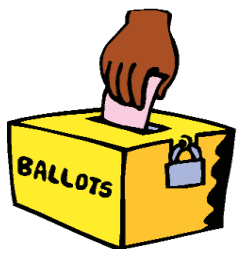


Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington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

Coming UP
JUNE
PRIMARY



Absentee voting begins for June Primary

Absentee voting began this week in 16 congressional primaries across the state after a federal court in February ordered legislators to redraw district lines. Election day is June 7 and will include a statewide primary for N.C. Supreme Court.

The State Board of Elections is encouraging voters to consider participating by mail in what is expected to be a low-turnout election. The state's stand-alone congressional primary in 1998 drew only 4% of registered voters.

"Voting by mail helps ensure that graduation ceremonies and

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

ELECTION TIME AGAIN

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brunswick County, we must keep up with the times. We have another primary coming in June. Therefore, there is much relevant information which we need to have. We must know who is on the ballot, what offices are open, and which districts are affected by this election. We are now in a very important time in our lives. People on local and national level are preaching hate and division among our people and are calling this good sense in a free nation. Our attitude

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REV. BARBER ISSUES STATEMENT

American Airlines removes NC NAACP Prez from plane, Friday, April 15
Passenger complains about his size and "those people"

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Editor's note: Friday, April 15, 2016, The Rev. Dr. William Barber II, President of North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches and architect of the nationally acclaimed Moral Monday Movement, was removed from an American Airlines flight after a passenger complaint about his weight and "those people." Saturday, April 16, 2016, Rev. Barber released a statement after many phones calls from concerned friends. "To ease their minds", he released the following statement.

"I was invited to be the keynote speaker at a national interfaith event that launched the 2016 Ecumenical Advocacy Days. Like Moral Mondays, the service was to encourage all people of faith to petition directly those who have the power to reverse the immoral policies against the poor, the marginalized and the racially oppressed people in our society. Protestant, Catholic and other faith leaders had worked for months for the Ecumenical Advocacy Days in D.C. this week. My job Friday evening was to remind us of the sim-



REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER II

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ilar moral teachings of great religions—love your neighbor as yourself, do justice, and walk humbly with God.

I had preached a sermon, my colleague had led the multi-racial crowd

in some spirited gospel and Movement singing and, after some wonderful time hanging out with old and new friends, I went to Reagan National Airport to board an American Airlines plane flying to

Raleigh-Durham around 10 p.m. As I boarded the plane, I was overwhelmed with love and the possibilities of new cross-race friendships and moral witnesses. I was also bone tired. Because of my bone-fusion arthritic disability that I have struggled with for years, I am forced to purchase two seats. The airport employees were more than gracious to me, as I boarded the small plane and painfully moved my body around to the most comfortable position I can find, looking forward to a good nap on the short flight home.

A passenger in a seat near me was talking loudly as the plane filled up. I asked the stewardess to request he bring it down a little bit, and she did. Because of my disability, I could not turn my head to see him, but as she left, I heard him saying distasteful and disparaging things about me. He had problems with "those people" and he spoke harshly about my need for "two seats," among other subjects.

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New Commissioner selected for Burgaw



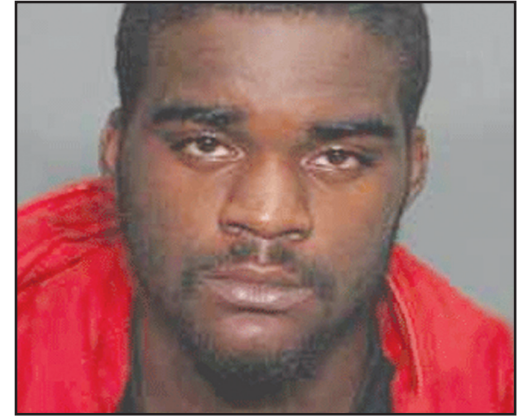
SYLVIA RAYNOR, TOWN CLERK, JAMES MURPHY AND DIANE DAVIS MURPHY

JOHN DAVIS PHOTO

Tuesday, April 4, 2016, the Pender County Board of Commissioners appointed James L. Murphy, Sr. to fill the remaining term of Howard Walker, Jr., who resigned in March due to health issues. Mr. Murphy retired from the Federal Government after 24 years of service as a Contract Specialist with the Department of the Army and an Industrial Specialist with the Department of the Navy.

He resided in Burgaw for 30 years and is currently employed as a Funeral Attendant at Dunn Funeral Home.

He is married to Diane Davis Murphy, formerly of Wilmington, NC.



AKIEL DENKINS

RALEIGH
Family and attorney requesting DOJ review

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL FROM THE CAROLINIAN

In a news conference held jointly by the NC NAACP and the family of Akiel Denkins on Saturday, the family is asking for the U.S. Department of Justice to review the case as a civil rights violation.

The Denkins family is citing inconsistencies in the report released by the Wake County District Attorney's Office last week in the

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(WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place receives top honors

BY **DARYL DOCKERY**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Recently, (WRAAP) Wilmington's Residential Adolescent Achievement Place received 2015-2016 Top "Community Based-Program Award" from the Food bank of Central and Eastern NC. The award presentation took place in Dunn NC during the 2016 Kids Café Program "Standards of Excellence" Banquet.

Kids Cafe is an after-school program that offers tutoring, nutrition education, mentoring, and nutritious meals to children at risk of hunger. Kids Cafe provides a safe and positive environment for children ages 15 and under to gather after school. The Food Bank's Kids Cafe program began in 1999 with 5 Kids Cafe sites. The program cur-



The award presentation took place in Dunn NC during the 2016 Kids Café Program "Standards of Excellence" Banquet.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

rently supports 26 Kids Cafe programs at 32 sites in 34 counties serving approxi-

mately 1,692 children. Each Kids Cafe site is operated in partnership

with a respected community agency in order to provide the attention and accounta-

bility needed to ensure quality programs for children. Although the details and schedules vary by site, all sites are geared toward academic enrichment, mentoring, nutrition education, nutritious meals, physical activities and parental empowerment.

A financial gift of \$1,000.00 was made to the "youth" program to help support day to day operations. The WRAAP' after school enrichment academy program operates out of Freedom's Way Ministries. The company's mission is to bridge the educational and social gaps that exist amongst youth, families, and communities. For more information on WRAAP please visit www.nc-wraap.com or call Daryl Dockery, Executive Director, 910-392-6007.



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 Let us get moving and find out about this special primary and then get ready for November's election. Know your candidates! Know for what they stand! Know if what they are about is for the good of all the people, not just the rich or well off! We must dig deep here in Brunswick County. This elected system does not include us!!
 Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP.

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ECUADOR CLIMBS OUT FROM DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE.

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Rescuers search Afro-Ecuadorian villages for quake survivors

BY LISA VIVES
 OF GIN

Apr. 18 (GIN) -The death toll in Ecuador's African coastal communities from a massive earthquake continues to rise as rescuers dig for survivors in the battered villages.
 On Monday, reports from Esmeraldas, called the birthplace of Afro-Hispanic culture, estimated that 350 people died in the quake that sent buildings tumbling and roads buckling. Over one million African descendants reside in the area settled in the 1600s by escapees from Spanish slave ships.
 Ecuador's seismological institute reported more than 135 aftershocks following Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake that was felt as far away as Peru and Colombia. It was said to be 20 times greater than the quake that hit Japan early Saturday. Ecuador could see a greater loss of life and greater damage due to the country's less

stringent construction codes. Heavy damage was reported in the cities of Manta, Portoviejo, Pedernales and Guayaquil, which are all several hundred miles from the epicenter of the quake that struck shortly after nightfall Saturday.
 But the loss of life seemed to be far worse in isolated, smaller towns close to the center of the earthquake.
 President Rafael Correa, who cut short a trip to the Vatican to visit the area, said he feared the number of fatalities would rise. Plus, "Reconstruction will cost billions of dollars," he said, as survivors around him pleaded for water.
 The last earthquake of a similar magnitude took place in 1979. Fatalities reached 600 with 20,000 injured in the 7.7 magnitude quake, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.
 Firefighters led rescue operations, combing the area for people trapped in fallen buildings. The injured were transported to the town's

football stadium, which survived the quake. Red Cross workers carried supplies to the hilly zone next to Pacific beaches.
 A power outage kept residents from using their cell phones to contact loved ones. On social media, a video of a baby girl being pulled from beneath a collapsed home in Manta went viral.
 Afro-Ecuadorians were already dealing with neglect by the administration in the capital Quito, according to the director of Catholic Relief Services, in a radio interview. "Basically you're looking at adding insult to injury because this is a population that's been marginalized. The area is poor and vulnerable with limited services. I'd say an inadequate infrastructure."
 Relief services director Thomas Hollywood observed: "We have roads that have been ripped up, that have been cracked, that are not passable. We have many homes that have either been

completely destroyed or the damage has been so severe that they can no longer be habited. So it's a very difficult situation."
 Foreign aid workers in the area are also among the victims. Sister Clare Theresa Crockett, a 33-year-old Irish nun who worked at a school in rural Playa Prieta, was crushed by a fallen staircase, Sky News reported.
 The quake is doubly disastrous for Ecuador due to plunging oil revenues. The main refinery of Esmeraldas was closed as a precaution. Exports of bananas, flowers, cocoa beans and fish could be slowed by ruined roads and port delays.
 "It's a very distressing and urgent situation we are dealing with," said Renata Dubini, Director of the U.N.'s Refugee Agency Americas Bureau. "As well as hundreds of lives having been lost we're also seeing many people now rendered homeless, including refugees and asylum seekers."

