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BERNEST HEWETT

JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS, PLEASE!

BY BERNEST HEWETT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It was brought to my attention about young men in Brunswick County Jail who have been there over a year and have never had the chance to see a judge. It's not my duty to check on these people, but, as they complain, I will go to find out what problems they might have. The number one problem in most of the jails is food and individual treatment, and I know that the jail is confining and sometimes harsh, but the jail is only the holding place. The problem is the system that puts them there for long periods of time. I don't know the guilt or innocence of these people, but the law requires a speedy trial with fair and equal treatment under the law. We must stay alert toward our brothers and sisters who may or may not make a mistake that lands them in jail. They are still somebody and still have rights as citizens. Our people have been treated very unfairly and are still being mistreated only because of the color of their skin. We have fought for justice, fairness, and the truth, not for hate or a racist society. The law has outlawed slavery! Jim Crow has been defeated! Now voter rights are under attack in today's system of government, along with the problems we now face.

Where do you stand?
Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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GOP leaders treat McCrory like "trained pet", says Voller

BY CASH MICHAELS
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With all eyes looking towards the 2016 election season, there is little doubt that first-term Republican Gov. Pat McCrory faces a tough reelection campaign.

North Carolina's unemployment rate has risen for the past five months in a row and is currently higher than the national average.

The latest figures on the education front show that students aren't progressing academically statewide as many had hoped.

And the Republican-led NC General Assembly is still nowhere near a fiscal 2016 budget agreement for a state budget that was supposed

to be signed, sealed and delivered by July 1st. Normally when such a legislative impasse crops up, it is the sitting governor who acts as the referee to settle all disputes and move both House and Senate towards reasonable compromises that benefit constituents.

Most observers agree that normally such action on the part of a governor demonstrates strong leadership and vision. But given that Republicans lead both the Legislature and the Executive Mansion, what many thought at first would be a semblance of workable relationships have instead turned into hard-to-ignore incidents of disrespect between all sides, especially towards the governor.

Members of the state Senate have been quoted as saying that Gov. McCrory has "no" role in budget negotiations and have openly questioned his leadership.

"The governor's comments about the General Assembly are sophomoric and borne out of ignorance and a lack of knowledge," quipped New Bern Republican Rep. Michael Speciale on Facebook earlier this year.

Sen. Tom Apodaca, powerful GOP chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, told the *Asheville Citizen-Times* that the governor, "...doesn't play much of a role in



GOVERNOR PAT MCRORY

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(left to right) Osamu "Simon" Nagata, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Toyota North America Inc.; Jasmine Cooper, and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.

UNCW student Jasmine Cooper receives \$75,000 Jackson Sr. Fellows Scholarship

BY THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS
UNC WILMINGTON

UNCW sophomore Jasmine Cooper's drive to excel has earned her a \$75,000 Jesse L. Jackson Sr. Fellows Scholarship as well as an internship and mentorship with Toyota.

Cooper is one of 10 engineering and business college students from across the country selected to receive the first-ever Jesse L. Jackson Sr. Fellows Scholarship, sponsored by Toyota and Rainbow PUSH Excel. She will also have the opportunity to work at one of Toyota's facilities to gain valuable, real-world experience and be paired with a mentor from Toyota management to help guide her through the next three years of college. The company's goal is to prepare students for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) jobs. The 10 finalists' studies range from business finance and marketing to chemical and mechanical engineering.

"I am honored to receive the Jesse L. Jackson Fellows Scholarship," said Cooper, a Raleigh resident. "I am thankful for Toyota and Mr. Jackson for

expressing their sincere care for minority students to excel in their education."

Cooper is enrolled in the NC State Engineering 2+2 Transfer Program, which allows students to complete the first two years of an engineering degree at UNCW, then transfer to N.C. State University to complete their undergraduate engineering degree. She plans to major in industrial engineering.

"Industrial engineering challenges me to think, to be creative and efficient simultaneously," she said. "As an aspiring law student, I do believe that this rigor and level of critical thinking will assist me in becoming a successful intellectual property lawyer."

Scholarship recipients will receive \$25,000 each year for a maximum three-year period. In order to receive the award each year, the students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

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BY CALVIN ROBINSON, D.TH.
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Martin makes a difference in education through human resources

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Rosalynn Martin planned to become an educator, like her father before her, but a chance opportunity in human resources prompted this "people person" to reimagine her dream job.

"I thought I would be a business education teacher, and I did teach

part-time, but I also took a job with an airport authority as a personnel clerk - that should tell you how far back I go," she said with a laugh. "We still called it the 'personnel department' then."

