Press: Soldiers without Swords," then she tasked them to start tracking Black newspapers online.

"Oh, my God, my students didn't find too much to be

impressed with," said Shipp. "After seeing all of this glorious past, they saw a very disappointing present," said Shipp. "Too many people involved in the Black Press today think that they are living that glorious past and they are not being real about what's happening now."

Many students have never heard of the Black Press, said Shipp.

"The challenge is not just to celebrate what has gone before, to celebrate that legacy, but to actually do something to make sure that the Black Press is known by the younger generation, embraced by the next generation, and eventually taken over by the next generation," said Shipp. "But right now, I say the state of the Black Press is shaky as far as reaching beyond those who have grown up in the Black Press."

Jake Oliver former chairman of the NNPA and publisher of The Afro-American newspapers, said that there's a demographic challenge that

the Black Press needs to address.

"We seemed to get distracted by our quest to go after the dollars and we forget that we also have to go after readers," said Oliver. He said that the playing field for newspapers has never been more level and that taking advantage of social media will be the key to capturing market share in the new digital news delivery space.

Oliver added that his staff at the Afro has grappled with social media for eight years, but saw a breakthrough about two years ago when Facebook started to allow users to "like" articles from their cell phones.

The number of "likes" on the Afro's Facebook page jumped from 15,000 to 100,000 in a month, said Oliver. Now, the Afro's Facebook page is closing in on 430,000 "likes" Oliver said, adding that the Afro also has 11,000 Facebook followers in India.

"I'm excited about what we're about to do," said

Oliver. "Within the next 3-5 years, if not sooner some startling innovations, not only technologically, but also as a result of some of the programs that the NNPA is about to promote and create will form a foundation so that we can reconnect all segments of the community in a way that has never been done before."

Chavis recommended developing new revenue streams, including a leased photographic images service, similar to Getty Images, mounting regional polling services to take advantage of the upcoming 2016 election cycle, and launching a national public awareness campaign on criminal justice reform.

Shanks suggested that Black newspaper publishers show a greater willingness to engage in what's going on with the younger generation through social media, especially through student government associations at Black colleges.

Shanks said that a negative

experience with a reporter in the mainstream media influenced him to change his major from communications to English, but that he's reconsidering a career in journalism after Black Press Week.

"[Black Press Week] taught me that you can be authentic in journalism and still tell the story," said Shanks. "It's about finding the audience that audience that wants to hear it and the publication that wants to put it out."

The upcoming 75th NNPA annual convention in Detroit, Mich., will also feature "the first day totally dedicated to uplifting, mentoring, and encouraging our youth to prepare for leadership, entrepreneurship" in the Black Press, said Chavis.

He added, "We have come a mighty long way from Freedom's Journal [the nation's first Black newspaper] to today. We have made progress. But we still have a long journey ahead."

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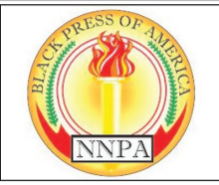
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## Our Voice

### CHILDWATCH

## Time for justice for children in New York

Under New York's juvenile justice system a child as young as 7 can be arrested for a crime, and a 16-year-old is automatically charged as an adult.



**Marian W. Edelman**

These laws are shockingly behind the times - bad for children and bad for public safety. New York is one of only four states to create a juvenile jurisdiction for little children who are barely old enough to shed their baby teeth and still believe in the tooth fairy. And they are expected to have the cognitive development necessary to participate in and understand a trial?

New York is one of only two states to ignore the latest neurological research underscoring the fact that 16- and 17-year-olds are still children developmentally. Their brains will not be fully formed until age 25, and they lack the ability to control impulsive behavior by focusing on its consequences.

This key developmental period is an important opportunity for rehabilitation. Research shows adolescents are highly receptive to change in a way that adults are not. They respond very well to proven interventions, and with them, can learn to make more responsible choices.

Ignoring evidence-based interventions proven to reduce recidivism and continuing to ship teens off to crime school (adult prison) are mistakes we can't afford to keep making. In adult prisons, youths are more likely to suffer physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and to be molded by other prisoners, often hardened career criminals. Studies have found that youths in the adult criminal justice system are 36 times more likely to commit suicide and are re-arrested 34 percent more often for felony crimes than their peers in the juvenile justice system.

This sobering fact, that automatically charging 16- and 17-year olds as adults makes them more likely to commit violent crimes, is proof that this policy is a threat to public safety. The evidence shows children should be treated as children, particularly since these teen arrests are overwhelmingly for nonviolent crimes like shoplifting, turnstile jumping, or drug possession. The

racial disparities in policing youths of color (over 70 percent of the children arrested and 80 percent of the children sent to prison statewide are Black and Latino) compound the harm these unfair laws are inflicting on our children and communities.

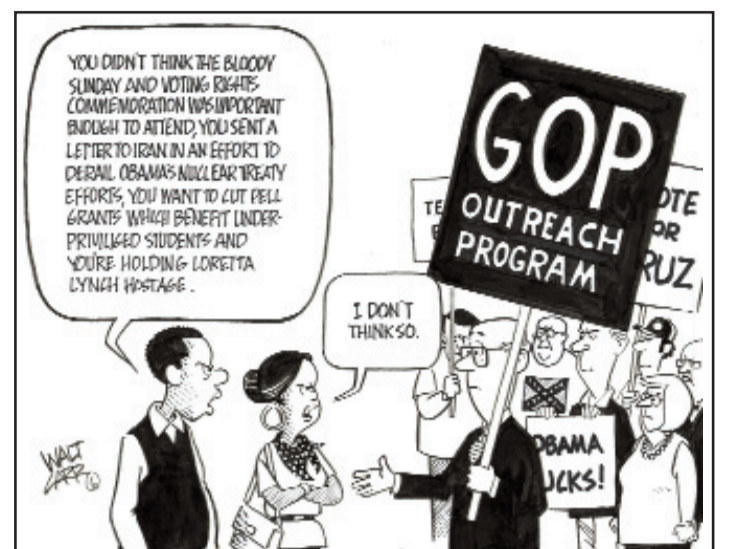
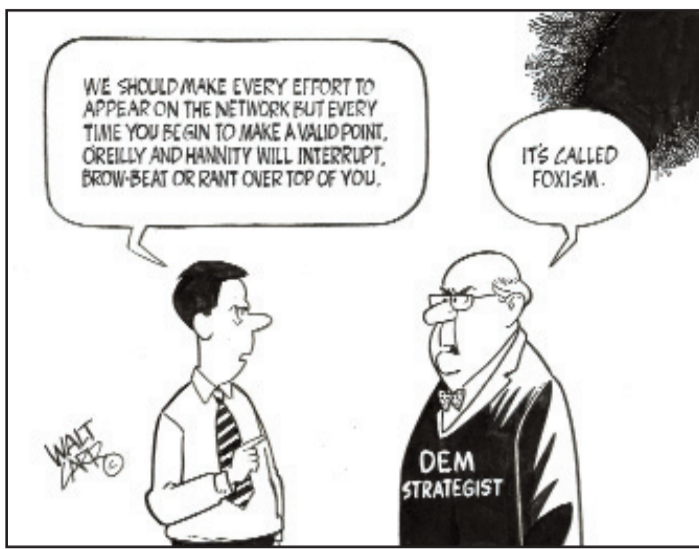
Earlier this year, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo included recommendations from his Commission on Youth, Public Safety & Justice in his 2015-16 Executive Budget. His proposal raises the minimum age of juvenile jurisdiction from age 7 to 12 (age 10 in rare cases of homicide). It also raises the overall age of juvenile jurisdiction to 18, and broadens the list of eligible circumstances in which young offender status can be assigned to age 21. Importantly, this means that 16- and 17-year-olds would never again be housed with adult criminals. Instead, the justice system would focus on proven services and interventions that the most current research has demonstrated result in better outcomes for youths, reduce recidivism, and keep communities safer from violent crime.

CDF's work to raise the age in New York builds on our early work to keep children out of adult jails - recognizing inhumane conditions and great harms to children. In the foreword to our 1976 report *Children in Adult Jails*, Judge Justine Wise Polier, New York State's first woman judge, who presided in New York City's Family Court for 38 years, and at the time was director of CDF's Juvenile Justice Division, chided states that continued to prosecute and jail children in the adult criminal justice system: "It has been over three-quarters of a century since states began to legislate that children should be treated as children."

Today New York and North Carolina are the only two states left that automatically treat children as adult criminals, but how pleased Judge Polier would be that Governor Cuomo has put forward a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to juvenile justice reform that would change that. Now is the time for the New York state legislature to join him by adopting this important, long overdue change. Then North Carolina, as the last outlier, should join the rest of the states in seeking justice for children.

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## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### Maxine Waters works to shrink wealth gap

One of leading freedom fighters in the United States Congress is none other than the extraordinarily dynamic Maxine Waters (D-Calif.). Congresswoman Waters does not bite her tongue. Not only has she gained the top Democratic seniority position in the House Committee on Financial Services, she also continues to speak truth to power on all the critical public policy issues that affect the quality of life of Black Americans.