Ecuador is the biggest refugee-hosting country in Latin America. Its people have generously welcomed over 200,000 Colombian refugees and others in need of international protection, many of whom had settled in the earthquake-affected areas.
 Meanwhile, in Rome, Pope Francis offered prayers for the people of Ecuador affected by the violent earthquake. "May the help of God and of neighbors give them strength and support," he said.
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Congressional Black Caucus comments on Tubman on the \$20 bill

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressional Black Caucus Chairman G. K. Butterfield (NC-01) and Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-43), Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Committee made the following statement after Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew announced plans to replace President Andrew Jackson with Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill.
 "It brings me great joy to learn that the United States

will honor abolitionist Harriet Tubman by placing her image on the \$20 bill," said Chairman Butterfield. "An African American woman, former slave, freedom fighter, and leader for women's rights, Ms. Tubman was a true visionary who is most deserving of this recognition. Ms. Tubman was dedicated to improving the lives of all Americans until her death in 1913. Her legacy continues to impact all Americans to this day and will live on for generations to come.
 "Furthermore, the \$5 and \$10 bills will also feature new



WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE

Truth, and Alice Paul are symbols of our democracy that deserve much needed recognition amongst many others."
 "I applaud the Treasury Department's decision to feature Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill, women's suffrage leaders including Sojourner Truth on the \$10 bill, and civil rights leaders including Martin Luther King Jr. and Marian Anderson on the \$5 bill," said Rep. Maxine Waters. "These depictions on our nation's currency are long overdue and will show the world the remarkable progress our country has made on the road to equality. The Secretary's decision recognizes the important contributions of women and people of color to our society."

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summer travel won't keep you from participating," said Executive Director Kim Westbrook Strach.
 Citing the unexpected nature of the June Primary, members of the State Board ordered counties to carry-forward absentee ballot requests from the March Statewide Primary. County officials are now mailing more than 55,000 ballots, with more requests expected before the civilian deadline on May 31.
Multi-partisan Assistance Teams
 Special assistance is available for voters living in care facilities, such as nursing homes. Upon request, county

boards of elections will send Multi-partisan Assistance Teams (MATs) to help voters in care facilities complete their Absentee Ballot Request forms, mark their ballot, or serve as required witnesses.
 "MATs allow residents in care facilities to get reliable assistance free of partisan influence," said Strach. "That is one reason MATs are part of our broad effort to ensure every voice is heard. We hope every team in every county will be busy assisting voters in care facilities to cast absentee ballots for June 7."
 Care facility coordinators or members of the public can contact their local county board of elections office to schedule a visit. Additional information is available

online.
Online Resources:
 Absentee Ballot Request Form / Absentee Overview / Military & Overseas Absentee Voting / Legislative Redistricting
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 For additional information visit North Carolina State Board of Elections website at www.ncsbe.gov.

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POLL: MAJORITY OF NORTH CAROLINIANS FEEL OVERLY TAXED UNDER MCCRORY

[RALEIGH] If your state tax bill seemed a little higher this year, or your refund a little lower, you're not alone.

A new poll by Progress North Carolina Action and conducted by Public Policy

Polling found nearly two-thirds of North Carolinians believe state taxes have gone up for working families in general.

This comes after Gov. Pat McCrory's tax reform announced in 2013 promised economic growth for all.

Logan Smith, communications director with Progress N.C. Action, says people are now finding out that's not the case.

"More and more people are realizing they were really just lied to," says Smith. "The governor said that so-called tax reform would benefit everyone, but working families are being asked to pay more in taxes, but they're really getting less."

More than half of North Carolinians say McCrory's tax policies primarily benefit corporations and the wealthy, instead of working families.

The governor's plan created a flat 5.75 percent tax on an individual's income and reduced the corporate tax rate. Supporters of the tax reform say it will boost the state's economy and lure new business to the state.

Earlier this year a sales tax on things like car repair and other services was put in place.

Smith and numerous economists say sales taxes have a disproportionate impact on lower and middle income families since they spend a greater portion of their income on goods and services.

He says instead of recognizing the unintended consequences of the tax reform, the state is moving forward.

"They are more interested in doubling down on their failed tax scheme," says Smith. "For example last year, instead of realizing that taxes had gone up, they raised sales taxes even more and then they lowered the corporate income tax."

The poll also found that more than half of North Carolinians say the state has reduced the quality of and access to public services such as public schools, infrastructure and services for older Americans in recent years.

EDUCATORS WIN CAREER STATUS CASE

[RALEIGH] The N.C.

Supreme Court this week, in a unanimous decision, ruled that a 2013 state law to end the due process rights of teachers is unconstitutional. The seven-judge court upheld an earlier Superior and Appellate Court ruling that said the law violated the constitutional protection of contracts. The Court did not address the taking of property claim. "Today is a win for educators, public schools, and most importantly students. The Court has heard the voices of teachers that North Carolina should honor its commitment of basic employment rights," said NCAE President Rodney Ellis. "We are glad the Court recognized the General Assembly's attempt to strip away rights from teachers as unconstitutional."

However, there is still more work to do. An Appellate Court decision last year eliminated the opportunity for career status for those teachers in the "pipeline." These are teachers who started their teaching career but had not yet worked four years, the time it typically takes to earn career status. Under the current law, new teachers will still never be able to earn career status.

"Career status is an important tool to recruit and retain quality educators, just like fair compensation and working and learning conditions that

lead to student success," added Ellis. "Our elected leaders should take the steps needed to provide all teachers with basic employment rights."

NCAE, along with six public school teachers, filed the lawsuit alleging that the Legislature's Career Status Repeal violated the federal and state constitution by eliminating basic due process rights. Career status gives teachers the right to know why they are being disciplined or fired, and the right to a hearing, but does not shield them from being dismissed.

NEW NC HOME REFINANCE PLAN BANKS DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW

[RALEIGH] When North Carolina homeowners visit FetchARate they may be surprised to find out that they may qualify for a new home refinance plan that will lower their mortgage to astonishingly low rates. Millions of smart homeowners have taken advantage of this government program called the Home Affordable Refinance Plan (HARP) and have reduced their monthly payments by as much as \$3,300

each year. This program, designed to help just about any homeowner take advantage of surprisingly low rates, has banks on edge.

"UNSAFE TIME IN NC" SAYS SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR ON HB 2 IMPACT

[CHAPEL HILL] -Survivors of sexual assault are speaking out on the potential impact of the controversial House Bill 2 legislation. Andrea Pino, a former student at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, was raped by a fellow student in 2012. She feels the legislation places more people at risk of assault.

Governor Pat McCrory's executive order last week restored the right to sue for discrimination, but the law still prevents transgender people from using the bathroom of the gender they identify with and prevents cities from creating non-discrimination ordinances.

HIGH COURT RULING ON UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS TO IMPACT NC FAMILIES

The U.S. Supreme Court is

considering a lawsuit against President Obama's 2014 expansion of immigration programs for undocumented workers. The court heard oral arguments on Monday regarding the Deferred Action for Parents and Americans (DAPA) and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The programs would give immigrants more options to stay and work in the U.S., but have been in limbo after a group of states, including North Carolina sued the administration. William Saenz, communications coordinator with immigrant advocacy group El Pueblo says longtime residents of the state are being impacted daily. "It's been an issue in North Carolina specifically because undocumented immigrants don't have access to driver's licenses," says Saenz. "And it's basically just the safety of knowing that they can go to work, they can go run errands and not worry that they're never going to see their kids again."