Over the years, Martin's leadership opportunities grew as the field of human resources grew. She has

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Swinney helps student-athletes excel on and off the field

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As a young girl, Adrianne Swinney set a goal to become the first female to play in the NBA, but an injury during her junior year in high school ended her basketball dreams. That did not quell Swinney's desire to make athletics a career. She focused on athletic training, and

later became the first African American student-trainer at Mississippi State University.

She continued to grow in the field, eventually joining UNCW in April 2014 as senior associate athletic director before being promoted to deputy athletic director.

"I have always had a passion for

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nearly 20 years of experience
as a senior human resources
officer in corporate, municip-
al and higher education
environments, in addition to
a bachelor's degree from
Alcorn State University, an
MBA from Jackson State
University and an Ed.D. from
the University of Memphis.
In February 2015, Martin was
named associate vice chan-
cellor for human resources at
UNCW, which employs more
than 2,000, making it one of
the largest employers in
southeastern North
Carolina.

"When I got into higher
education, the light switch
came on in my mind, and I
realized that I could make a

difference in education as a
human resources profession-
al," she recalled.

The quality of the faculty
and staff at UNCW brought
Martin to Wilmington from
Jacksonville State
University, where she was
the director of human
resources. Her task now, she
said, is to focus on retaining
talented employees while
recruiting even more of the
"best and brightest" to join
the university.

"I am excited to be here at
UNCW," she said. "We're
going to empower people.
We're going to engage them
in the life of the university.
We're going to give them the
tools to develop their profes-
sional skills. We're going to
help them support our mis-
sion of being a student-cen-
tered school."

GOP

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anything."

And still another promi-
nent Republican charged
that McCrory doesn't "under-
stand what his job is."

Both leaders of the House
and Senate are still miffed
that McCrory won a lawsuit
against them months ago
saying that they unconstitu-
tionally encroached on his
ability to appoint members
to the various state boards
and commissions.

And the governor has
openly chided the
Legislature on several mea-
sures passed, like allowing
magistrates to refuse to
marry same-sex couples in
contradiction to federal law
based on religious objec-
tions. Indeed, McCrory
vetoed the legislation, only to
have it overridden.

Pat McCrory, once the
moderate longtime mayor of
Charlotte, needs to sure up
his conservative credentials
in order to lockup the state's
right-wing base for re-elec-
tion, observers say, but with
members of his own party
giving him a hard time and
insinuating that he is a weak
leader, his work is cut out for
him.

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throughout the school year.

"Toyota is proud to recog-
nize and invest in the outstand-
ing academic achievements of
these 10 scholars," said Simon
Nagata, chief administrative

officer, Toyota North America.
"The commitment to commu-
nity service and personal
excellence of these future lead-
ers is truly inspiring, and we
are excited to be a part of their
journey."

Twenty semi-finalists
went through a rigorous
selection process, which



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ADRIANNE SWINNEY

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athletics," she said. "It never
feels like work because I am
doing what I love."

Each day, Swinney walks
into her office with the goal
to make UNCW better. While
the common priorities of

being strategic, accountable
and resourceful sit atop her
daily to-do-list, building
quality relationships and
partnerships campus and
community-wide ranks high-
est, she said.

"The investment and com-
mitment to providing a holis-
tic, quality experience for
our student-athletes is not

only preparing them to win a
championship, but to win the
championship of life. We
hope that they will always
remember that UNCW and
UNCW Athletics played an
important role to help devel-
op them into responsible
agents of positive change in
the community."

turing his budding writing
career (Tata was in Chicago
last winter promoting his
book while North Carolina
was suffering through a
major snowstorm that crip-
pled hundreds of roads)
when he should have instead
been doing his job.

Kieran Shanahan inexplic-
ably resigned his post as
head of the NC Dept. of
Public Safety within months
of first taking office without
explanation.

Voller says voters will nat-
urally want answers for the
noteworthy instability of
McCrory's cabinet.

And as to why Republican
legislative leaders are treat-
ing the moderate McCrory so
harshly, as if to teach him
who is really boss in the
state, Voller says it's simple.

"They want to show him
who's in charge. They want
to have a trained governor
that responds to them, so by
weakening him, and by treat-
ing him with disrespect,
they're showing him that "We
make the budget, we're in
charge, and you are our
trained pet."

"They're trying to put him
on a leash," Voller later
added. "They don't seem to
want to give him a lot of lee-
way or space."

"I'm not trying to demean

the governor, but that's what
they're trying to do to the
governor."

The former NCDP Chair
says no matter the negative
treatment, GOP leaders will
"ultimately back [Gov.
McCrory] to the hill to win,"
however, when it comes to re-
election next year.