It is important to support Congresswoman Waters' latest courageous act of leadership in the U.S. Congress: introducing the "Wealth Gap Resolution" that addresses the widening wealth gap in America and its devastating impact on Black Americans and other communities of color.

There are serious economic disparities and inequalities between White and Black Americans. During the past decade, these inequities have increased. We are all more than aware of the current declining economic base of

the Black American community.

Maxine Waters explained how that gap can fundamentally alter the quality of one's life.

She said, "Wealth is the difference between sending your children to college or not.... It's the difference between retiring with a comfortable nest egg or relying on Social Security. And it's the difference between starting your own business or working at a low-paying job. So when we talk about the wealth gap and economic equality, we're not just talking about numbers. We're talking about pulling families out of poverty, keeping them out of poverty, and ensuring that their children and their grandchildren never fall back into poverty again."

Waters' resolution should not only be taken seriously by the U.S. Congress, but by President Barack Obama and the White House public policy advocates as well. During the last two years of the Obama administration, we should intensify efforts to end poverty in America. But in Black America, ending poverty through wealth creation and other strategies to create more sustainable economic development in our communities has to be a top priority.

According to research done by Congresswoman Waters' staffers, the median wealth of White American households is 20 times the median wealth of Black American households and 18 times the median wealth of Latino American households. Other research also documents that income inequality in the U.S. is today the highest of all Western democracies. And of course the racial income inequality gap throughout the country continues to widen. That is why I believe that the national alert that is being issued by Waters is so timely and crucial to understand.

We know that homeownership is a major factor that provides the foundation for fundamental wealth building. We know that Black Americans disproportionately were injured during the last economic recession and housing crisis. Home foreclosures since 2008 have wrecked financial havoc for Black America and our communities still have not recovered from that economic crisis. All of these financial challenges are confronting Black America at a time when there appears to be a resurgence of predatory lending and racial discrimination in the housing sector of the economy.

The "Wealth Gap

Resolution" thus far has attracted more than 50 co-sponsors that include members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and the Progressive Caucus. Waters concluded, "Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have acknowledged just how harmful inequality and the wealth gap are for many middle class families. The time is now to meet words with actions. We have a moral obligation to address this crisis with substantive solutions."

We thank Maxine Waters for her leadership on this issue. It is time for us to wake up and to take the necessary steps to close the wealth gap in our communities. We must not relent. We cannot afford to stay mired in poverty. Instead of generational poverty, we all should be creating generational wealth. The future is in our own hands. Let's all work together to close the wealth gap.

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**Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.**

## Mitt Romney's shocking statement about Blacks

Katie Couric: "You said if you were to have run this time [for president] it would have been a very different campaign, how so? How would it be different this time?"



**Raynard Jackson**

Mitt Romney: "I would spend a great deal of time taking my message to Hispanic Americans and to other minority groups in this country, African Americans, Asian Americans and describing why it is that conservative principles are best for them and for their families, that's something I wish I would have spent a lot more time doing..."

We would have taken ad dollars as well and responded to some of the attacks that came our way, some of them by the way were below the belt...there were things that were said in some of the ads that came against us in Hispanic media but also in English media that were not accurate and we should have fought back harder against those things, and shut them down and made it loud and clear that those things were wrong....but I will be talking with our nominee about the mistakes I made and suggesting things that he or she ought to do differently than I did.... but the real thing that I wish I had done differently is make a greater effort at communicating to minority voters in this country the

policies that I think are right to help minority families and that's without question the biggest mistake I made in the campaign."

The above exchange was taken from an interview Katie Couric, of Yahoo News, recently did with former presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Over the past two years, America has begun to see the Mitt Romney that should have been shown during the 2012 elections. If the "real" Romney was shown, he would be president right now.

I was very critical of Romney's 2012 campaign for president in my columns. I criticized his campaign for the dearth of Blacks on staff. The couple of Blacks they finally added to the campaign were totally in over their heads. They did more damage than good. They had no authority, power, or connection to the Black community.

Blacks are totally disillusioned with Obama and the Democratic Party. Blacks are begging the Republican Party to give them a reason to vote Republican in the next election. Philosophically the Republican Party is in synch with the Black community on issues like family values, traditional marriage, lower taxes, education, and entrepreneurship.

Blacks simply don't believe the Republican Party want them involved in their party, philosophy notwithstanding. Republicans are horrible when it comes to messaging

toward the Black community. The biggest shock in Romney's interview was that he would have spent money in Black media if he had decided to run again.

To this day, none of the would be Republican presidential candidates have any Blacks on staff, as a consultant, or as an advisor. They all "talk" diversity, but it is never backed up by their actions. It's not enough to go to a Black university, with an all-White staff, and lecture students about Civil Rights.

I have had the privilege of spending some intimate time with Romney at the Utah home of our good mutual friends Scott & Karen Keller. Romney is one of the most decent people you will ever meet. With his recent TV appearances, America is even beginning to see that Romney has a great sense of humor to go along with all of his intellect.

Right before the eyes of the American people Romney is metamorphosing from a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly. He is becoming an elder statesman within the party. Quietly as it's kept, there are many people from all levels of the party seeking Romney out for his guidance and counsel.

If all those would be Republican presidential candidates are smart, they would heed Romney's advice regarding the Black community. They should hire "real" Blacks for their staff now; not Blacks who want to remain invisible or have dis-

dain for their own community (ala Obama). They should fully utilize the Black press - there are 205 Black owned newspapers in the U.S.

How can anyone take a Republican seriously about wanting to be president in 2016 when his staff looks like 1916? I have made a commitment not to vote, give money to, or raise money for any Republican candidate whose staff doesn't reflect America.

And to Romney, it's not too late for you to engage with the Black community. The Black community is open to the message you have to share, especially regarding entrepreneurship.

The poet George Bernard Shaw once stated, "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

So, to Mitt Romney I say, please be "unreasonable" enough to join me in my 25 year battle to make our Republican Party look like America.

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# What we Blacks need to do

*What we've got here is a failure to communicate!!!*

**THE PROBLEMS:** During the recent ice and snow storms in North Carolina, a mother, father and two teenage children were bored being inside their house for so long. The mother decided to bake a cake just to change things up a little. The daughter and son volunteered to cook the cake even though they did not know how. The mother gave them the recipe and told them to mix all ingredients together, place the batter in a large pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. The

**James Hankins**

teens ask if they could cook one each to see which one would taste better. The parents said yes, all you have to do is double the recipe. The ambitious future pastry chefs doubled the ingredients, poured them into two pans and were now ready to put them in the oven. They turned the oven on but soon discovered it would only go up to 550 degrees. In order to double everything, they needed the oven to go up to 700 degrees so they could cook the cakes for two hours. They told their mother the problem, she told the father and after laughing for about ten minutes, the parents told the children the problem and they all had a good belly laugh. We sometime get so angry at elected officials that we stop listening, watching or

paying any attention to them until a few weeks before the next election. **THE SOLUTIONS:** In the first problem, the mother gave directions to the children, but they were not communicating. Communication requires back and forth questions and answers from both sides. Given this was the first time cooking for the children, the mother should have said double everything except the time and temperature. The common sense the mother was expecting from her teenagers was not there because cooking was new, not common to them. As to the second problem, I am guilty of tuning out elected officials for three weeks. It was comforting to me, but it only delayed the battles. Those extreme conservatives

were still making laws that were favorable to the Koch brothers and Art Pope, their financial supporters. We must hold our noses and actively communicate with our opposition. They will probably not listen to all of our complaints and suggestions, but we have to keep debating. This type of negotiation is called détente, agree to disagree on some laws and issues. They will be making the laws for us until we defeat them in 2016, so we have to deal with them. Let us invite them to question and answer sessions, in our community centers and churches; call, write, e-mail and text questions about why they are for or against a par-

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## CURRY'S COMMENTS

### Mr. Wade and the

### 'first family of the housing projects'

Approximately three weeks ago, I suffered a mild heart attack. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Robert T. Wade, a long-time family friend in Tuscaloosa, Ala., died at the age of 94. Against the advice of close friends and even some relatives, I attended his funeral last Saturday.

To appreciate why I was determined to attend Mr. Wade's funeral, you have to understand what Mr. Wade meant to me and thousands of Black kids who grew up in the housing projects during the 1950s and 1960s. Most Black communities have a Mr. Wade, a universally respected adult who adopts every child in the community as his own.

As I said in my tribute to him at the funeral, we considered the Wades the "First Family of the Housing Projects." Of course, Mr. Wade was the president and his wife, Mrs. Ella Wade, was the First Lady. To those of us who lived in McKenzie Court, my all-Black housing project, they were our Kennedys. They were royalty and we wanted to be like them.

Of the seven Wade children, two of them were males - Archie and Harold. Archie was the oldest and seven years my senior. Harold was five years older than me, about the same age as my youngest uncle, Jesse Harris. The three were the brothers I never had.

Hal and Archie were standout athletes and even played professional baseball. But they were scholars first. Mrs. Wade and the girls - Ethel Jean, Glenda, Janice, Phyllis and Karen - in addition to being beautiful, were classy and always exuded class.