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As I heard these things, I became more and more uncomfortable, especially since he was behind me. The attitude with which he spoke, and my experiences with others who have directed similar harsh, sometimes threatening words, emails, and calls at me, came to my mind. Because he was behind me when he made the comments and because of my disability, the only way I could see him when I tried to speak to him as one human being to another was to stand and turn around. I asked him why he was saying such things, and I said he did not know me, my condition, and I added I would pray for him.

This took place before the plane's crew gave safety instructions. I do not know who made the decision, but a plane official apparently

called the police, who came to my seat and said, "Sir you need to leave the plane." I left. The American Airlines team at the desk was very gracious. Many said they were concerned and some said they did not agree with the decision. I told each of them that I was OK. They found room on a flight leaving on Saturday morning. I returned to the hotel where I keynoted the event earlier in the evening. This morning American staff graciously helped me re-board for the flight to Raleigh-Durham.

Virtually all the police officers and American employees were gracious to me. Some were openly troubled by the decision to force me to spend another night away from home. To those of you who were worried about me, I am fine, physically. Yes, I am not at all happy about what I believe were the real reasons I was the one asked to leave. My training and experiences with non-violent civil disobe-

dience, and my deep faith, however, made my decision to peacefully comply with the order to get off the plane an easy one. I turned the matter over to my legal counselors, one here and one in Washington DC.

The Moral Fusion Movement must focus our attention on weightier matters. The struggle against the hatred and fear take priority over matters of my comfort and convenience. I merely want to be treated fairly.

I want to emphasize, virtually all who had to implement the decision to remove me from the plane were embarrassed and upset by it. I thank them, and thank all my friends for the words of comfort and love, and your prayers. Now, let's get back to work, changing attitudes, stereotypes, perceptions, policies and dealing with people's fears and hatred."

Yours in faith,
Rev. William J. Barber II

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shooting death of Akiel Denkins at the hands of Raleigh Police Officer D.C. Twiddy. The report stated that the DNA and other physical evidence supported the account of the shooting that Officer Twiddy provided shortly after the tragedy.

The District Attorney's report went on to conclude that Officer Twiddy shot Mr. Denkins in self-defense as a matter of last resort and only because he reasonably believed his own life was in danger.

However, Irv Joyner, an attorney for the NC NAACP, said the trajectory of the bullets through Denkins body indicated that he was shot in the back. The state's investigation, as well as the Raleigh Police Department's report on the shooting said that Twiddy and Denkins were involved in a struggle when Denkins reached for a gun and was shot by Twiddy.

An attorney for the Denkins family, Priscilla McKoy said, "It is important for us to remember that Akiel did not attack Officer Twiddy. Attorney McKoy went on to say that the family is still asking for anyone with relevant information about the shooting to come forward.

Joyner could not offer a timeline for the Department of Justice's investigation.

In the meantime the final autopsy has been released by the NC Department of Health & Human Services Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The Summary & Interpretation of the report

stated: According to information received, Akiel Rakim Lakeith Denkins, a 24-year old man, died from multiple gunshot wounds sustained during an altercation with a police officer on Feb. 29, 2016.

The autopsy documented a total of four gunshot wounds; three penetrating wounds of the right chest, right shoulder, and right upper arm, and one perforating wound of the left forearm. No soot or gunpowder stippling was seen on the skin of any of the entrance wounds. The wound track of the right chest injured the heart, aorta, and both lungs, with large amounts of blood in the chest cavities. The gunshot wound of the right arm fractured the humerus. Three projectiles were recovered from the terminations of the gunshot wound tracks of the right chest, right shoulder, and right upper arm.

Toxicological analysis detected cocaine and benzoylcegonine, a cocaine metabolite. No alcohol was detected.

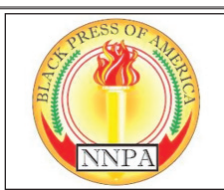
Based on the autopsy findings, toxicology, and circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is gunshot wounds of the chest and arms.

Attorney Irv Joyner was able to share with the press autopsy report done by the family's Pathologist. It reported that Mr. Denkins had a bullet entry point in his back right shoulder that travelled from back to front and downward into his chest. There was a second bullet entry point, which entered his right shoulder from the side, and that bullet also travelled downward in a right to left manner and fractured his right humerus bone. The third bullet, which was fatal,

entered the right side at the arm pit and travelled right to left in a downward direction resulting in a piercing of his aorta (heart) and the top and bottom portions of his left lung and the fourth bullet entered his lower left arm and exited at a higher point of the lower arm. The three damaging bullet entry points were in the back shoulder and from the side and each bullet travelled downward into Denkins' chest from back to front.

So, the question remains as to the validity of a hand-to-hand struggle, which Raleigh Police Department and Wake Co. District Attorney reports reflect. Also in reading the Final Autopsy report from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner the remaining question of whether Mr. Denkins was shot in the back continues to remain unclear:

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GUEST EDITORIAL BLACKONOMICS

Black-on-Black coalescence - Part 1

(Via George Curry Media)

Coalition-building is the best way for Black people to make the kind of progress we need to make in this country, especially when it comes to economic empowerment. Some have posited that Black people are swiftly becoming obsolete. From the agricultural economy to the industrial and mass production economy Black folks, in some cases, had it going on. Many individual Blacks did quite well with jobs and businesses in those areas. As we moved through the technology/information economy and now into the knowledge-based economy, the rules for survival have changed.



James Clingman

Are Black people as a group becoming obsolete? Someone said, "All the shoes have been shined and all the cotton has been picked," which suggests that Black people are no longer needed by White folks, therefore, if we do not change our ways when it comes to business and job development, we will indeed become obsolete. Frederick Douglass, Booker T., and Garvey spoke of a time when we would have to change the question of Black obsolescence if we did not

awaken from our deep sleep and refuse to be dependent upon the largess of others for our sustenance.

The strength we gain from coalescence will bring about this much-needed change, and one major step is to reach out and connect with other likeminded people of African descent. This should be done on a national and an international level, the closest area being just south of our country - the Caribbean.

One of the greatest Africans in modern history was born in Jamaica. Of course, that would be Marcus Mosiah Garvey, who founded the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA). Look across the Caribbean and you will find other Blacks who knew and followed through on solutions; they took action rather than merely talk about their problems. They stood up against aggression, ignorance, and oppression. They understood and followed through on the value of educating their people, and they subscribed to the lessons their elders left behind.

Haitian history shows us strength and refusal to submit to enslavement; it also shows us resolve and a willingness to help others, as in the case of Haitian soldiers going to Savannah, Ga. to fight against the British in the Siege of Savannah on Oct. 9, 1779, during the U.S. Revolutionary War. We also remember the irrepressible Toussaint L'Overture, Jean-Jacques Dessalines, and Henri Christophe, Haitians who led the only successful slave revolt in the western hemisphere.

Many Black people came to the United States from the Caribbean and brought with them the same spirit, the same dedication and drive, and the same resolute character that causes men and women to seek for themselves, as Richard Allen taught back in 1767. Our Caribbean brothers and sisters have come with the determination to do for self, to rely on self, to cooperate with one another, and build an economic system within their own ranks. This article is written in an effort to celebrate our people and establish relationships that will engender cooperation among our people.

Marcus Garvey instructed us to do one thing prior to taking on economic empowerment initiatives. He told us to "Organize!" He shared with us the truth about economic empowerment over political empowerment and how we should seek economics first. He said, "The most important area for the exercise of independent effort is economic. After a people have established successfully a firm industrial foundation they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics, because the two latter cannot exist without the former."

Lessons from Garvey and others have led a precious few of us to implement strategies that, in fact, will lead to economic empowerment; we need many more. One such effort is the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors (OMCBV&C), which was established on Garvey's words, "The greatest weapon used against the Black man is disorganization." The OMCBV&C movement is underway, actively recruiting that critical mass of Black people who will take action rather than merely talk about problems. The One Million will leverage dollars and votes to obtain reciprocity in the marketplace as well as in the public policy arena.

In the tradition of Marcus Garvey, the One Million is organized, cooperative, and supportive of one another. It is entrepreneurial in its philosophy regarding ownership and control of income producing assets. The One Million is molded in the very practical notion of using our own resources to help ourselves and our children. We are committed, dedicated, sacrificial in our giving, and unapologetically Black as we pursue our ultimate goals of economic and political strength-in that order.

Black people, no matter where we were born or where we live, must appreciate the fact that we started out in the same place and our differences emanate from our experiences in the nations where our ships docked in the western hemisphere.

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Matters of Opinion

RAINBOW COALITION

Revive U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

(Via George Curry Media)

This country has made remarkable progress over our history. We've moved from slavery to segregation to equal rights under the law. African-Americans have gained the right to vote, the right to equal employment opportunity. Open racism has become increasingly unacceptable. Gays and lesbians have progressed toward equal rights. Same-sex marriage is increasingly accepted in law and in practice.