They may need to begin
that pivot soon, analysts say
McCrory's poll numbers are
weaker than expected.
According to a poll released
in August by Public Policy
Polling, Gov. McCrory's
"...approval numbers contin-
ue to be some of the worst
he's had during his entire
time in office, with only 35%
of voters approving of the
job he's doing to 48% who dis-
approve."

PPP continued, "A big part
of why McCrory's approval
ratings have gotten so bad
this summer is that even
many Republican voters
have soured on him- he only
has a 56% approval within
his own party to 28% of vot-
ers who disapprove."

The governor's fundrais-
ing is in the same boat. Plus
he will face either Democrat
Kenneth Spaulding - a
Durham attorney and for-
mer state lawmaker; or cur-
rent state Attorney General
Roy Cooper, who has made

no secret for months that he
intends to challenge
McCrory in 2016.

According to PPP, both
Spaulding and Cooper out-
poll McCrory, with Spaulding
at 40 to 35v percent, and
Cooper beating McCrory in
the percentages for three
months in a row.

Voller says either
Democrat would be "com-
pelling and strong" come the
general election a year from
now.

If they put forth a good
vision for the state, they can
win," Voller says.

PPP notes that, "One rea-
son for McCrory's struggles
is the unpopularity of the
legislature, which has
become more and more
unpopular as the summer
drags on. Only 15% of voters
approve of the job it's doing
to 60% who disapprove, the
highest level of unhappiness
with it in quite a long time.
Even though McCrory and
the General Assembly are
often at odds, the average
voter just sees one big unpop-
ular Republican state gov-
ernment without differenti-
ating too much between the
legislators and the governor."

McCrory's spokesman
insists that the governor has
a good relationship with
state lawmakers.

included onsite interviews
with Rainbow PUSH Excel
representatives and Toyota's
executive and management
teams in northern Kentucky.
Students received their
awards at the annual
Rainbow PUSH Back-to-
School Rally in Chicago in
August 2015.

"We are extremely proud
of these students and are
passionate about lifting any
burden or obstacle that may
prevent these distinguished
students from reaching their
highest potential," said the
Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr.,
founder and president of the
Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

"Students who prove them-
selves capable and eager
deserve every opportunity
within reach to become all
they set out to be in life. We
thank Toyota for their gener-
ous support and for sharing
in our vision to improve the
academic lives of these stu-
dents."

Aunt Jemima found after nearly 100 years

*Far from the elaborate crypts at Chicago's prominent Oak Woods Cemetery, the original
Aunt Jemima lies in an unmarked grave in an area that's more fit for the forgotten*

BY ERICK JOHNSON
OF THE CHICAGO
CRUSADER

(NNPA)- Her name was
Nancy Green.

Away from the elaborate
tombs and ornate grave
markers bearing the promi-
nent names of national
celebrities, Chicago's upper
class and Black elite, she has
been buried for nearly 100
years somewhere in Oak
Woods Cemetery in
Woodlawn.

But for decades, no one
knew where her grave was
located. She never had a
marker or headstone. She
was born a slave, but rose to
become a fascinating
American success story.
During her illustrious life,
she was the original Aunt
Jemima, whose face was on
the label of millions of
syrup bottles in American

kitchens and supermarkets.
In life, Green had fame
and fortune. But in death,
she lies in obscurity. While
the exquisite crypts and
graves of Chicago's first
Black mayor Harold
Washington; Ebony maga-
zine publisher John H.
Johnson; and Olympian
Jesse Owens attract thou-
sands of visitors, Green
would remain six feet under
for decades in an area more
fitting for the forgotten.

Amid the remains of
politicians, business moguls,
sports legends, and journal-
ists, lie a woman whose leg-
acy may suffer from a career
portraying a "mammy"
archetype that many today
view as demeaning to Black
women.

But in her time, Green
parlayed her talents to sell a
product to millions of
Americans at a time when

opportunities were few for
people of color. With her suc-
cess, Green is considered an
important figure in Black
history.

Though without a marker,
Green's significant impact
on American culture,
Chicago's rich Black history
and efforts to desegregate
Oak Woods Cemetery during
the Jim Crow era, would
fade long after the Great
Depression, World War II
and the Civil Rights
Movement have ended. Her
mysterious and humble bur-
ial would earn her fame in
death that would rival the
fame and reputation she
gained in life.

Longtime Chicago resi-
dent Sherrie Williams said
she had been searching for

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PHOTO COURTESY CHICAGO CRUSADER/ERICK JOHNSON
The remains of Nancy Green, the original Aunt Jemima, lie in section R3 a less
attractive area in Oakland Cemetery that's also one of the oldest portion in the burial
ground.