And if you happened to be at 73-B McKenzie Court around dinner time, which many of us skillfully managed to do, somehow Mrs. Wade had cooked enough food to accommodate young people like me who wanted to get as close to royalty as possible.

Mr. Wade was the first Black businessman that I knew. He established Wade Printing Co. in 1953 and most of my life it was on what was then 32nd Avenue, now Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. It was on our route from McKenzie Court to Druid High School. So, every school day, we walked past his shop going to and from school; many times he would be standing outside, which was an open invitation for us to stop by and talk.

For those of us who did not grow up with our biological father; Mr. Wade cast an even larger shadow. He became daddy, teacher, counselor and role model, all rolled into one. I can't think of a time I did not know Mr. Wade. Nor can I think of a time when he was so busy that he didn't immediately stop what he was doing to talk to me and any other kid who sought his advice. Mr. Wade didn't just offer us words, he provided the example of how to live a moral, blemish-free, admirable life.

As I reflect on his life, I am amazed about how many times Mr. Wade encouraged me even after I became an adult. When Charles Steele, a childhood friend, first became president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), he presented us with a president's award. I was honored just to have my name mentioned in the same breath as Mr. Wade's. When I gave a commencement address at Alabama A&M University, where he attended and roomed with future civil rights icon Joseph Lowery, Mr. Wade was one of the first persons to greet me when I exited the stage.

One time I was back in Tuscaloosa and had just completed an interview at WTUG, the local Black radio station. When I left the studio, there waiting for me was Mr. Wade. Yes, I was one of his boys and as one of his boys, you never wanted to disappoint him. Instead, you wanted to make him proud, you wanted him to know that all of the time and wisdom that he shared with you was not a waste of time.

When I listened to others at Weeping Mary Missionary Baptist Church share memories of this impressive man, his accomplishments were remarkable in breath. For me, his greatest contribution was the impact he had on young African Americans, especially boys, during an era of racial segregation. When so many people in society were telling us we couldn't accomplish anything because we were Black, Mr. Wade convinced us that we could do anything that we could imagine. He reminded us that we would have to work twice as hard to get half the recognition, but we could beat the odds and take our rightful place in the world.

Mr. Wade has left us physically, but a part of him remains buried deep in our hearts. He was our shining example. And just like we didn't want to disappoint him in life, we won't disappoint him in death, either.

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ticular bill. Demand yes or no answers to questions and do not accept their routine political response "I am studying this issue". Ask how long will they take to give their answer after studying it and call them back on that date.

I requested and now receive newsletters from Governor Pat McCrory and US Senator Richard Burr. I will share my research and comments with friends and family through Facebook as well as my features in Black newspapers. I encourage you all to put your name on the newsletter mailing list.

The newsletters, combined with other rigorous research will help us make an informed decision on who to vote for in 2016.

NOTE: I have never voted for Pat McCrory or Richard Burr and will not vote for them in 2016. If these two extreme conservatives are

struck by lightning, fall off their horses and go through a complete metamorphosis like Saul to Paul did on Damascus road, I may have to take a second look at them (smile).

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# Young, gifted, Black and abused

In the course of one week we witnessed the burden of being young, gifted and Black.

First, the Little League baseball Phenom Mo'ne Davis was insulted by a White college baseball player who called the abundantly talented young girl a 'slut' in a Tweet in response to news that Disney was planning to make a movie about her incredible rise to fame. The player, Joey Casselberry, quickly retracted the tweet in the face of a wave of criticism in cyberspace but was promptly dismissed by the Bloomsburg University team.

Then there were the toxic tweets from Jenna and Jacque Huggins, the daughters of West Virginia head basketball coach Bob Huggins, calling Maryland basketball player Dez Wells a rapist. The West Virginia team defeated Maryland in an early round of the NCAA championship tournament. The Terrapins star guard had been kicked off the Xavier University team in 2012 after being accused of sexual assault. A grand jury decided charges against Wells were not warranted and he later settled a lawsuit he brought against Xavier.

Not far from the

Morgantown campus of the University of West Virginia and College Park home of the University of Maryland, a young, Black University of Virginia undergraduate student was accosted by police. Martese Johnson had his face bashed into the pavement and bloodied by Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents outside a pub near the UVA campus. The episode was captured on videotape. Johnson had proper ID and was not resisting arrest when the ABC agents pummeled him, causing injuries that required 10 stitches in his head.

What these three incidents have in common is obvious - Mo'ne Davis, Dez Wells and Martese Johnson are all young and Black. Lurking just beyond the obvious tie is the quality of their blackness - they are all gifted and confident in their identities. It seems in 21st century America to be young, gifted and Black is now a crime; an offense against society's type-casting of Black youth as violent, unintelligent and worthless.

The intensity of these assaults - oral and physical - is sharpened by decades of conditioned hate, forged by theories of Black inferiority and White supremacy. The venomous words electronically spat upon Davis and Wells, and the force leveled upon Martese Johnson, are simply the byproducts of the permissiveness of racism in our nation.

It is the success of Davis, Wells and Johnson that defies and counters the mythology of Black depravity. And it is success that triggers the backlash, awakens the racist beast and brings to the surface sentiments that heretofore might have only been expressed in private conversations. By succeeding these young people frustrate those who harbor bias and leave them little room to fully exercise their demons. For some, touch pad keystrokes become a potent weapon to voice hatred from afar; sort of the lazy man's racism that tempers it but still empowers the perpetrator. The police involved in the micro-aggression at the University of Virginia? They were acting under the assumption of "Black threat" and sending a message in the process.

This is the cruel joke played upon Black youth in America. The public message communicated to young Black women and men is to pursue excellence and rise above challenges, and be exemplary in their civic lives. That message is countered by the aural and visual assault upon their sensibilities that reduces them to tugged out and hyper-sexualized caricatures. When young Blacks rise above this stereotyping, they are then reduced to racial objects, ridiculed for being audacious in their success.

Mo'ne Davis was a "slut" in the eyes of a young White male because he believes her suc-

cess is undeserving of the attention it is receiving. The privileged White daughters of a basketball coach of a major university made the determination a grand jury could not, on a charge a university could not prove and was forced to reach settlement with the accused.

Still, Dez Wells is branded a rapist because he excelled on the basketball court. Martese Johnson was just another young Black guy, a human punching bag for police who could casually dismiss the thought that they were bloodying a student enrolled in the nearby prestigious university, or more importantly, a human being and someone's son.

Collectively, these incidents bring into sharper focus the racist rants of former University of Oklahoma SAE fraternity members in that now infamous videotape. This is the world in which young Black Americans live. It is a sobering reality that a generation that many hoped would truly be post-racial (as if that will ever be the case) is more deeply entrenched in racism than the prior generation. And institutional racism has a vice grip upon young Blacks that is more consequential than white mobs of decades past.

It's enough to make me take a trip to the nearest Starbucks. I'll take a latte with some truth talk.

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## TO BE EQUAL

### The state of Black America - Part 1: Education

"What the people want is very simple: they want an America as good as its promise." - Texas Congresswoman Barbara C. Jordan

There's no other way to say it. Black America is in crisis.

Over the past year, we have been bombarded with headlines that continue to drive home the longstanding challenges faced by Black and Brown communities in our nation. From the killings of unarmed Black males at the hands of police officers to the introduction of new voter suppression laws that make it more difficult for people of color to exercise their constitutional right to vote, it is clear that for many in our nation, equality under the law remains dangerously out of reach.

But beyond the headlines, anecdotes and agenda-fueled debates lie the real numbers - all facts, no chaser.

Last week, the National Urban League released the 2015 State of Black America report - "Save our Cities: Education, Jobs + Justice." The report is the 39th edition of the National Urban League's annual analysis of Black and Latino equality in America, and for the first time, this year's report is available in an all-digital format available at [\[blackamerica.org\]\(http://blackamerica.org\), where visitors can find the e-book, Web Series, select data, videos, articles and other frequently updated features \(as well as download a free copy of the 2015 State of Black America report until March 31\).](http://www.stateof-</a></p>
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This year's report again includes the Equality Index™, in its 11th year for the Black-White Index and its sixth year for the Hispanic-White Index - measuring how well Blacks and Latinos are doing in comparison to their White peers in five categories: economics, education, health, social justice and civic engagement.

What we've found is that while strides have been made in our communities, tremendous gaps continue to leave us with a crisis in education, jobs and justice.

There are tremendous challenges before us, but the good news is that they are not insurmountable. For the next few weeks - and beginning with education, I will explore the findings of the 2015 State of Black America, and better still, suggest solutions to these challenges.

As our nation enjoys historically low dropout rates, the highest high school graduation rates in history and more students of color studying on college campuses, we must also contend with the reality that school districts serving the highest percentage of low-income households spend fewer state and local dollars in those districts than ones that have fewer students in poverty.

In addition, a lack of consistent education standards and

equity and excellence at scale means that the quality of education that our children receive is far too often dependent on their zip code or how much money their parents make. Without a new formula for school funding that puts the dollars where the need is greatest, the education achievement gap will grow to the detriment of our nation as we educate a workforce incapable of meeting the challenges of tomorrow.