Yet, in the past years we've been presented with inescapable evidence of continuing systemic discrimination. Ferguson and many other abuses sparked the Black Lives Matter movement that exposed the systemic and too often deadly bias of our criminal justice system.

Liberals and conservatives alike have criticized mass incarceration of nonviolent offenders, disproportionately people of color.

The wealth gap between

the races has increased dramatically, as African-Americans and Latinos were disproportionately targeted and victimized by the systemic fraud that led to the financial collapse.

Muslim communities have come under brutal assault from political candidates looking to scare up votes. As we've already seen in Arizona and Wisconsin, voting rights have come under the worst attack since the days of Jim Crow.

Governors across the country have refused to expand Medicaid, passing up on billions in federal money, with people of color disproportionately the victims.

We need to revive a powerful, independent Civil Rights Commission to act as an independent watchdog, not partisan, to report on these and other fundamental civil rights concerns and make recommendations to the Congress and the president.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission was created in 1957 under Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower to provide a powerful, independent monitor of civil rights. Ike's committee that recommended its formation concluded: "In a democratic society, the systematic, critical review of social

needs and public policy is a fundamental necessity. This is especially true of a field like civil rights, where the problems are enduring and range widely (and where) ... a temporary, sporadic approach can never finally solve these problems."

The Civil Rights Commission's early reports on voting rights and school integration had powerful effect. It played a major role in helping to define what became the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. In 2000, it released a powerful report on police practices and civil rights in America.

The commission still exists but it has been weakened dramatically. Under Ronald Reagan, its budget was cut. Under George W. Bush, it became a partisan battleground, with conservatives seeking to turn it into a vehicle against affirmative action. It was stunningly absent from the debate on reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act in 2006.

Now it is a shell of its former self. Its recent reports - on police relations, school bullying and immigration detention - have received little attention. Its staff has been cut by more than half from its 1996 level. Its authorization has expired; it exists

on annual appropriations that have slowly starved it of funds.

Progress on civil rights has always been contested. But leaders of both parties even in the 1950s and 1960s realized that a powerful, respected, objective monitor on civil rights could make a significant contribution in helping the country's leaders and its people understand the challenges we faced and recommend reforms to address them.

Now we are deprived of that powerful voice. Everything seems reduced to partisan argument. Even where there is consensus, there is no authoritative, independent voice able to challenge both Congress and the president when needed. America is a remarkably diverse nation. Diversity can be our strength. Handled badly, it can rip nations apart, as we've seen in the impoverished, isolated and resentful immigrant communities in France and Belgium. It is time to revive an authoritative Civil Rights Commission.

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TO BE EQUAL

The fight against voter suppression

(Via George Curry Media)

"No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined."...The Supreme Court of the United States, Wesberry v. Sanders, 1964

In 2013, the Supreme Court stripped the Voting Rights Act of its power to stop states from creating and enforcing laws that would prevent eligible voters from exercising their constitutional right to vote. Under the dark shadow of the newly crippled law, our nation celebrated the 50th year anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 2015. In 2016, our nation will observe its first presidential election since the

Marc Morial

court effectively paved the way for states to usher in new, legal obstacles to the polls that would largely affect low-income people, the elderly, people with disabilities, students and communities of color.

Preclearance-which laid at the very heart of the VRA-required states with a history of discriminatory, race-based voter suppression to have any amendments in their voting laws "precleared" by the Justice Department. The Supreme Court, in all its wisdom, decided the preclearance provision was the stuff of a bygone era of racial injustice in American history. The court could not have been more flawed in its thinking. Since then, states have been hard at work introducing and passing countless laws that do what the VRA was created to stop: the calculated denial of the vote to targeted classes of Americans.

In our first election since Barack Obama became the first African American to be elected this nation's president, 17 new states-from Texas to Rhode Island-will have new voting restrictions

in place. While it is true that the days of poll taxes, literacy tests and grandfather clauses exist in the pages of our history books. The old strategy of voter suppression is not sitting somewhere collecting dust on a shelf. Voter suppression is alive and well and dressed in a new suit of modern tactics, with states passing laws strict voter ID laws, cutting back on early voting, denying ex-felons the right to vote and even closing polling places in communities of color.

In all, 22 states have new restrictive voting requirements in effect since the 2010 midterm election, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. That sobering number represents nearly half our nation's states. It also represents hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, of eligible voters being denied their protected right to a vote. We should not accept this current state of affairs as the last word on voting rights in our democracy.

We certainly cannot rely on a change of heart from states bent on denying this fundamental right to its resi-

dents. We cannot allow political parties to hijack elections for short-term political gain while they undermine a basic pillar of our democracy in the long-term. We need action, and we need action from our elected officials.

When the Supreme Court stripped the preclearance provision from the VRA, it challenged Congress to create new legislation-an updated set of protections that would help guarantee our right to vote and repair much of the damage caused by the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling. The National Urban League will continue to work in coalition with the civil rights community and press members of Congress to restore the VRA. If we don't stand for everyone's right to vote-we stand to lose it and lose what makes living in this country special, and in many cases, unique. Millions of Americans should never have to fear barriers at the ballot box. Let's #RestoretheVRA.

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"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."

---1827, Front page of *Freedom's Journal*, the first African-American owned and operated newspaper published in the United States



Protecting the right to vote: Democracy awakening

When we think about the right to vote, it is and should be understood to be a civic sacrament in the temple of democracy. However, this presidential election will be the first in 50 years without the full protection of the Voting Rights Act.

In 1965, the Voting Rights Act was enacted with the blood, sweat and tears of Americans from all across the country. But 50 years later, we're still dealing with a multi-hued, multi-racial, multi-ethnic form of bias and discrimination at the ballot box.

To combat this assault on the right to vote, the NAACP has come together with more than 260 organizations – represent-

ing the labor, peace, environmental, student, racial justice, civil rights and money in politics reform movements – to stage a mass convergence this month on Washington, D.C. and call for democracy reforms.

On April 16-18, thousands of activists will mobilize in the nation's capital for Democracy Awakening, a three-day event featuring a rally, march, teach-ins, lobbying and civil disobedience. Democracy Awakening plans to fight back against business as usual in Washington, D.C., and demand a democracy that works for everyone. This means restoration of full voting rights, breaking the stranglehold corporations and the wealthy have on elections, and demand Congress hold hearings and vote to fill the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy.

People all across the country, African-Americans, Latinos, students, and senior citizens feel as though the civic sacra-

ment of the right to vote is being threatened. As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court's misguided Shelby County decision in 2013, which invalidated Section 4(b) of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, millions of Americans are now denied the strong protection of their right to vote. Since then, we have seen state legislature after state legislature engage in a Machiavellian frenzy of voter disenfranchisement.

More than 30 states have imposed voter ID laws, which on their face seem innocuous. But, when we keep in mind which American voters don't possess these ID's, we have reason to be alarmed.

Consider the state of Texas. Because of voter ID laws, it is estimated that between 500,000 to 700,000 eligible citizens do not possess the prerequisite I.D. – disproportionately affecting low-income citizens, African-Americans, and Latinos.

We know that voter ID laws

also disproportionately disenfranchise the elderly. For example, 93-year-old Rosanell Eaton is legally challenging North Carolina's voter ID law. She has voted for 70 years – but, because she was born at home, because her name does not match the name on the birth certificate or match the name on the voting roll, her franchise – notwithstanding the fact that she voted for 70 years – is at risk.

Students also are being put at risk. In Texas, a law essentially said, if you have an ID that allows you to carry a concealed weapon, it is deemed sufficient as civic proof of identification to vote. But a library card – an I.D. that allows you to carry a book of Shakespeare or of chemistry – is deemed an insufficient form of proof to vote.

Consider North Carolina,

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CURRY'S COMMENTS

'Bill O'Racist' at it again

(Via George Curry Media)

I have written about Bill O'Reilly, a/k/a "Bill O'Racist," in the past and his proclivity to distort the facts when discussing African Americans. Well, he's at it again.

On one of his recent shows on Fox News, he asked, "Don't you think most African-Americans know there are super predators among their ethnic group? Don't they know it?"

Earlier in the year, he said, "Well, Sanders says he is a straight talker but not, not on this issue. Here's the truth. African-Americans make up 13 percent of the total population in the U.S.A. but commit 37 percent of all murders. And 90 percent of black murder victims are killed by other blacks. You will never ever hear either Bernie Sanders or Hillary Clinton say that. Republican candidates will not likely point it out either because it's politically incorrect. It's much easier to decry racism than actually address the root causes of violent crime which are a corrosive culture and collapse of the traditional family."