NC NAACP LEADS

HUNDREDS TO RALLY FOR VOTING RIGHTS



STATE BRIEFS

[RALEIGH] With the "Journey to Justice" marchers coming through North Carolina last week on their

860-mile walk to Washington, DC, the NC NAACP welcomed them with several events, culminating with a mass rally in Raleigh's Bicentennial Plaza last week focusing on voting rights. National NAACP Pres. Cornell Brooks joined NC NAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber in calling for state laws restricting the right to vote to be repealed because they disproportionately

suppress the voting rights of blacks. The state Republican Party countered that blacks had no problem voting in the 2014 elections.

PERSON COUNTY STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO SCHOOLS AFTER ILLNESS OUTBREAK

[ROXBORO] Things seem to be back to normal in Person County schools this

week after over 1,000 students were absent from class Friday last week after 100 took ill from an unknown gastrointestinal infection. Three schools were affected by the outbreak. According to health investigators, a norovirus that spread was the culprit. Over the Labor Day holiday weekend, the facilities were scrubbed and disinfected before school reopened on Tuesday. No illnesses were reported this

week. All were urged to thoroughly wash their hands to prevent reinfection.

CHARLOTTE YMCA TO REMOVE CONFEDERATE FLAG MONUMENT

[CHARLOTTE] The \$20 million renovation plans for the Charlotte YMCA at the NC Military Institute call for removing a monument which includes the

Confederate battle flag which has greeted visitors in front of the building since 1994. That monument will be given back to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, says the Y director.

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JEMIMA

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Green's grave for 15 years. Fascinated by Green's life, Williams poured through records, documents and researched dozens of addresses to find Green's remains. Her searches would turn up empty. On the popular website Find A Grave, Green has a page, but there is no picture of a marker or grave containing her remains.

A search through the Chicago History Museum also turned up empty. "I was getting nowhere," she said. "It was so frustrating and discouraging, but I kept searching."

FINALLY FOUND

But the 93-year-old mystery began to unfold this spring when Williams, who is also president of the Bronzeville Historical Society, discovered an old obituary in the *Chicago Defender* that listed Green's death as September 8, 1923.

When Williams called Oak Woods's front office with the date listed in the *Defender*, her years of frustrations finally ended. Green's grave was finally found after 93 years. "I was speechless. I immediately drove to the cemetery to see her," Williams told the *Chicago Crusader*. "I was so glad I found her."

Green is buried in section R3, Lot 291 in one of the oldest sections of Oak Woods Cemetery. Located in the northeastern corner of the 183-acre burial ground, there are no neoclassical crypts or towering obelisks here. Most of the graves have flat headstones, many of which have been eclipsed by grass or covered with dead leaves.

Unlike Oak Woods's serene lakes and lush English landscaping, Section R3 is close to the cemetery's six-foot brick wall that runs along busy 67th Street and an elevated train track. The rumbling sounds of the trains and the humming sounds of car engines make Section R3 a noisy area that's far from the tranquil, park settings of Oak Woods Cemetery.

To Williams, the unkept area was an insult when she arrived to find Green's gravesite. Her disappointment grew when she couldn't find the exact location of Green's grave.

"It's as if she was thrown away or forgotten. When I was there at the cemetery, I wanted to tell her [sic] she wasn't forgotten," Williams said.

Upon the discovery, Williams began a campaign to secure a marker for Green's grave. On Saturday, May 9, she gave a presentation on Green's life and her burial during a Black Chicago history forum in Bronzeville.

Buried in 1923, Green is perhaps the first prominent Black who was interred at Oak Woods, which was then



Nancy Green would inspire an original image of Aunt Jemima on Pancake mix products. Over the years, Aunt Jemima's face has been altered to reflect changing attitudes toward Black stereotypes.

a segregated cemetery that did not sell plots to Blacks. Another famous Black pioneer, journalist and activist Ida B. Wells-Barnett, was interred at Oak Woods in 1931.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

In keeping with the cemetery's rules for Section R3, Williams' organization plans to purchase a flat headstone for \$1,600 to honor Green. Williams could secure a larger memorial that would be more fitting to Green's legacy, but to do that would be costly. Green would have to be exhumed and re-interred in a section that would allow elaborate markers and crypts.

Although Oak Woods tried to keep Blacks out in its early years, Blacks in the 1920s and 30s would secure

plots through White families and friends, a practice that reportedly helped Wells-Barnett secure her final resting place at Oak Woods. But for the most part, clandestine business practices kept Blacks from being buried at Oak Woods.