To underscore the National Urban League's commitment to education and our belief that quality education is a key driver to opportunity, for the first time in the report's history, we have included a state-by-state Education Equality Index™ and ranking. This index examines state-level racial and ethnic disparities in K-12 education, documenting Black and Hispanic achievement gaps in all 50 states and the District of Columbia in comparison to White students.

Key findings from the Education Index include:

The smallest gaps were commonly found in states with relatively small minority populations and where test scores were relatively low for each group - White, Black or Hispanic.

Higher graduation rates for Black and Latino students were also found in states where these groups are a smaller share of the population.

On average, larger gaps were found in states with large urban areas home to large populations of people of



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## Paula Reid

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UNCW School of Nursing professor Paula Reid's passion for working with HIV patients began two decades ago, following a job interview at Parkland Memorial Hospital, in Dallas, Texas, one of the most respected county hospitals in the country, especially in the area of women's health.

When Reid applied to Parkland in 1992 her interviewer suggested that she'd be a great fit for working with HIV patients. Reid had no experience with that particular population, however, so she declined the caseload and worked as a nurse practitioner in Women's Services, instead.

And yet, as she began to cross paths with a growing number of HIV-positive

patients, she noticed that other caregivers sometimes avoided those cases. Reid took this as a sign. She started seeking out ways to help the population; by 2000 she was working exclusively with HIV patients.

"They're just like anyone else, and they just want to be taken care of like everyone else," says Reid, the recent recipient of a Corbett Grant for her scholarship on how women manage their HIV status.

Reid began to notice certain patterns—for example, patients with HIV weren't responding to standard treatments for common gynecological problems. When she searched for better ways of treating these conditions in HIV-infected women, Reid discovered a dearth of information on the topic.

"It wasn't in the litera-

ture," she explains. "We didn't have the research." Once again, she realized she was in a position to help.

"That's why I went back to school. So I could participate in that research, to be able to get them the best care. I wanted to be a part of that."

By 2005, still working full-time at Parkland Memorial, Reid had earned her Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University. She decided to put her new degree to work. Knowing that African-American scholars are underrepresented in academia, Reid chose to become a professor.

"This is how I was able to combine service, research and teaching," Reid says.

The transition to academia in general and to Wilmington specifically has had its challenges, she admits. Coastal North Carolina lacks the diversity

of Dallas, and she doesn't always fit people's expectations for a scholar.

"When people find out that I'm Doctor Paula Reid, I'm a professor at UNCW, people start treating me differently," she reveals. But she knows the good she can do here.

Reid also serves as a valuable role model for university students in need of a mentor with whom they can easily identify.

"Our students here at UNCW, the minority students, they need to see someone that's like them," Reid says.

Reid continues to enhance healthcare for underserved populations. She oversees a support group in Jacksonville, serves on the board of directors for a regional HIV consortium and has joined the International Nursing Network for HIV/AIDS Research.



PAULA REID

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Her philosophy for working with underserved populations? It's the same as her philosophy for working with any population at all: "I treat them just like anyone else."

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Many SMBs don't realize it, but the path to some grand cybercrime score of a lifetime may go right through their backdoor. SMBs are commonly vendors, suppliers, or service providers who work with much larger enterprises. Unfortunately, they may be unaware that this makes them a prime target for hackers. Worse yet, this may be costing them new business. Larger companies likely

have their security game in check, making it difficult for hackers to crack their data. They have both the financial resources and staffing power to stay on top of security practices. But smaller firms continue to lag when it comes to security. In many cases, the gateway to accessing a large company's info and data is through the smaller company working with them. Exposed vulnerabilities in security can lead cybercriminals right to the larger corporation they've been after.

Cybercriminals Target Companies with 250 or Fewer Employees

In 2012, Symantec research confirmed that cybercriminals are increasingly targeting smaller businesses with 250 or

fewer employees. Attacks aimed at this demographic practically doubled from the previous year. This news has made larger enterprises particularly careful about whom they do business with. This means that any SMB targeting high-end B2B clientele, or those seeking partnerships with large public or government entities, must be prepared to accurately answer questions pertaining to security. This requires an honest assessment of the processes taken to limit security risks.

View Security Measures as Investments

CIOs must start viewing any extra investment to enhance security as a competitive differentiator in attracting new business. Adopting the

kind of security measures that large enterprises seek from third-party partners they agree to work with will inevitably pay off. The payoff will come by way of new revenue-generating business contracts that will likely surpass whatever was spent to improve security.

Would-be business partners have likely already asked for specifics about protecting the integrity of their data. Some larger entities require that SMBs complete a questionnaire addressing their security concerns. This kind of documentation can be legally binding so it's important that answers aren't fudged just to land new business. If you can't answer "yes" to any question about security, find out what it

takes to address that particular security concern.

Where a Managed Service Provider Comes In

Anyone who isn't yet working with a Managed Service Provider (MSP) should consider it. First, a manual network and security assessment offers a third-party perspective that will uncover any potential business-killing security risks. A good MSP will produce a branded risk report to help you gain the confidence of prospects to win new business.

A MSP can properly manage key elements of a small company's security plan. This includes administrative controls like documentation, security awareness training, and audits as well as technical controls like antivirus

software, firewalls, patches, and intrusion prevention. Good management alone can eliminate most security vulnerabilities and improve security.

Manuel Lloyd is a Virtual CIO helping healthcare & banking businesses achieve customer-vendor alignment, IT governance & data security through thought leadership, business insight, and leading edge thinking. Manuel also is the inventor of GECaBi®, a patent-pending neo-design platform of computer hardware, integrated circuits, communications hardware & software, software protocols, and computer networks for Government, Education, Consumer, and Business integration.

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**New Hanover County**

**Jazz at The Cam Series featuring El Jaye Johnson and the Port City All-Stars** will be held on Thursday, April 2nd from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cameron Art Museum Weyerhaeuser Reception Hall.



**Community Briefs**

**Legal Aid of North Carolina** has federally certified Healthcare Navigators to assist consumers with the Affordable Care Act Tax Special Enrollment period until April 30th. If you did not enroll in health coverage prior to February 15th are subject to a penalty for not having health coverage in 2014 or you have had a life changing event and can possibly avoid the penalty with a qualifying exemption please call 1-855-733-3711 to schedule an appointment or go online to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

**The New Hanover County Democratic Women-Progressives with a Cause** will meet on Thursday, April 9th at McAlisters Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Dinner and social time begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 6:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be from Democracy NC. For more information call 910-395-4502.

**The Saint Augustine's University (College) Alumni** meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the Covil Farm Road Clubhouse at 7300 Covil Farm Road in Wilmington. All graduates, persons who attended, and friends of St. Augustine's University are invited to attend. Call Angie at 910- 620-7978 for more information.

**The Williston Class of 1966** is planning their 50th class reunion. We are reaching out to all who graduated, were supposed to graduate or started out with us, but may not have graduated. We consider all as members of our class. We need contact information to invite you and inform you of plans and to get your input. Please email contact info to [justanotherertiger@bellsouth.net](mailto:justanotherertiger@bellsouth.net) You may also contact , our president, Abdul Shareef at 910-612-0983.

**Bladen County**

**The Brown Marsh Democratic Precinct** is seeking the support of registered Democrats in that precinct to become active members. The Brown Marsh Precinct will be having a meeting of interest to all registered voters (Democrats) on Thursday April 9th at 6:00 pm at the Clarkton Town Hall. If you are concerned about the upcoming election in 2016 and the lack of support for our Democratic candidates, please make plans to attend this very important meeting.

**The "Sisters With Class" Red and Pink Hat Chapter of the Red Hat Society** will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 4th in the Field across from the Wal-Mart on Peanut Plant Rd. Elizabethtown, NC from 7:00 am-1:00 pm.

**Brunswick County**

**Brunswick County Department of Social Services** will be providing the Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (MAPP) training to be a foster/adoptive parent starting April 2nd from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Brunswick County Complex in Social Services Building B, Bolivia, NC. To register for training or for more information, please contact Tamela Jones @ 910-253-2112 or [tamela.jones@brunswickcountync.gov](mailto:tamela.jones@brunswickcountync.gov).

**Calling all Veterans** to The Opening Day Kick-Off for weekly Wednesday Golf at Brick Landing on Wednesday, April 8th. Registration 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Shotgun start 9:00 a.m. All American Lunch 1:00 p.m. Please bring your military, police or fire department id. Call Brick Landing Pro Shop to sign up 910-754-2745.

**The Margaret A. Green Memorial Fund For Asthma & Scholarship and Warner Temple AME Zion Church Charity Golf Tournament** will be held Thursday, April 9th at Cape Fear National Golf Course, 1281 Cape Fear National Dr., Leland, NC. Registration 8:00 a.m. Golfers and Sponsors needed. For additional information contact Eugene Green at 3012 Braewood Ct., Leland, NC 28451, 910-399-2066 or [gene-green44@yahoo.com](mailto:gene-green44@yahoo.com).