For the record, every racial and ethnic group has predators among its ranks, just as they have members who are positive forces.

In his rush to blame everything on "corrosive culture" and "collapse of the traditional family" among African Americans, Bill O'Racist conveniently ignores some basic facts.

He should have learned last November from Donald Trump's re-tweeting an erroneous post that claimed that 81 percent of Whites are killed by Blacks. Not only was that fiction, the supposedly source for the figure – "Crime Statistics Bureau - San Francisco" - did not exist.

As fact checkers pointed out at the time, only 15 percent of Whites are killed by Blacks.

"Trump cast blacks as the primary killers of whites, but the exact opposite is true. By overwhelming percentages, whites tend to kill other whites. Similarly, blacks tend to kill other blacks. These trends have been observed for decades," Politifact observed.

Indeed, FBI stats show that few homicides are committed outside an assailant's race. In fact, 8 percent of Blacks are killed by Whites and 90 percent of African Americans are killed by other African Americans. According to the FBI, 82 percent of Whites are killed by other Whites.

Clearly, there is no "corrosive culture" factor among African Americans at play here.

A report titled, "Black Homicide Victimization in the United States: An Analysis of 2013 Homicide Data" by the Washington, D.C.-based Violence Policy Center, provides further insight into Black homicides.

The typical Black homicide victim was 31 years old; 7 percent were younger than 18 years old and 2 percent were 65 years old or older. Most - 87 percent - were male and 13 percent were female.

The report notes that 84 percent of all Black victims (4,960 out of 5,891) were killed with guns. Of those, 73 percent were killed with handguns.

Significantly, 72 percent (2,002 out of 2,766) of Black victims were killed by someone they knew. Only 764 were killed by strangers.

Moreover, 51 percent of the homicides grew out of an argument between the victim and the assailant. Approximately 15 percent were reported to be gang-related.

Instead of dwelling on Bill O'Reilly's ignorant diatribe, the stats should point us in a different direction if we want to reduce homicides in Black America. First there is the larger issue of gun control.

"Blacks in the United States are disproportionately affected by homicide. For the year 2013, blacks represented 13 percent of the nation's population, yet accounted for 50 percent of all homicide-victims," the Violence Policy Center report stated. "... For black victims of homicide, like all victims of homicide, guns - usually handguns - are far and away the number-one murder tool. Successful efforts to reduce America's black homicide toll, like America's homicide toll as a whole, must put a focus on reducing access and exposure to firearms."

Equally important, we most focus on young Black males. That's not to say we should ignore Black females - we shouldn't - but 87 percent of Black homicide victims are male. No other group is close.

"The homicide rate for black male victims was 30.59 per 100,000. In comparison, the overall rate for male homicide victims was 6.87 per 100,000. For white male homicide victims it was 3.71 per 100,000. The homicide rate for female black victims was 4.36 per 100,000. In comparison, the overall rate for female homicide victims was 1.72 per 100,000. For white female homicide victims it was 1.39 per 100,000," according to the report.

Finally, we must discard the stereotype that most homicides are a result of random violence. As the figures show, 72 percent of Black victims were killed by someone they knew. And just more than half of those deaths began with an argument. With 15 percent of the deaths attributed to gangs, they also cannot be ignored.

Teaching Black men to successfully resolve conflict nonviolently has to be a top priority, if we are going to be successful. And this must start early in the life of boys.

There are many reasons to be concerned about homicide in Black America. But Bill O'Racist and other right-wing nuts totally miss the point.

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once the most progressive state in the country with respect to voting rights. But, in a few short years in the wake of Shelby, we saw a massive rollback in terms of that franchise. Among the measures that were curtailed or constrained: "pre-registration," which allowed 17-year-olds who were about to turn 18 in time for a new election to register early; Sunday voting and early voting.

Instead of curtailing and restraining the right to vote, we should be expanding it. It is, once again, the time to stand up and fight for our right to vote.

The NAACP is committed to breaking down barriers to the ballot box and maximizing the vote. We don't argue or campaign for any candi-

date, for any party. But, we do campaign against any threat to make any citizen less of a citizen and less of a member of this democracy.

From April 16-18, activists will call for solutions.

Together, we will demand fundamental reform that makes our democracy work and enables us to tackle our great challenges. Please join us. Learn more at DemocracyAwakening.org.

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Black women won't celebrate equal pay day until August 1

The Sewall-Beimont House is located at the National Women's Party in Washington D.C. It is one of the oldest houses near the United States Capitol, and was the house where Alice Paul wrote the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote.

On April 12, Equal Pay Day, President Obama designated the house the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument. The National Park System will manage the site, and a philanthropist has donated a million dollars to support the site and to provide some restorations to the house.

According to the American Association of University Women, a group that promotes equity and education for women and girls, "Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings 'catch up' to men's earnings from the previous year."

But African American women earn a scant 63 cents to the average dollar a White

man earns. A Black woman would have to work until around August 1 to earn as much as a man did in the previous year! As alarming as that fact is, it is equally alarming that few mention Equal Pay Day in a racial context. Ain't I a woman?

It would have meant a lot to some African American women had President Obama mentioned other inequality in passing. It would not have distracted from the important points he made when he designated the new monument. After all, the press release from the White House talked about "America's diverse history". The disparate treatment of African American women is certainly part of that history.

To be sure, President Obama has done a good job in addressing the issue of equal pay and fair treatment of women in the workplace. His first piece of legislation, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, gave women a longer time to sue for workplace discrimination. He has also created a National Equal Pay Task Force and, through executive order, prohibited federal contractors from discriminating against workers who discuss their pay. In the non-federal workplace, employees can be disciplined, or even fired, if

they discuss their pay. Indeed, the reason there are such gaping pay gaps is because there is so little transparency about pay. From legislation he has supported, and discretionary acts he has taken, President Obama would likely do more to close the gender pay gap were there a more cooperative Congress. Clearly, pay equity is not a priority for this Congress.

President Obama has been an aggressively pro-family President. From his support of an increased minimum wage, to his advocacy for paid sick leave (including an executive order for federal contractors), to his support for better overtime regulations, the President has strongly supported workplace fairness. It takes nothing from his strong commitment to women, though, to acknowledge that African American women earn less, and that Equal Pay Day comes much later for them (and for Latina women, who would have to work until November 1 to earn the same amount a man earned last year) than it does for other women.

Surrounded by three intelligent and beautiful African American women – Michelle, Sasha and Malia – it would be impossible for our President to be unaware of the chal-

lenges that African American women face. While I am aware that this President prefers not to deal with race matters, in this last year of his Presidency, he ought to consider doing so. There are few consequences for this action.

President Obama does not mind using Black women as a throwaway line in a speech. At his University of Chicago Law School conversation, he defended his nomination of Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court. He rather rapidly said that some people expected him to pick a "Black lesbian from Skokie," a comment I found offensive and condescending. If Black women can be fodder for a silly off-the-cuff remark, surely we ought to get enough serious policy consideration for our pay equity issues to be addressed.

August 1 is Equal Pay Day for African American women. We work harder, longer, and for less remuneration than other women do. What are we going to do about it?

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America's war for democracy

(Via George Curry Media)

The conservative movement's war against democracy in America has erupted on two fronts within the last month in ways that sharply illuminate the threat to many Americans' rights - especially their right to vote in many states this November.

First, less than a year after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of same-sex couples to marry, recent anti-LGBT laws hurriedly enacted in North Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi, while ostensibly aimed just at transgendered individuals, actually have a much broader intent: to undermine the laws and regulations banning discrimination against bisexuals, gays and lesbians as well.

Proponents of the measures, and similar ones under consideration in other states, claim they're not discriminatory but merely seek to protect individuals' "religious freedom" - "to stop," as Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant put it, "the government from interfering with people of faith who are exercising their religious beliefs."

Of course, that dodge - using an asserted religious faith to justify discrimination - was a pillar of the vicious legalized racism Black Southerners endured during the long reign of Jim Crow. So, this scenario of continued widespread resistance among conservatives to a Supreme Court decision expanding democracy

should seem familiar.

Indeed, the story of the stalwart, nonviolent struggle Black Americans waged from the 1940s to the mid-1960s to gain that fundamental marker of citizenship, the right to vote, is especially important to remember today, both in considering the new anti-LGBT reaction and on its own merits.

In the latter decades, Blacks and their allies among other American had to overcome the hydra-headed "massive resistance" of Southern segregationists, who used fear-mongering, political subterfuge, economic intimidation and outright physical violence to try to continue their evil regime.