In the 1960s, Leak and Sons Funeral Home and the NAACP led a march to desegregate Oak Woods after the cemetery rejected the remains of a Black girl. Along with Graceland and Rosehill cemeteries, Oak Woods is considered to be one of Chicago's most prestigious and coveted burial grounds.

BIRTH OF AN ICON

Green was born into slavery on March 4, 1834 in Montgomery County, Kentucky. As a young nurse, Green moved to Chicago after 1865 to work as a cook and maid for the Walker family, whose children grew up to be the late Chicago Judge Charles M. Walker and Dr. Samuel Walker, a wealthy physician who lived on the city's North Side, according to an old article in the *Defender*.

According to several reports, Green was a founding member of Bronzeville's 165-year old Olivet Baptist Church, 3101 S. King Drive. During that time, the church had 10,000 members according to church officials and several news articles.

As a domestic, Green was known for her homemade cooking and warm, affable personality. She was referred to two businessmen - Chris Rutt and Charles Underwood - who bought the Pearl Milling Company to sell ready-mixed and self-rising

pancake flour.

After watching a vaudeville show that featured a character named Aunt Jemima, the two men decided to market a product based on the fictional character. After hearing of Green's skills and personality, they hired her to help sell their product. The men gave her a booth at Chicago's World Columbian Exposition in 1893, where Green would help sell 50,000 orders for Aunt Jemima pancake mix.

News reports said Green was such a crowd pleaser that special policemen were hired to keep the lines moving. Green was then proclaimed the "Pancake Queen" and was awarded a lifetime contract with the R.T. Davis Milling Company, which was later purchased by the Quaker Oats Company in 1926.

Green lived at 4543 S. Indiana Ave. in a 135-year old building that still exists today. According to news reports, Green died at 89 on

August 30, 1923 when she was struck by a car while walking near 46th Street in Bronzeville, then known as Grand Boulevard. The driver of the car, a doctor, said he was trying to avoid colliding with a laundry truck.

FUTURE AUNT JEMIMA?

Since her death, several Blacks have portrayed Aunt Jemima. Over the years, Aunt Jemima's appearance has been altered to reflect the changing attitudes about the character. On the label, the famous bandana is gone and her hairstyle reflects mainstream tastes.

Last year, a lawsuit was filed in Chicago by Green's heirs and descendants of Black women who portrayed Aunt Jemima, claiming they are entitled to a share of an estimated \$2 billion fortune and a future share of revenue from product sales. Quaker Oats, the company that owns the Aunt Jemima brand, claims the character

was never real.

Now that Sherrie Williams has finally found Nancy Green, it bothers her that Green has not been properly memorialized - and may not be. To secure a headstone, a relative or descendant must approve the marker before it's installed. For a person who died long ago, this may seem impossible.

"I wouldn't have a clue of where to look and where to begin," Taylor said. "That's an awful lot of work to track someone."