**Pender County**

**The Kiwanis Club of Hampstead** will hold their 10th Annual Egg Hunt at Hampstead Kiwanis Park on Saturday, April 4th starting at 10:00 a.m. The club is seeking donations of miniature candy, prizes, books suitable for young children (new or gently used) and filled Easter Baskets. Please call Lynette at 932-492-0309 to coordinate donation pickup or drop off.

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

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**HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Friendly large shopping center**

"Friendly" means favorably disposed or not antagonistic. One who opposes and actively competes with another. The shopping centers are considered friendly places and will continue to grow because of popularity. They are places where the elderly and the young shop together in a very friendly manner. In large parking areas there could be over one hundred cars. People are using all safety rules and kindness. This makes a community a better place to live in friendship. This is one example of Blacks, Whites, and immigrants shopping



**Verniece Stanley**

together in a peaceful manner. More of this friendship should spread out in our communities. There are more big issues that African Americans must face, issues such as voting rights, education, healthcare, jobs, the economy, and many others. March 20, 2015 was the first day of spring and smiles were on many faces. This was a friendly way to welcome the spring season. Today, we are constantly reminded of the civil rights struggles that our forefathers encountered and of the continuing need to address the social ills. These social ills that are still so much a part of our society, and our young Black Americans will have to face growing up in this society. We are proud of our youngsters in high school and college. We appreciate those who inspire

others to help bring into reality the Black American dream of prosperity for all citizens. We are making more progress but not fast enough. Turning the wheels of progress still requires lasting efforts. We must continue to motivate, cultivate, mobilize and inspire our communities on issues that affect our everyday lives. We are waiting for the final approval of the charter school for all girls in Wilmington 2016. This will mean great advantages in the field of education for girls from poverty backgrounds. They have been waiting for this new life. We are ready to strengthen our democracy. We want to put political power back into the hands of American people who value Black

American citizens, as well as Whites, because we are tax-paying citizens and are in need of more fairness in taxes and all of our other affairs.

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

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**Brunswick County Republican Party establishes Juneteenth scholarship**

The Brunswick County Republican Party has announced the establishment of a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of Juneteenth, which commemorates the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

The GOP Diversity Outreach Committee Chair Pauline Hankins said the

scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or a student currently enrolled in a four-year college. African Americans and or minorities are particularly encouraged to apply. A copy of the application for this scholarship can be found at [www.brunswickgop.org](http://www.brunswickgop.org). Copies will also be available at each of the Brunswick County high schools. The

deadline for receipt of the application is May 1, 2015.

The recipient will be announced at a special GOP Juneteenth anniversary dinner on June 18, 2015 at Stone Chimney Place in Supply. Keynote speaker will be the Reverend Tony McGhee.

For further information please contact Pauline Hankins at [paulinehankins@atmc.net](mailto:paulinehankins@atmc.net).



**REV. TONY MCGHEE**

**CFCC students to showcase custom-built electric bikes in Azalea Festival Parade**

WILMINGTON - With the annual North Carolina Azalea Festival quickly approaching, Cape Fear Community College students are hard at work to complete an innovative project which will be featured as part of the festivities.

For the past year, students in CFCC's mechanical engineering program have been designing and building their own electric bicycles, which are now just over a week away from their debut on the streets of downtown Wilmington during the annual Azalea Festival Parade.

According to instructor Daniel Hendrickson, the objective of the project is to provide students with a challenge to apply what they've learned in the classroom to a real-world scenario.

"This project gives the students the experience of creating a cost-effective, hands-on, practical engineering project on a limited budget and on a deadline, which is what they should expect to face in the workplace after graduation," Hendrickson said.

Completing the bikes is a final project for students in the final year of the program, who

use the skills learned in the first year of the program, which include CAD programming, 3D modeling, electricity, physics, statics, hydraulics and more.

Each student designs an electric bicycle and makes a formal presentation to a panel of experts. The best designs are chosen to be built in their final semester.

This year the students are building three bicycles, each

designed for a specific purpose. One is designed for transporting pier fishing equipment, one for carrying cargo, and another is designed to be energy efficient, aerodynamic, and incorporate a low-drag design.

"The bikes are in the final stages of welding, painting, assembly, and testing prior to the parade. We are very proud of them and would love to show them off," Hendrickson said.

The Mechanical Engineering Technology program at CFCC prepares graduates for employment as mechanical technicians. Graduates of the program are qualified to work in many types of manufacturing, fabrication, research and development, and service industries.

For more details about the program, visit <http://cfcc.edu/engineering/met>.

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**Mamie L. McNeil Wade**

Mamie Lee McNeil Wade was born April 21, 1914 and departed this life on March 26, 2015. The fifth of six children, she was born to the late Annie McNeil Davis and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina where she became a lifelong resident. Mamie was married to the late Louis Waddell Wade, Sr., also of Wilmington.

Mamie was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Faith in July 1952 and was one of the founders of the Myrtle Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Seabreeze Community. Being a woman of strong Christian faith, she remained an active member of the church she loved throughout her life, regularly attending services and events well past her 100th birthday. She was well known for her caring and compassionate Christian spirit and beloved by countless number of family, friends and acquaintances.

Mamie attended Oak Hill Public School for Black children during grades first through seventh. After middle school, Mamie attended Williston Industrial High School, the only high school in New Hanover County for Blacks, from which she graduated in 1932. She held vivid and fond memories of her principal, Mr. D.C. Virgo, who served as her role model.

Following Mr. Virgo's example, Mamie distinguished herself as a positive role model, influencing generations of young people. She first served as a kindergarten teacher at Ephesus Junior Academy in Wilmington, then later as a Head Start center supervisor assigned to the programs in Faith Temple Church, as well as the Jervay and Houston Moore complexes. Through her centers, Mamie worked to promote the school readiness of children from low-income families through preschool education that focused upon enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.

After her retirement and as a senior citizen, Mamie continued to serve others through the "Meals on Wheels" program that was sponsored by the Seabreeze Senior Center. She delivered meals to local seniors, residents with physical disabilities, and other members of the community.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Ann Wade, her son, Frank Bernard Wade, and two sons-in-law, Henry Maddox and David Heard. She leaves to cherish beautiful memories: her children, Earthlyn Audrey Heard, Decatur, Georgia, Louis Waddell (Zenobia) Wade, Jr., Clinton, Maryland, Geraldine

Maddox, Jonesboro, Georgia, Anthony Wayne (Dorothy) Wade, Dallas, Texas; Mark LeNard (Janice) Wade, Wilmington, North Carolina; daughter-in-law, Jeanette Wade, New Bern, North Carolina; stepson, Randolph Frazier, Baltimore, Maryland; nine grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Azalea Health and Rehabilitation Center for the exceptionally kind, compassionate, professional care given to their Mother during her stay with them.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 3, 2015, at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1002 Castle Street, in Wilmington. Flowers may be sent to Shaw Funeral Home at 520 Red Cross Street, also in Wilmington; or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Food Pantry of the Myrtle Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7547 Carolina Beach Rd., Wilmington, NC, 28412. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

**Ruth Williams**

Ruth Williams died Monday, March 23, 2015 at her residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 27th at St. Mark Episcopal Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was born in Wilmington, NC on June 5, 1925 to the late Alfred and Lucy Brown. She attended Williston Senior High and went on to attend Elizabeth City State where she received her B.A. Degree and graduated number one in her class. In furtherance of her education, she also graduated from East Carolina University where she earned her degree in Elementary Education. Her quest for knowledge and love for children led her to spend over thirty years as an educator in the New Hanover County School System. She was also a devoted member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Williams on October 9, 2003.

Ruth leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Donald Williams (Patricia) of Castle Hayne, NC and Dr. Robert Williams (Dr. Myrna) of Winston-Salem, NC; four grandchildren, Darrell Williams (Rasheeda), Teresa Williams, Brandon Williams and Brionne Jarvis (Charles); six great-grandchildren, Devin, DeVon, Brittany, Miesha, DeShawn and William; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services were held on Friday, March 27th at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Douglas McKoy**

Douglas McKoy died Sunday, March 22, 2015 at Duke Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 28, 21015 at Old Scotts Hill AME Church.