Many Americans thought that struggle had been won forever with the enactment of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA). But the remarkable progress the law produced was shadowed by irrefutable proof that massive resistance to racial inclusion had not disappeared. Instead, adopted in the mid-1960s by its new advocates, the Republican Party, it had just shape-shifted into more cloaked, seemingly race-neutral forms.

Those innumerable, continual attempts to undermine the voting law were stymied - until the Supreme Court's conservative majority in 2013 struck down the VRA's key protective provision. The result: an intensifying of GOP-controlled state legislatures' efforts to enact laws and voting procedures intended to limit the number of eligible black and Hispanic voters who actually get to vote.

This GOP-driven campaign of massive resistance has nothing to do with protecting the voting process. It has every-

thing to do with preserving white conservative rule, especially now that the American population is becoming more and more racially and ethnically diverse.

For example, it's no coincidence that two of the most significant voting rights cases since the Supreme Court's 2013 decision come from Texas, where the state's Hispanic population will soon surpass that of Whites. The sudden death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia - which dashed conservative expectations of another anti-democratic voting rights ruling from the Court in one of the Texas cases - will undoubtedly ratchet up conservative campaigns to block voters of color, who overwhelmingly vote Democratic, from getting to the ballot boxes.

The massive election-day crisis on Arizona's primary election day last month that left voters in the state's Democratic-leaning areas waiting for hours to vote underscores what could happen this November in the more than 30 states whose Republican-controlled legislatures have enacted various kinds of voting restrictions in recent years.

In Arizona state Republican officials, saying they needed to cut costs, reduced the number of polling places in the significantly minority districts of Phoenix from the 200 in place for the 2012 election to just 60. The reduction meant that there was one polling place for every 21,000 voters in those areas - compared with one polling place for every 2,500 voters in the rest of the state, which is overwhelmingly Republican.

Democratic Party officials



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New Hanover County

Hot Topics, a monthly gathering sponsored by The League of Women Voters Lower Cape Fear, will meet at McAlister's Deli on Monday, April 25, 2016. Members and guests who are interested in what the League is all about are welcome. Come for lunch at 11:30; the meeting will be from noon-1:00pm. Guest speakers will be members of the Advocacy Roundtables, including Voter Services, Education, Environment and Women's Issues. If you are not a member of the League, this is an excellent opportunity to hear what we are doing in the community and consider becoming a member.

Community Briefs

New Hanover-Pender County Medical Society will offer free 2016-2017 school year athletic pre-participation screening exams for New Hanover County middle and high school athletes and cheerleaders for males on Wednesday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. and females on Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Exams will be held at the Health Department, 2029 South 17th St. For more information or questions contact Bonnie Brown at 910-790-5800 or email MedicalSociety@NHPCMS.org or Matthew Triche at 910-251-6100 ext. 270 or email matthew.triche@nhcs.net.

The Democratic Women of New Hanover County will meet Thursday, April 14th at McAlister Deli, 740 S. College Rd. We will "meet and eat" from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at which time the meeting will be called to order. Our program, "School-to-Prison Pipeline" will include new student dropout and suspension information. All registered Democrats are welcome. If any questions, please call 910-395-4502.

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHCC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men-and their partners-who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

Williston Senior High Class of '61 will hold its April monthly meeting on Sunday, April 24th at Mt. Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall, 1001 S. 7th St. at 4:00 p.m. The focus will be on planning the 2016 reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of graduation. All graduates are invited to participate as well as those who were "on track" but graduated from somewhere else. Also all out of town classmates who are in Wilmington are invited to attend.

Brunswick County

Brunswick County Master Gardener Volunteers will be available the first Thursday of each month for a plant clinic at the Leland Library from 10am until 11am. Master Gardener Volunteers will be available to help you with soil sampling and address various lawn and garden problems. Clients can call or visit. Every third Thursday educational programs on various topics related to gardening, nutrition, agriculture or parenting will be taught by Cooperative Extension staff beginning at 10am. The Leland Library is located at 487 Village Road in Leland. Thursday, April 21st - Tom Woods - Maintaining my Turf
Thursday, May 19th - Sam Marshall, Managing Common Insect Pests in Home Gardens
Thursday, June 16th - Angie Lawrence - TBA
Thursday, July 21st - Morgan McKnight - Healthy Eating for Diabetics
Thursday, August 4th - Mark Blevins - TBA
Thursday, September 15th - Alicia Jenkins - Don't Break the Bank
Thursday, October 20th - Michelle Cousineau - Pruning Seminar
Thursday, November 17th - Sam Marshall - Getting Ready for Winter

The Board of Elections meeting originally scheduled for April 18th has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Elections Office. This meeting will include the preliminary consideration of an election protest that was filed.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

History

History is a narrative of events, a story, or a chronicle. History is the branch of knowledge that records and analyzes past events. It is the events forming the subject matter of history.



Verniece Stanley Organizations like the voting rights for African Americans. The NAACP is dedicated in getting all tax-paying citizens registered to vote. We encourage those who have never voted before to get out and vote and encourage

friends to vote. We also help the disenfranchised in legal matters.

The White population in communities is generally much larger than that of Blacks. Our lack of participation at the polls will have a detrimental impact on Black communities nationwide. If we don't vote, we are going to be in trouble, but, together, we can make a difference.

Democrats are in serious danger of losing the Senate if Black voters don't show up at the polls. The state prisons are crowded with young Black men. They will stay in prison for years because they were caught with drugs. At the same time, in some states, some of these same drugs are used legally for medication. The billions of dollars spent

to keep them in prisons could be used wisely in education to help move us toward a more educated society in which to survive. We must go to the polls and vote against such unfair legislature and other laws which keep us in bondage.

A look at past history from 1882 to 1968 reveals that Black people have been put down and beaten down in the worst kinds of ways. There were 4,742 lynchings nationally. During that period, Mississippi had the highest number of lynchings, according to records of the Tuskegee Institute. From 1920 to 1940, the lynchings were often part of a campaign to intimidate African Americans and scare stop the right of Black Americans to vote. History

must not be allowed to repeat itself in ways which keep us disenfranchised.

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.

NHCS announces 2016 high school graduation ceremonies schedule

New Hanover County Schools is proud to announce the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2016.

Isaac Bear Early College High School
May 28, 2016
10:00 a.m.
Burney Center
University of North Carolina
Wilmington
601 South College Road
Wilmington Early College

High School
May 28, 2016
1:00 p.m.
Cape Fear Community College Humanities and Fine Arts Center
703 N 3rd Street
Career Readiness Academy Mosley Performance Learning Center
June 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Snipes Academy of Art and Design
2150 Chestnut Street
Traditional High School graduation ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016, at Trask Coliseum on the campus of the University of North Carolina Wilmington, 601 South College Road.
Hoggard High School
9:00 a.m.

New Hanover High School
12:30 p.m.
Laney High School
4:00 p.m.
Ashley High School
7:30 p.m.
Summer School Graduation will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Snipes Academy of Art and Design, 2150 Chestnut Street, Wilmington.

Cape Fear Community College plumbing students assist local homeowners

Wilmington, NC - Cape Fear Community College plumbing students are partnering with the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) to make critical repairs to local homes. WARM organizes volunteers and raises funds to complete urgent home repairs and accessibility upgrades for low-income homeowners in New Hanover, Brunswick, and Pender counties. Requiring an advanced and specialized skill set, plumbing repairs are among the most difficult for WARM to address.

This semester, CFCC Plumbing students, under the direction of instructor Mike Smith, completed critical repairs to three area homes and are currently working on two more. "The Cape Fear Community College plumbing program is proud of its partnership with WARM. It allows students the opportunity to give back to their community while providing unique learning experiences. The learning opportunities encountered on WARM projects would be almost impossible to duplicate in the class-

room lab environment," said Smith.

The partnership is a win-win situation, providing CFCC students with invaluable field experience and enabling WARM to meet the urgent needs of local residents. WARM covers the cost of project materials, saving CFCC the cost of practice supplies used on campus. Utilizing CFCC student volunteers recently saved WARM \$2,000 on a home repair, allowing the organization to serve at least one more homeowner with the money saved.

"When these students signed up for the plumbing program at CFCC, I doubt they knew they would also be making such a powerful impact in our community," said JC Skane, Executive Director of WARM. "We are grateful for their contributions to these projects."

For more information on CFCC's plumbing program, please visit www.cfcc.edu/voc/plumbing or call 910-362-7000. For information on WARM, visit <http://warmnc.org/home.aspx>.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Health Services Employee of Quarter



Nurse Mary Nazzaro, who was selected by her co-workers as the Health Services Employee of the Quarter for January-March 2016. Ms. Nazzaro is shown with

Health and Human Services Advisory Board Chairman Dr. Flint King, DVM, at the March 28th Health and Human Services Advisory Board meeting.