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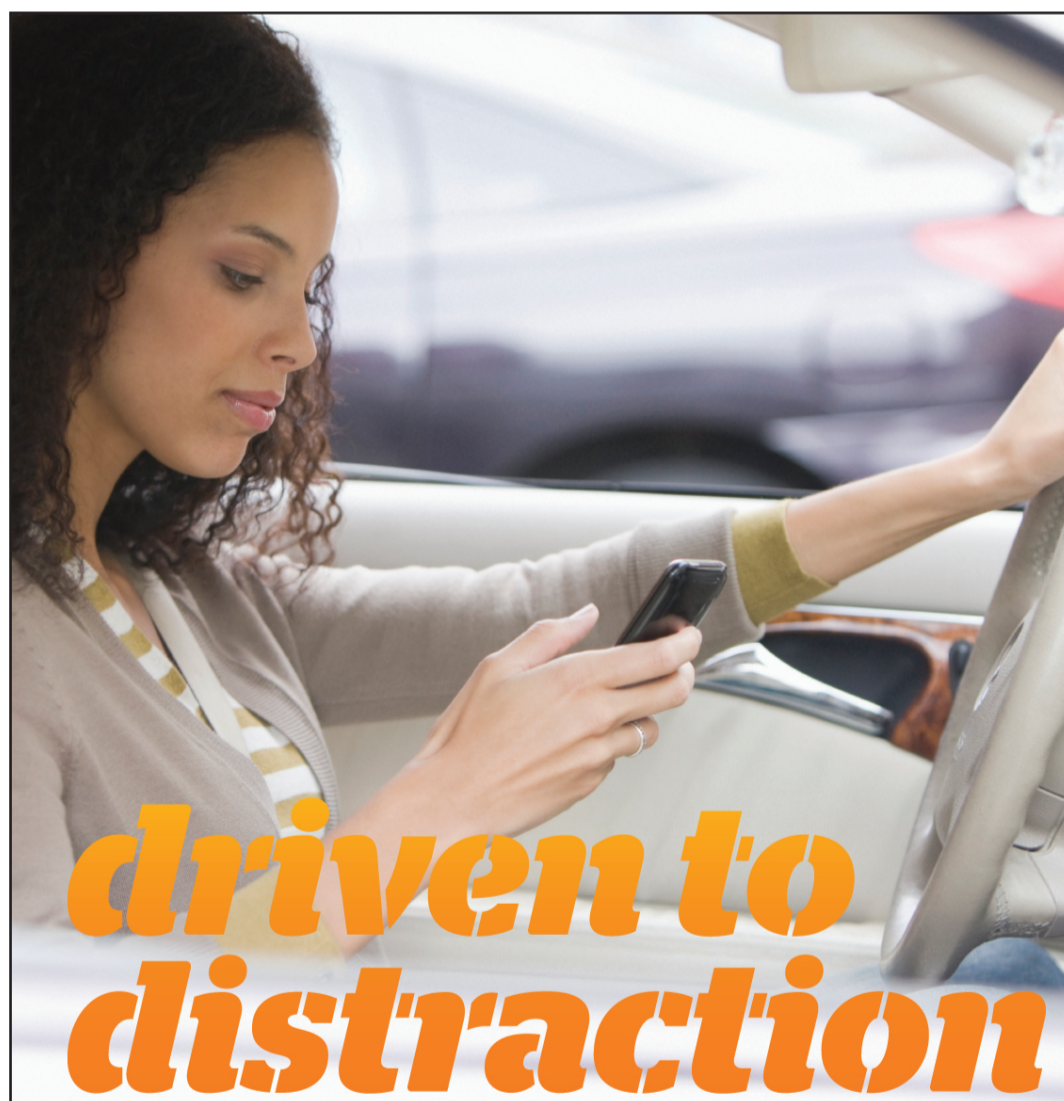
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Codington Elementary School's Service Club is participating in an "Empty Bowl Project" and holding a food drive to partner with Nourish NC in the fight against childhood hunger on Thursday, September 17th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Cultural Hall at Codington, 4321 Carolina Beach Rd. Attendees are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items and will have the opportunity to make donations. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to Nourish NC to fight childhood hunger in Wilmington. Nourish NC feeds more than 500 children each weekend, over breaks and holidays.

Community Briefs

GE Retirees Association will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 17th at noon. The meeting will be held at the New Hanover County Senior Center, 2222 South College Road. Open to GE retirees and spouses. WECT Anchor Frances Weller will speak about "The Changing Face of Television News." For more information call 910-819-2776.

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a free six-week grief program for those coping with the loss of a child. It will be from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Mondays, September 14th- October 19th, at the Dr. Robert M. Fales Hospice Pavilion, Conference Room, 1406 Physicians Drive, Wilmington.

Precinct W29 will hold its 3rd Town Hall meeting at Williston Middle School in the media room at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015. Attorney George Rountree and Dr. Daniel Coot will be guests. For more information please call E.B. Davis at 910-762-8599 or Ms. Lynn H. McIntyre at 910-200-2530.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet on Thursday, September 10th at McAlister's Deli, 740 S. College Rd. Social period, "eat and meet" will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by the program, "Meet your Candidates" for the upcoming Municipal elections. All Democrats are welcome and to participate. If any questions, call 910-395-4502.

The Willis Richardson Players will hold an audition for an upcoming show on Monday, September 14th at the Hannah Block Community Arts Center, 2nd and Orange Street from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. The show will take place on Saturday, November 7th at Thalian Hall. Musicians, dancers, singers and poetry readers are needed. For more information call 910-399-3337 or 910-763-1889.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 885 will hold a free session on Saturday, September 12th from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. "Maximize Your Veteran's Benefits" at the Elks Lodge, #532, 5102 Oleander Drive. Bring your DD 214. No appointment necessary. For more information call 910-762-4288.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County Department of Social Services will be providing Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety/Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting training to be a foster/adoptive parent starting Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Brunswick County Complex in the Social Service Building B, Bolivia, NC. To register for training or for more information call Tamela Jones at 910-253-2112.