Douglas Jarod McKoy was

born on October 26, 1982 to Cherry McKoy and Donald McKoy. Douglas was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Ernestine Nixon and Samuel and Hattie McKoy; his uncles, Terry Nixon, James Nixon, Earl Zimmerman and Samuel McKoy and his aunt, Bertha Bullock. Douglas worked in construction for many years until this past year. He had a free spirit and loved everyone. Douglas was always willing to help anyone in need. He was steadfast in his belief that there was good in everyone.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Cherry McKoy of Charlotte, NC; his father, Donald McKoy (Jan) of Hurricane, West Virginia; one sister, Adrienne McKoy of Charlotte, NC; six brothers, Donald McKoy, Jr., Aaron McKoy and Nathaniel McKoy, all of Charlotte, NC, Christian McKoy, Joshua McKoy and Cornelius Pryor, all of Wilmington, NC; seven aunts, Dorothy Marshall (Curtis) of Castle Hayne, NC, Cheryl Nixon-Francis (Edrick) of Bear, DE and Brenda Nixon, of Bronx, NY, Lorraine Mackey of Wilmington, NC, Dorothy Hightower (James) of Jacksonville, NC, Marilyn Pearson (Ruben) of Castle Hayne, NC and Bernedette Maddox (David) of Wilmington, NC; six uncles, Lee Nixon (Olivia) of New York, David McKoy (Shirley) of Leland, NC, Lester McKoy (Angel) of Wilmington, NC, Richard McKoy (Hazel) of Castle Hayne, NC, James McKoy and Reginald McKoy (Wanda) all of Wilmington, NC; one great-aunt, Mary Morrison; two special aunts, Kay Benjamin (Bishop Bennie) and Rosanna Nixon; two special nieces, Maria and Mariah McKoy; two special nephews, Aaron McKoy, Jr. and Caleb McKoy, a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Dan E. Davis, Jr.**

Dan E. Davis, Jr. died Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at home. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 29, 2015 at First Baptist Church, Southport, NC. Burial followed in the John Smith Cemetery.

Dan, affectionately known as "Danny Boy", was a devoted father son and husband. He attended school throughout the Brunswick County Training School (BTC) and worked many jobs. Danny also worked the Poge Boat as a 2nd Engineer; and later became a Professional Truck Driver for twenty three years. Danny Boy also loved God, family and people in general. He never was a stranger to anyone. He was loved by all young and old. To many of the youth he was "Uncle Danny". Danny married Patricia Clemmons Davis of Southport, NC on the 14th day of December 2013.

Danny leaves to cherish his loving memories: his devoted wife, Patricia Davis; their children, Deborah Davis of Port Author, TX, Danny Davis of Moss Point, MS, Sonya (Chris) Davis of Conyers, GA, John (Renesa) McMillan, III of Ellenwood, GA, Fredric

McMillan of Conyers, GA, and Tanecia (Warren) Charlton of Lilburn, GA; eleven grandchildren; brother, Howard. D. Davis of Wilmington, NC; sister, Diane Davis of Southport, NC; uncles, Harry E. Price of Tampa, FL, and Clinton Davis of Annapolis, MD; aunts, Bessie Hinton of New York and Estelle Cain of MI; brothers-in-law, Ronald (Marie) Clemmons of and Leo (Lisa) Clemmons, all of Southport, NC, Edward (Lois) Clemmons of Bolivia, NC; sisters-in-law, Alethia Price of Covington, GA, Arlene (Rev. Norvell) Henry of Kittrell, NC and Joyce Berryman of Southport, NC; a host of special nieces, nephews, and special cousins; special brothers, Bob Jones and Ron Thompson of Southport, NC and a host of special relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Lula Wright**

Lula Wright died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Visitation was held Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday April 2, 2015 at Freedom's Way Ministries. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Parick DeSouza**

Parick DeSouza died Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Visitation was held Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Funeral services will be 1 PM Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Jr Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home

**Louis Dowe**

Louis Dowe died Friday, March 27, 2015 at his residence. Visitation will be 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**LeKenya Spears**

LeKenya Spears died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at Prince George Hospital Center, Cheverly, MD. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Mrs. Vivian Sterling Hayes**

Jo-Ann as she was affectionately called by family and friends, has left a void that can never be replaced. She is now in the hands of God. Graveside services were held at 11 AM, Friday, March 27, 2015 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. She passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2015, and leaves to mourn: her son, James Sterling (Elizabeth), two granddaughters, Denise (Aravindh) and Tiffany, one sister-in-law, Delia Lloyd, two nieces, Cherie and Felicia Lloyd, one nephew, David Lloyd, and a host of other relatives and dear friends, includ-

ing the Patrick family. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Chester C. Farley, Jr.**

Chester C. Farley, Jr., 79, of Wilmington died Saturday, March 28, 2015 at home. Memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4th at Davis F.H. Chapel, 901 S. 5th Ave. [www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net](http://www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net). A Davis Funeral Home service.

**Dianne Dukes**

Dianne Dukes, 49, of Leland died Saturday at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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**Our Flower**

A special "Thank You" to our Mother, who departed this life on April 3, 1978, 37 years ago. She is our flower.

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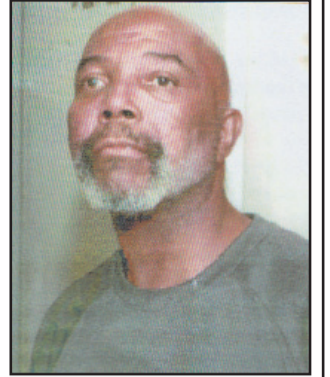
Carry on the strength, faith, and hope. Also the ability you had to cope.

When any of us were in despair, You always reminded us, God's presence was there. Again, this showed your tender care.

Sweet, precious, pretty flower, Your seeds are well planted. Now it's up to us to do our best So we, too, can pass God's test.

Lovingly submitted,  
Your daughters,  
Clara H. DeVaughn, Bowie, Maryland and Mattie Henderson, Dallas, Texas and grandchildren

**Card of Thanks**



The family of Donald Ray Fields would like to acknowledge with sincere thanks and gratitude. All the cards, gifts and visits during our time of grief in the passing of our brother. No amount of thanks could ever tell you how much it meant to us to see and know how much you cared. With all the love we can give we say thanks.

Sincerely,  
The family

**Card of Thanks**



The family of the late Ralph Grady acknowledges with sincere gratitude the heartfelt prayers and love shown during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each one of you. Special thanks to all neighbors, family and friends, both near and far; we appreciate each one of you. To the staff of Wilmington Health and Rehabilitation Center, and all medical establishments whom were instrumental during his illness, we thank you all for your care and compassion of our loved one. To the St. James AME Church family and Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, we appreciate all that you have done.

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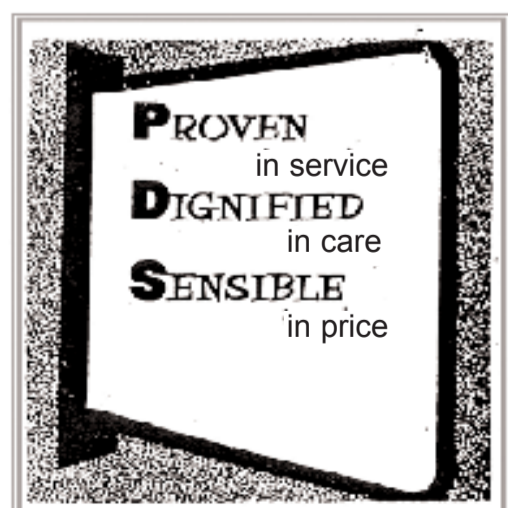
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New Hanover County

**Barry Smith & Company** will hold an Azalea Festival Musical on Sunday April 12th at 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Roney Missionary Baptist Church, 711 Taylor St., featuring various choirs and soloists. For more information please call 910-550-7475 or 910-367-3601.



**Church Women United Spring Forum** will be held Friday, April 3rd at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Dr. Registration and coffee are at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship service at 10:00 a.m. Contact Angel P. Dualeh at 910-833-0167 for more information.

**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**, 3701 Princess Place Dr. will hold the ordination service for Minister Danielle Glaze will be held Sunday, April 12th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Colene Kelly of First Baptist Church, Chadbourne, NC.

Religious Briefs

Rose of Sharon Salvation Deliverance Apostolic Ministries & Outreach, 1122 S. 13th St., will hold their Holy Ghost Fire Revival with Evangelist Mary Brown of Voice of Deliverance International Ministry, Shallotte, NC from Tuesday, March 31st- Thursday, April 2nd. Services will be held 7:30 p.m. nightly.

**The Usher Ministry of Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church**, 4404 Holly Shelter Road, Castle Hayne, NC, will be celebrating their 73rd Anniversary, on the 2nd Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC will render the service. Asking all Ushers present to wear their Church uniforms and badges. A light meal will be served after our Morning Service.

Bladen County

**The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Food Pantry**, 4047 NC 242 Highway South, Elizabethtown NC. will be holding their annual "Out-Reach-in-the-Park", a community service affair on Saturday, April 4, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be wholesome food items and entertainment for the entire family with the Young Adult Ministry entertaining the children and youth. Additionally, gospel music and lectures are being presented. This year's event honors Rev. Ronnie Jackson, the Branch Laymen League's original president who passed in January. A memorial is being conducted by Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church; Council NC. Rev. Jackson was the spouse of their current pastor; Rev. Priscilla L. Jackson. This grand event will be held in the Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 405 Martin Luther King Drive; Elizabethtown NC. The Branch Laymen League in spearheading the out-reach.

Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Loop Rd., will celebrate their pastor's sixteenth anniversary on Sunday, April 12th at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Michael Jackson and Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Family, Navassa, NC will be the special guest to render service. A celebration dinner will be served immediately following the service.

**Graham Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church**, 458 East Arcadia Rd., will celebrate their 141st anniversary on Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be the Reverend Maria Lacey of Price Cathedral A.M.E. Zion Church, Wilmington. Dinner will follow morning worship.