Cameron Art Museum presents Young Musicians Competition 2016

The Cameron Art Museum presents the first year of the Young Musicians Competition with competition deadline April 25, 2016 for submissions and Friday, June 3rd is the Competition Finale. A special concert by the judges is Thursday, June 2 featuring Levon Ambartsumian and Evgeny Rivkin, both renowned in their field and Friday, June 3rd-three grand finalist perform in the evening for a grand prize.

This competition provides young musicians with an opportunity to exhibit their talent and reward their hard work. This launch of what is planned to be an annual event will provide a wonder-

ful learning and performance experience for students in our community, the state as well as South Carolina. Our hope is that young musicians will stay connected and share educational, practical and musical know-how and further boost participation and inclusion.

Dr. Danijela elj-Gualdi, CAM Young Musicians Competition Artistic Director states,

We believe that music competitions stimulate passionate musicianship. For many young people, they're a first glimpse of performing in public, playing in ensembles, or of breaking out of orthodox repertoire.

CAM Young Musician

Competition will be advancing the careers of participants and winners as well as promoting their talents. The program seeks to encourage more young musicians to perform and grow. We believe the program offers many benefits to participants and helps to build their confidence and realize their dreams.

elj-Gualdi further states, Being introduced to new audiences on stage in Wilmington NC, participants can expect to have a memorable experience aided by several factors including highly qualified and acclaimed judges with strong musical backgrounds, friendly staff, a wonderful

recital stage and, foremost, elite participants from South and North Carolina.

Daphne Holmes, Curator of Public Programs said, Cameron Art Museum has developed a reputation as an intimate listening room offering musicians the assurance that audiences are attending first and foremost to appreciate and support their talents as artists. The opportunity to encourage and foster young musicians is an idea several years in the making, CAM is pleased to actively offer the competition to aid in those goals.

Visit www.cameronartmuseum.org/cammusiccompetition for more information.

THE PEOPLE'S CLINIC

Everyone CAN donate life!

Did you know that an average of 18 people die every day waiting for an organ transplant? And that every 10 minutes another person is added to the waiting list? Currently, there are more than 123,000 people in the United States waiting for an organ transplant, and of those nearly one-third are African American. One organ donor can save up to 8 lives!! Approximately half of the waiting list is made up of persons of non-white ethnic backgrounds. Yet, only 29,000 transplants were done in 2014 (most recent statistics available). On average, 22 people die every day waiting for an organ transplant. April is National Donate Life Month, read on to learn more about how you can save a life.

Unfortunately, African Americans are much less likely to be organ and tissue donors, even though they have higher rates of those diseases that often result in a need for organ transplant, such as diabetes, and diseases of the heart, kidneys, lung and liver. According to Donate Life NC,

over 50% percent of North Carolinians awaiting transplants are minorities, but only 20% percent of the registry is made up of minorities. Many people choose not to become donors because they do not know all the facts about organ and tissue donation.

Facts about donation

•Almost everyone is a potential donor; regardless of race, age, or medical history -

what is most important is the condition of your organs and tissues

•It is not always necessary for a person to be deceased to be an organ/tissue donor

•There is no cost to a donor/donor's family to be an organ/tissue donor

•Most major religions in the United States support organ/tissue donation. For religion/ denomination specific information, check <http://www.organdonor.gov/about/religiousviews.html>

•It is more likely for a recipient to be matched with a potential donor who is of the same ethnic background

•Every state provides

access to a donor registry where its residents can indicate their donation decision.

What can be donated?

At this time, the following organs can be donated: kidneys, heart, lungs, liver, pancreas and intestines. Sometimes, combined transplants of more than one organ are also performed. Tissues that can be donated include: Corneas, the middle ear, skin, heart valves, bone, veins, cartilage, tendons, and ligaments. Although most organs are from deceased individuals, parts of the kidney, liver, lung and pancreas and intestine can also be donated. Stem cells, bone marrow, blood and platelets can also be donated from living donors.

How do I become a donor?

The decision to become an organ and tissue donor is a very personal one, but one that can save lives. The steps you can take to ensure your wishes to be a donor are carried out are:

•Register with your state donor registry. In North Carolina you can go the registry website, <https://www.donatelifenc.org/register> or register at your local Department of Motor Vehicles office. You DO NOT have to have a driver's license to be a donor; you can have an identification card issued to you that specifies you are an organ/tissue donor.

•For bone marrow and stem cell donation (live donors), register with the National Marrow Donor Program, www.bethematch.org or 1 (800) 507-5427.

•For blood and platelet donation, contact your local American Red Cross.

•Make sure your loved ones or whomever you have entrusted to make healthcare decisions in the event you are incapable or deceased are aware of your wishes to be an organ donor. The best way to do this is with a Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney, legal documents that state your health care wishes. Having these documents also assures your loved ones do not have to make these decisions for you in such a difficult time.

What is the process for organ donation?

For donations after death, when a potential donor has been determined by medical professionals to be deceased (or in a state of brain death), the hospital notifies its local organ donation and transplantation network. Individuals from the organization obtain documentation that the deceased individual is an organ donor; or obtains consent from their family. Based on the organs/tissues that can be donated from the deceased individual, the donor organs are matched to recipients and arrangements made to transport the donated organs/tissues.

In live donations, if someone is donating a kidney, or part of their lung, or bone marrow for example, the donor is matched to the recipient through many of the same medical tests as in the case of a deceased donor. The procedure/surgery is then usually done either at the same time or very close to the same time so that the organ/tissue can be transplanted directly into the recipient.

What else can I do to

help?

•Share your decision with your loved ones so that they are aware of your preferences

•Encourage your family and friends to become donors, share information with them and help answer their questions

•Educate others via social media, through your workplace or school

•Host donor registry events in your community, to help educate your community about the importance of being an organ and tissue donor and to help folks sign up for the registry

•Volunteer with Donate Life NC, the North Carolina donor registry program - www.donatelifenc.org

For more information, see the *Donate Life America website* at www.donatelifenc.org or the *US Government Organ and Tissue Donation website* at www.organdonor.gov. For more information about the *Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity*, please call toll-free 1-877-530-1824 or visit our website: <http://www.wakehealth.edu/MACHE>.

Ms. Bettye Swinson Bennett

God, in His infinite wisdom, whispered in her ear beckoning his child to come home on April 9th, 2016 at new Hanover memorial Hospital.

Bettye Swinson Bennett was born on September 27, 1964 in Wilmington, NC. She was the daughter of Mrs. Odessa Gore Scott and Bobbie Jean Gardner.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband Wilbur C. Bennett. Two daughters; Odessa Diana Scott and Jalisa Dessanay Swinson. Her mother Odessa Gore Scott, Bobbi Jean Gardner; two granddaughters; Shania D. Jones and Keyonna T. Jones. Four sisters; Wanda Faye Scott, Matalie Scott, Marva Scott, Rene Jones. Five brothers; Gary Scott, Richard Scot, Nathaniel Scott, Michael Gardner, Leon Gardner. Nieces and Nephews Barry, Francesca, Dominic, Shatee', Carl, Christopher, Stacy, Tracy, Jeffery, Markee. Special Auntie Remel Holmes. Special Sister Friends Crandle Lighty, Joanne Barnette. Special friends Sheila Gore, Laney Waters, Amonda Alford-Tindall, Deloris Dickey, Ginger Dinkens-Lee, Sonia Waters, Darlen Waters, Stud McCullins and a host of other relatives and friends. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eight Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Ms. Ella Louise Denkins McDonald

Ella Louise Denkins McDonald made her transition on April 8, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center surrounded by family.