City of Northwest will hold their Fun Day on Saturday, September 12th from 10:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. For more information call 910-655-3110.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Women's Day Celebration

Women's Day was celebrated at the St. John Baptist Church in Bolivia, N.C. There were many visitors from surrounding neighborhoods and from out of state, including the state of Florida. Many parents with young children had smiles on their faces and gave the impression that they felt they were in the best place they could be, with their families. The sky was beautiful on the outside, and more and more people were coming in. One gentle man made it very clear that he had been to two other churches, but the doors were closed. The atmosphere

gave us the feeling that we were powerfully blessed. The guest speaker, Minister June Lakeatha Mclead, is a native of Bolivia, NC. Minister Mclead has been an educator with Brunswick County Schools for nearly thirty years. She accepted the call to preach the gospel in May 2006. Minister Mclead worked and served very diligently in the ministry of Freedom Fellowship Church Ministries along with her husband, Apostle Raymond L. Mclead. She is well known in Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, and other counties in North Carolina. The worship leader was Reverend Helen Smith Boyton. She is growing more powerful in the ministry. Her gift as a leader is to get everyone to understand and let it be a part of daily living. How will I get along with my

neighbors in every respect possible? Reverend Helen Smith Boyton and her husband, Mr. William Boyton, are true singers of the gospel. Mr. Boyton is a kindhearted person who supports his wife in every way possible. He loves to have a large audience when his wife delivers a message or sings, bringing a spiritual blessing here and in other churches. Her son, Allen, is a very special person to know and love. His cooperation with young boys can be recognized immediately because they have love that's growing. You cannot forget that special St. John Women's Choir and that morning prayer by Mother Gloria Bryant. She mentioned President Barack Obama's name. They are the people who will achieve victory by building the future

for our children and grandchildren. We have fought so hard to achieve the better things in life in a spiritual manner under the leadership of Pastor Quan Stewart. *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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Eleazer Ricardo "Rickey" Hawes

Eleazer Ricardo "Rickey" Hawes departed this life on September 3, 2015 at St. Thomas Moor Nursing Home in Hyattsville, Maryland. Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Funeral Home, Inc located at 4111 Pennsylvania Ave in Suitland, Maryland 20746.

Jacqueline Robinson

Jacqueline Robinson, 64, of Wilmington, died September 2, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral service will be held Monday, September 7, 2015 at Mt. Olive AME Church, Wilmington. Online condolences may be made at www.frenchidavisfuneralhome.net. A Davis Funeral Home service.

John Edward Brookins

John Edward Brookins, 67, of Bolivia, died September 1, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral service will be held Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Randolph Family Cemetery, Bolivia.

John was born February 14, 1948 in Gadsden, Alabama to Mary Lee King Brookins and Jake Brookins.

John moved to Boston, MA, where he met and married Annie Randolph on February 27, 1977.

John enjoyed spending time with his family and spent many evenings dancing and listening to music. He also enjoyed fishing, gardening, and maintaining his lawn at home. He worked 25 years for Brunswick Community College in the Shipping and Receiving Department.

Most importantly, John came to know and love Jehovah God. He came to learn and put faith in the resurrection and the promise of everlasting life on Paradise Earth.

John was preceded in death by: seven siblings: Rosa Lee Veal, Margaret Chappell, Mary Ellen Townsend, Jeanette Williams, Sylvester Brookins, Richard Brookins, and Elizabeth Bacon; his son, John Edward Brookins, Jr.; his grandson, Isiah R. Randolph (aka "Herc").

John leaves to cherish his loving memory: his wife, Annie Brookins; his daughter, Kendra Brookins; his son, Isaiah Randolph (Dana); his sister, Clara Bustion of Boston, MA; his grandchildren, Monea Klass, Ivory Randolph, and Khavhan Brookins (aka "Chu-Chu"); two step-grandchildren, April Watson and Aaron Watson; a host of nieces and nephews that loved him very much. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Kenneth Bellamy

Kenneth Bellamy, 86, of Bolivia died August 31, 2015.

Funeral service was held Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Southport Baptist Church. Burial followed in Northwood Cemetery, Southport.

On Monday, August 31, 2015, God called Kenneth Bellamy home to Him and away from the troubles of this world. Kenneth was born on August 10, 1929 to the late Ollie Chester and Ethel Hankins Bellamy. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Rosa Lee Price.

Kenneth joined Little Macedonia Baptist Church at a young age and remained a faithful member until his death. When his health began to decline, his attendance waned, but he attended whenever he was able. He also attended Friendship Missionary Baptist with his wife Malissa on occasion. Kenneth was definitely not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Kenneth attended Royal Oak Elementary and graduated from Brunswick County Training School in Southport in 1948. He was attending North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro when he decided to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1950. This was one of the many unselfish acts that Kenneth performed to help out his family.