**Walk into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries** will be accepting clothing donations at 1757 Stanley Rd., Supply, NC for the Free Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, April 25th from 7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Please call Evangelist Utrillia Bryant at 910-294-0656 or Overseer Elgin Blake at 910-557-0438.

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

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SENIOR MOMENTS

Never too young or old to open our minds

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
I always walk softly, but I carry a big stick. What do you know about a man called Joshua? I call him Hitler's twin brother, but we can deal with that another day. If you ever want to have a discussion, read the entire book, and then come to the meeting prepared to talk.

I would never attempt to change what anyone believes. So please continue to do what you do. All I'm saying is that we can do more.



Ruth Johnson

In order to make this world a better place, we should be able to talk face to face. The government cannot change this country, and neither can the preacher, but the church can. If we would just open the doors a little wider, we would hear from people in every field.

When I started back to school in the forties, the most important thing to learn was our 1, 2, 3's and A, B, C's. This was a firm foundation on which everything was built on. In order to learn anything, you had to know how to read, and, to stay on track, one had to know how to count.

However, this is another world, and we have to dig a lit-

tle deeper. We are never too young and never too old to open our minds to something new. Whether the subject is AIDS, Alzheimer's, drugs or brutality, the church should be a learning place because, after learning, we can see healing.

I am sure the church will reach out one day. We will have counseling for individuals, as well as group discussions on every subject.

But why wait? The world is getting weaker and wiser: Weapons are getting stronger and smarter. We need to learn how to get along while we have time.

Now, let's get back to the man called Joshua. Read the

entire book and then describe this man to someone you know. Talk about his life, but don't call his name. Ask the other person to name him, and he will be called Hitler anywhere the sunshines.

These two men were born four thousand years apart on opposite sides of the earth, but they are the only men known to have had the exact same agenda. So that's why I call them twin brothers.

I have always been a student of the Bible, and I always will be, but I wish I had something more to share with the people I love.

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

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Worshipping Good Friday

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! Yes, this is a beautiful day that the Lord has made! Our choir gathered under the direction of Brother George Hill, singing "Because He Lives." He came to love, heal, and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon. Thank you Lord. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Mary Martin. The choir then sang "Blessed Assurance." Thank you, choir. What a wonderful and uplifting devotion!

Emma Saunders introduced the outline for our speakers

and guests today. Lt. Mary Catherine Green is no longer with us. She was the first Black American woman in the police force here. Her obituary was passed out to everyone. It was silently read by all while "Jesus Promised Me a Home" was sung. Thank you, Jesus. Jerrett Poindexter spoke encouraging words of the help she gave him during a touching time. A plaque was presented to the police department. Police Chief Ralph Evangelous accepted the plaque, and he will see that it gets to its proper place. Thank you, Ms. Emma Saunders. There was twenty-three pres-

ent to represent Lt. Mary Catherine Green. We had a very interesting and profitable morning. To God be the glory.

Our speaker for today was Janice Gordon. Her topic was "Worshipping Good Friday." Thank you very much.

Once again Ms. Emma Saunders has inspired us and has done it again. She has helped to gather shoes and send aid to other countries for kids who have lost their parents. Thank you for always looking out for others. Minutes were read by our secretary, Mrs. Mildred Elerby. Thank you again for a beautiful job.

"Callers" were called. Carrie Nixon had nine members present. Thanks to all the callers and members who were present. The sick report was done by Ms. Anna Haskins. Thank you for keeping us well informed. We love you. Remarks and announcements were made. "Smiles" were given by Sister Mary Martin. Thank you for the humor and laughter; for it's good for the soul.

Our circle was formed. Prayer was offered by Minister Doris McQuillian. Meeting was adjourned. There was sixty-seven present.

TELL SOMEBODY

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are

perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Corinthians 15:12-22

"And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first

day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.

And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you." Mark 16: 1-7

"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to

Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had

seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 9-14

"So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Mark 16: 19-20 Tell Somebody Happy Resurrection Day!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jackson-

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



Sylvia Hooper

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Order of Events, Clergy & Churches:  
The Rev. Alexander L. Jones Sr., Presiding Elder

Monday, March 30, 2015  
Location: St. Andrew A.M.E.Z., 1127 S.9th.St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401  
Host Pastor: Rev. Henry A. Gregory, III  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon  
Guest Choir: St. Phillip A.M.E.Z. Church Mass Choir & Barry Smith and Company

Tuesday, March 31, 2015  
Location: Speaks Temple A.M.E.Z.  
1120 Dawson St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401  
Host Pastor: Rev. Karen G. McCracken  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Maria B. Laceywell  
Guest Choir: Price Cathedral A.M.E.Z. Mass Choir

Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
Location: St. Phillip A.M.E.Z. Church 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. Wilmington, N.C. 28405  
Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Henry A. Gregory, III  
Guest Choir: St. Andrew A.M.E.Z. Mass Choir

Thursday April 2, 2015  
Location: St. Luke A.M.E.Z. Church 709 Church St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401  
Host Pastor: Rev. Jermaine B. Armour  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett  
Guest Choir: Warner Temple A.M.E.Z. Church Mass Choir

Friday, April 3, 2015  
Location: Warner Temple A.M.E.Z. Church  
620 Nixon St. Wilmington, N.C. 28401  
"The 7 Last Words of Jesus"  
Host Pastor: Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett Guest Speakers: Rev. Owen Metts, Sis. Dierdre Parker, Rev. Edith Davis, Rev. Avery McAllister, Sis. Angela Collins, Rev. Corrine Brown & Rev. Karen McCracken  
Guest Choir: Warner Temple A. M.E.Z. Mass Choir

Sunday, April 5th (EASTER SUNDAY)  
Sunrise Services will be held at 6:00 am  
Location: Price Cathedral A.M.E.Z. Church 1201 Orange St. Wilmington N.C. 28412  
Host Pastor: Rev. Maria B. Laceywell  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Jermaine B. Armour  
Guest Choir: St. Luke A.M.E.Z. Church Mass Choir

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**NEW BEGINNING CHRISTIAN CHURCH; APRIL 3.- 5**



Williston Industrial School, opened January 1915  
(Historical and Statistical Report 1916-1917,  
New Hanover and Wilmington Public Schools)  
Williston Primary and Industrial School:  
1915 - 1931



Williston Industrial School: 1931 - 1936  
(The School Was Destroyed by a Fire  
on May 6, 1936)



(Rebuilt)  
Williston Industrial High School  
(1936-1953)



Williston Senior High School  
(1954-1968)

**WILLISTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (WAA) 2015 NEWSLETTER**

**"CELEBRATING AND COMMEMORATING  
100 YEARS OF WILLISTON AND THE WILLISTON LEGACY: 1915 - 2015"**

**Happy New Year and Greetings** to Williston Industrial High/Williston Senior High School alumni and friends -- *throughout the country* -- from the **Williston Alumni Association (WAA)**.

Thank God, we've gotten through 2014 and our hope is that 2015 will be kind to all of us. For 2015, here are the WAA officers:

- o President: Vernice Hamilton (Class of '67)
- o Vice President: William (Bill) Holden (Class of '61)
- o Corresponding Secretary: Barbara Ennett-Davis (Class of '57)
- o Recording Secretary: Florence Johnson Warren (Class of '63)
- o Treasurer: Barbara Shannon Lewis (Class of '63)
- o Assistant Treasurer: Mary Greene (Class of '62)
- o Chaplain: Delma Nixon Brown (Class of '57)

Believe it or not, the year 2015 is a special Williston milestone: **2015 is the 100th anniversary of Williston as we know it!!!**

**"In 1914, the Board of Education awarded a \$15,000 contract to Robert Henderson Brady to build a new Williston school at Tenth and Church streets. Opened on Feb. 1, 1915, it was renamed Williston Primary and Industrial School..."** (from the *Wilmington Star News*)

So, in 2015, WAA will conduct a reunion that we're calling **"Celebrating 100 Years of Williston and the Williston Legacy."** The objectives are:

- (1) Raising funds for WAA's scholarship fund so that we'll be able to **award eight scholarships** to 2015 high school graduates -- like we did last year!!
- (2) Providing an opportunity for Willistonians to celebrate 100 years of Williston: get together and renew friendships and party!!!!

This will be a two-day event in Wilmington:

- o July 4th (Saturday Afternoon); **MIX** in front of our beloved Williston
- o July 4th (Saturday Evening) **"Celebrating 100 Years of Williston" BANQUET** at the **Hampton Inn/Wilmington Medical Park**
- o July 5th (Sunday Morning) **WORSHIP SERVICE** at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church

**At the same time, the Williston Class of '55 will also be having their 60th anniversary reunion during the 2015 July 4th holiday weekend. On Friday evening, they will have their own "Meet and Greet" event. Then, on Saturday, many will participate (and pay) to attend the WAA "Celebrating 100 years of Williston" reunion.**

Any other Classes planning to have an event during the July 4th weekend are also invited to "tie into" the WAA *Celebration*.

**YOU MUST SIGN UP BY APRIL 30, 2015 FOR THE BANQUET, SINCE WE HAVE TO ESTABLISH CONTRACTS WITH THE VENDORS.**

**USE THE ATTACHED SIGN-UP FORM.**

**"CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WILLISTON" REUNION  
HERE'S THE PROGRAM!!!!**

**(1) JULY 4 (Saturday) : WILLISTON MIX** on the Front Lawn of the old Williston Senior High Building

o **TIME: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

o **Open to all Willistonians -- whether or not they are paying to participate in the Reunion Banquet**

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o **COST: \$50 per Person**

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**(a) 6:30 – 7:00: Checking In: The "Ice Breaker"**

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**(b) 7:00 – 7:30: The Opening Program**

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**(c) 7:30 – 8:30: Buffet Dinner**

There will be a gorgeous buffet dinner. During the buffet, we'll be serenaded with Williston-era **"oldies but goodies"** music.

**(d) 8:30 – Until?: PARTYING!!!!**

REAL **"oldies and goodies"** music will begin in earnest. Yes, there'll also be plenty of line-dancing selections. You'll hear the "good stuff" that you very seldom hear now on radio stations.

**Don't forget, also, the winners of the raffles will be announced.**

**(3) JULY 5 (Sunday) 10:00 – 11:00 Sunday Morning Worship Service** at **Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church** (corner of 10th and Castle Streets)

**OPEN TO ALL Willistonians (whether or not they paid to participate in the Banquet)**

Remember, "back in the day" when we would begin each school day with devotions? Well, let's worship together, Thanking God for our having been lucky enough to attend Williston. The choir will consist of available members of the Williston Alumni Community Choir and others who were (or were not) members of the Williston Glee Club. We are in the process of selecting the minister (a Willistonian) to deliver the morning message. An offering will be taken. Net proceeds will go into the WAA Scholarship Fund.

If you have questions, please call **Barbara Shannon Lewis** at (910) 604-0271, **Barbara Ennett-Davis** at (910) 762-9280 or **Linda Pearce Thomas** at (910) 232-8310.

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORTING WAA OTHER THAN THE REUNION/BANQUET**

**(1) Annual Dues**

WAA invites you to help support its activities by paying **annual dues of \$24**. (use the attached Sign-Up form)

**(2) Designated Contribution to the WAA Scholarship Fund: Two Options**

**(a) Making a "Years-Since-I-Graduated Donation".** This involves donating an amount equal to the number of years since you graduated. As a way to have a continuous flow of funds to award WAA scholarships, Willistonians are asked, each year, to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund equal to the number of years since graduation. February has been designated as the month each year for making this contribution. WAA was able to award eight scholarships (\$1000 each) in 2014. We want to do so again in 2015.

OR

**(b) Designated Contribution to the WAA Scholarship Fund**

If you are unable to or do not choose to participate in the **"Celebrating 100 Years of Williston"** Reunion, you're invited to make a designated contribution (you decide the amount) to the WAA Scholarship Fund.

(use the attached Sign-Up form to make either type of donation to the scholarship fund)

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Violet Roth Wark**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Jonathan Peter Wark, Executor  
PO Box 1871  
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Lethia Sherman Hankins**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **12th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 5th day of March, 2015

Angela Hankins Metts, Executrix  
2519 High Valley Court NE  
Bohiva, NC 28422

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Donnie Earl Spivey**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of June, 2015, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of March, 2015

Barbara M. Spivey, Executrix  
5101 Lord Tennyson Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2015

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

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ROBERT DENNIS MADSEN**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **06/12/2015** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, March 12, 2015.

Charles Hurst Pennington,  
Personal Representative  
c/o Sherman & Rodgers, PLLC  
by Richard T. "Chip" Rodgers, Jr.,  
Attorney for the Personal Representative  
PO Box 250  
Burgaw, NC 28425

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Elizabeth McLaughlin Hunter**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **June 14, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of March, 2015.

Michael S. Hunter  
Administrator of the Estate  
of Elizabeth McLaughlin Hunter  
c/o Anthony L. Register  
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701 North 4th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, John A. Jenks, Jr., having qualified on the **18th day of March, 2015**, as Executor of the Estate of Sarah Hatfield Jenks, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of July, 2015**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 18th day of March, 2014.

John A. Jenks, Jr., Executor  
Estate of Sarah Hatfield Jenks  
David Anderson  
GRAVES MAY, PLLC  
5700 Oleander Drive  
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March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **James C. Dougall, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina 15-E-0369, gives notice to all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to present such claims to the undersigned at the offices of Alan M. Solana, Solana, Theriault & Goss, PLLC, Attorneys at Law, 1650 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, NC 28403 on or before the **19th day of June, 2015**, 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 January, 2015.

Jay Conan Dougall, Executor  
c/o Alan M. Solana, Attorney at Law  
Solana, Theriault & Goss, PLLC  
1650 Military Cutoff Rd., Suite 200  
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lloyd Franklin Herring, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 2nd day of July, 2015, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Bennie Louise Sharpless, Executor  
4310 Bona Ct.  
Raleigh, NC 27604

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **James Lawrence Greene**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Ursula Denise Whitfield,  
Administratrix  
4503 Greentree Rd. Apt. A  
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Joyce D. Barnes**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Mary Ann Huffman, Executor  
3727-2nd St. NW  
Rochester, NY 55901

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **James Walter Clark, Jr.**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify that all persons having claims against the said estate to present such claims to the undersigned on or before the **20th day of June 2015**, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 19th day of March, 2015.

James Ernest Clark  
3425 Marathon Ave  
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

Robert C. Kenan, Jr.  
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P. O. Box 957  
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March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Charles N. Spencer**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Charles R. Spencer, Executor  
32 Burton Rd.  
Southport, NC 28461

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Doris F. Yarborough Rogers**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Michael Francis Yarborough, Executor  
3102 Eton Road  
Raleigh, NC 27608

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **George W. Jones, 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 **5th day of June, 2015**, 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 9th day of April, 2015

Elizabeth Jones Cole, Executrix of the Estate of George W. Jones, Jr.  
320 Bristol Road  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Joseph Donald Henson**, Sr., deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this notice is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said decedent, Joseph Donald Henson, Sr., to present any such claims to the undersigned on or before the **June 26, 2015**, at PO Box 464, Hampstead, NC 28443 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 19th day of March, 2015

Charles Wayne Merritt, Executor  
Po Box 464  
Hampstead, NC 28443

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS  
AND CREDITORS  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
15 E 337**

The undersigned having duly qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **DOROTHY BELL SCOTT**, late of Wilmington, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 4, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28402, on or before the **30th day of June, 2015**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 25th day of March, 2015.

Auley McRae Crouch, III, Co-Executor  
Estate of Dorothy Bell Scott  
Dorothy Crouch Benz, Co-Executor  
Estate of Dorothy Bell Scott  
Jeffrey P. Keeter  
Block, Crouch, Keeter, Behm & Sayed,  
L.L.P.  
P.O. Box 4  
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March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Geraldine Cathey Taylor**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **24th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 24th day of March, 2015

Scott M. Taylor, Executor  
501 Weaver Mine Trail  
Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
Kenneth R. Hutchins, II, Attorney  
Costner Law Office, PLLC  
1442 Military Cutoff Road, Suite 26  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
910-239-5914

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
15 CVD 1025**

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Michael Francis Yarborough, Executor  
3102 Eton Road  
Raleigh, NC 27608

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

**LESLIE B. LAFOREST, PLAINTIFF  
V.  
ANTHONY W. GIBSON,  
DEFENDANT**

**TO: ANTHONY W. GIBSON,  
DEFENDANTS**

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: Plaintiff seeks legal and physical custody of the parties two minor children.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **May 12, 2015**, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING IN THIS MATTER IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 13, 2015 AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, Courtroom 300, 316 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

April 2, 9, 16, 2015

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Frances Lyons Lefstead**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Clifton L. Lefstead, Co- Executor  
6117 Cedar Croft Dr.  
Charlotte, NC 28226  
Sharon L. Spence, Co-Executor  
130 Tanbridge Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28405

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Ernest Hill**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **26th day of June, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of March, 2015

Valeria H. Davis, Administratrix  
1002 North 8th St.  
Wilmington, NC 28401

March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 2015

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

Having qualified as Co-Executrices of the Estate of **Mabel Bass Halterman**, deceased New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the **2nd day of July, 2015**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of April, 2015

Barbara H. Wilson, Co- Executrix  
1908 Hawthorne Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Jenny Halterman Fritz, Co-Executrix  
2305 Cowden Court  
Raleigh, NC 27612

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 2015

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION-  
Small Claims  
FILE NO. 14 CV 003835**

**KIMBERLY SCOTT, PLAINTIFF  
V.  
APRIL PARKER AND TIMOTHY  
CENAME, DEFENDANTS**

**TO: APRIL PARKER AND TIMOTHY  
CENAME, DEFENDANTS**

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 money damages for injury to property.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than **April 27th, 2015**, (not less than forty days from the first appearance of this notice) and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking services against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 18th day of March, 2015

Kimberly Scott, Plaintiff  
Peter Grear  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 2279  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
28402-2279  
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