Kenneth was gravely wounded on the battlefield of Korea and he recanted the story of being sent back to the front line with an open wound that he had to care for himself. He was wounded twice in Korea and returned home as a well decorated war veteran. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, two Purple Heart Awards with one bronze Oakleaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and most recently received a certificate and Ambassador Medal commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

Kenneth completed his college education after returning home from the war by attending Fayetteville State University. In 1960, he received a degree in elementary education and began his career as a teacher and principal at Piney Grove Elementary in Bolivia, NC. Other teaching opportunities followed: teacher and counselor at Leonard School, McCain, NC; teacher at Brunswick County Training School, Southport, NC; teacher at Tabor City West Elementary in Tabor City, NC. He never accepted excuses from his students or his kids. One of his most often heard quotes was, "Old Man Can't died when Try came along". As a teacher, as a father, and as a friend, he always pushed you to be your best, nothing less.

Kenneth retired from teaching and became a longshoreman, working the docks at Sunny Point and Wilmington for over 15 years. He served as Secretary-

Treasurer for ILA Local #1838 for ten years until his retirement. He was not afraid of work and instilled in his children that the only way to have anything was to work hard. He always warned "Don't be like the crow and wait on another bird to build a nest. Build your own".

On September 17, 1954, Kenneth married his high school sweetheart Malissa Jane Brown in Wilmington, NC. This union of almost 61 years was blessed with four children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Kenneth was active in the community before his health began to fail. He was a member of Pythagoras Lodge No. 6 F. & A. M., American Legion, Disabled Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, NABVETS (National Association for Black Veterans), Brunswick County Democratic Party and lifetime member of the NAACP. He served as trustee of the board at Doshier Memorial Hospital, Member of BEMC board, and Member of the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

Kenneth loved fishing and gardening. Even though he was confined to a wheelchair, he continued to grow vegetables on his deck. No doubt, he had a green thumb. In addition to the abundance of vegetables in his container garden, he also grew beautiful flowers.

Kenneth leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife, Malissa of the home; four children: Verida Sarratt (Larry) of Huntersville, NC, Michael Bellamy (Ellen) of Albuquerque, NM, Norfrette Bellamy and Bridget Bellamy, both of Southport, NC; five grandchildren: Kristi Bellamy; Amo Bellamy (Arlene), Malissa Lyons (George), Marcus Bellamy, and Jason Palmer; six great-grandchildren; two sisters: Barbara Wilson of Kinston, NC and Ethel Bellamy of Petersburg, VA; two brothers: Luther Bellamy of Washington, DC and Tennyson Bellamy of Supply, NC; four sisters-in-law: Virginia Bellamy of Supply, NC, Violet Gill of Fayetteville, NC, Rebecca Smith of Southport, NC, and Anna Clemmons (Harvey, Sr.) of Boiling Spring Lakes; one other brother-in-law, George Riggs of Yonkers, NY; special nephews: Alfred Bellamy, Dana Clemmons, Dwight Price and Harvey Clemmons, Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who loved him very much. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Lois Marian Grady Dutton

Lois Marian Grady Dutton, 85, of Wilmington, died Saturday, September 5, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 12, 2015 at St. James AME Church, Castle Hayne. Burial will follow in Grady Family Cemetery, Castle Hayne. A Davis Funeral Home service.

Shirley Batts Robinson

Shirley Batts Robinson, 77, of Wilmington, died Monday, September 7, 2015 at home. Funeral will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2015 at New Covenant Holiness Church, Wilmington. Burial will follow in Calvary Memorial Cemetery, Wilmington. A Davis Funeral Home service.

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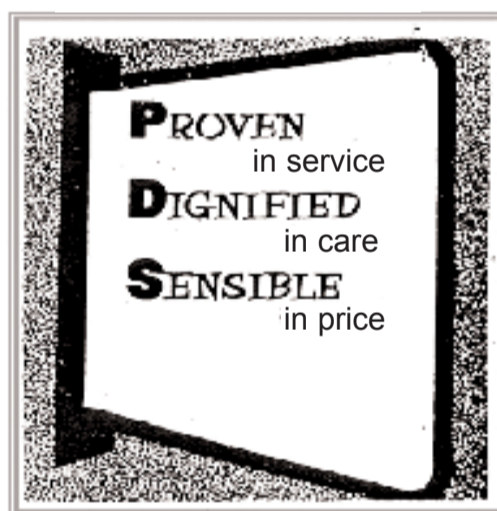
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