She was born on December 7, 1931 to the late Johnny James Denkins and Mattie Lee Faison Denkins. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Robert and her beloved dog and companion Addie.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a brother Johnny J. Denkins of Maryland, great nieces, Juanita (Wilson) Tart her caregiver of Wilmington, NC; Kotheia Mitchell of Mississippi and a great nephew Torrence (Donna) Edwards of Wilmington, NC; cousins, she called her sisters, Mary Carr of Georgia and Gloria Carr of New York; her adopted son Michael Jackson of Raleigh, NC, a special friend Martha Beery of Wilmington, NC and a host of cousins, friends, and the 10th Street family. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eight Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Marian K. Brown

Marian Knox Brown was born to the Late Nathaniel Knox and Cornelius Potter Knox on May 30, 1927, in Brunswick County, NC. Marian's biological parents left this life while she was a small child, and she was lovingly raised by her cousin, Vera Formey and her husband, Solomon Formey. Marian slipped peacefully into rest at home on March 31, 2016, with her family by her side in

Riegelwood, NC. Funeral service was Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church, Northwest Community. Burial followed in the Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Marian attended Armour High school in, Armour, NC. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Nathan Brown in 1947 and remained a devoted wife until his passing on August 18, 1984. As a young woman Marian accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church in Riegelwood, NC, where she remained a member until her passing. To her family and friends, Marian was loving and caring, with a very generous heart and a sense of humor that uplifted the spirits of all who knew her. A natural nurturer, she never hesitated to help anyone in need and was often called upon to be a caregiver for others. Marian was never one to sit around and watch life passing by. She fully participated in life and loved enjoying the beautiful works of God's hands through outdoor activities like fishing and gardening. Marian enjoyed connecting with others and especially loved spending time with family and friends. Marian was preceded in death by eight brothers and four sister-in-laws, Leo Knox (Lillian), Tylon Vance Knox (Irene), John Knox (Henrietta), James Knox, Daniel Knox (Sadie), Willie C. Knox (Daisy), Robert Knox, and Marshall Knox; three grandchildren, Elwood Williams, Bobby Williams, and H. Jamahl Jennings.

Precious memories of Marian are left to her two devoted daughters, Erma Grady of Wilmington, NC and Elizabeth Jennings (Harvard) of Riegelwood, NC; five grandchildren, Elisha Jennings of Riegelwood, NC, Erica Jennings of Raleigh, NC, Terri Weatherspoon and Mallii Jennings both of Wilmington, NC, and Alfred Williams, Jr. of East Arcadia, NC; seven great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, a special "daughter", Magdeline Roberts; six special friends, Gladys Saunders, Nancy Saunders, Georgianna Smith, Rufus Grainger, Rufus Grainger, Jr., and Carolyn Logan; two special caregivers, Dolly Garrell and Ruby Jones, and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Davis Funeral Home.

Catherine E. Lewis

Catherine E. Lewis died Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Wilmington Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral Services were held Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Lewis born to the late Judge Wesley Fullard and Rozenia Davis entered this earthly life on September 9, 1938 in Timmonsville, South Carolina. She was one of two siblings with a brother, George Fullard, who preceded her in death. She attended Williston High School in Wilmington, NC. She later met and married Mr. James K. Lewis. To this union 2 beautiful children were born, Karen Elaine Lewis (deceased) and Doris Jane Lewis. She was later divorced and continued to

live and enjoy her life. Catherine joined Union Baptist Church in the early 1960s and soon became very active. She served in various ministry capacities at Union Baptist Church including the Church Clerk, Hospitality Club President, Unity Choir President, and Sanctuary Choir Member. A few of her favorite songs were "Jesus is a Waymaker", "Christ is All", "It's a Highway to Heaven" and "Kneel at the Cross". She also loved teasing many of her church members. Her hobbies included working seek and find word search puzzles and bingo. She was employed at the Sanitary Fish Market and Eagle Island Fish for a number of years. She was the best at what she did and would treat others as she wanted to be treated. She spoke her mind and would let you know if you went too far when talking to her. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: daughter, Doris Henry (Allison) of Wilmington; two grandsons, Dwane Arvel Lewis "Chocolate Baby", Steven Lewis (LaShonda); three great grandsons, Kalil Arvel Toon-Lewis, Tyrese S. Lewis and Christopher B. Lewis; one great-granddaughter, Akasia Z. Lewis; great-aunt, Sadie Durnat, special cousin, Dorothy Shiver; a very dear friend, Alma Harvin, and a host of other relatives and friends. Davis Funeral Home.

Andraes DeQuan Bryant

Andraes DeQuan Bryant died April 9, 2016. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church.

Andraes was born May 2, 1989 in Wilmington, NC to Saberna Bryant and the late Lester Fields. He recently joined Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Carozell Henry; after which he increased his dedication to becoming a more loving and committed father; big brother and building a relationship with his family.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Semirra Bryant and Endya Bryant; one son, Kimir Bryant; mother, Saberna Bryant; father figure, Simon K. Stanley; sisters, Amya Bryant, Ashanta Ballard, Ashanta Ballard, Tyensha Robinson and Monika Ballard; brother, Keron Bryant; maternal grandparents, Shirley Bryant and Robert Bryant; paternal grandparents, Nancy Fields and Charles Fields, Sr; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Delores Goodman

Delores Goodman died in Philadelphia. Graveside services were held Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Delores was born on September 30, 1934 to Johnnie Edwards and Bertha Edwards in Wilmington, North Carolina. She was reared on her uncle's farm in Manning, South Carolina by her Aunt Alice. As a teenager, she united with her family and was educated in the public school system. As a

young adult, Delores met and fell in love with Thomas Earl Goodman, Sr., and was married in 1952. From this union, three children were born, all of which were her pride and joy. Her daughter Ruth Delores Goodman preceded her in death. In 1965, the young couple journeyed to Philadelphia, where they settled until her death. Delores was an ambitious, hard working woman. In 1968, she became a member of Hickman Temple AME Church, where she enjoyed serving on the Stewardess Board, as well as on the Pastor's Aide. When her health began to fail, she attended St. John AME Church, where she loved to fellowship. When she was no longer able to attend services, she blessed by Pastor Donald Burems' visits and would get very excited whenever he came to commune her.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Thomas E. Goodman, Jr. and daughter, Cardelia Goodman-Fourtune (Dan). Seven grandchildren, Jonathan Simon, Sr., Alisha Benbow-Clark, Derek Brown, Kenyatta Gaymon, Karin Gaymon, Monique Gaymon and Hykeem; 17 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grand; brother, Burnette James; sisters-in-law, Josie James and Bessie Mae Smith; brother-in-law, Leroy Alford; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends and a very special niece, Daphne James. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Sarah Hands

Sarah Hands died Wednesday at Silver Stream Nursing & Rehab. Funeral services were held Monday, April 18, 2016 at First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sarah was born February 13, 1932, in Wilmington, North Carolina to the late Joseph and Mamie Jones. She attended Williston Industrial School, graduating 1950. She was married to the late George and leaves behind one son, Ronald Jones; one step-son, Daniel Hands of Wilmington, NC; three stepdaughters, Kathy Bryant of Bowie, MD, Lydia Melvin of Hendersonville, NC and

Jennifer Benjamin of Jacksonville, NC; grandchildren; one sister, Mamie Marshall; a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Sarah was a member of First Baptist Missionary Church where she was a member of the floral committee and also sang on the JJ Howze Choir. Sarah was also a member of the Eastern Star Chapter 143 in the State of Georgia. Sarah was a foster grandparent for many years and a volunteer at New Hanover County Schools and the Community Boys and Girls Club. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



Mrs. Ezmas Marscine Carmichael

The date April 22, has been etched into our hearts forever, because on that date in 1988, our beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great grandmother took her last breath and joined our ancestors in the land as promised by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She, as well as her fore parents, taught us to love the Lord, obey His commandments and we will be able to be joined together again on judgment day.

Mom, it is still difficult and your name is called constantly with fond memories of the things shared with you, your Savior, even to the gardens that you cherished, Easter eggs hunt in the grass and garden and just sitting, talking, laughter, in the swing on the front porch, 'Pokeno' and even crying together.

As now she is looking down upon us and is pleased with the way the family is holding together as her wishes. Trying to be there for each other, how the family is growing, offering moral support and guidance to the younger generation. 'Grandma Maxine', as the grands would call her and say, 'we love you and hope to see you again!'

The Family

OBITUARIES

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Note Of Thanks



But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you. Romans 8:11

It is with grateful appreciation that we express sincere thanks to all for your prayers, acts of kindness, calls, visits, and messages of comfort to us after the passing of our mother, **Annie Jinwright Smalls**. May God's grace and mercy shine upon each of you.

Smalls and Jinwright Families

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New Hanover County

Bowen's Chapel AME Zion Church, 3826 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold "Women to Women Fellowship Conference (Keeping It Real)" on Saturday, April 16th from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All women are asked to come dressed in jeans. Lunch will be provided.



Chords Across America Gospel Church, 1020 Rankin St. (James Walker Bldg.), will hold their Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. For additional information and tickets call 910-623-4192.

First Baptist Missionary Church, 520 North Fifth Ave., Robert J. Floyd Male Choir will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with a Gospel Explosion on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. Guests will include The Bradleys, the Dixon Brothers, Chestnut Street Presbyterian Male Choir and Pleasantview Male Chorus, The Jinwright Singers, L & M Gospel Singers, PC and Perfect Praise Salt of the Earth and others.

Religious Briefs

Lighthouse Shining Ministries, 6622 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their 2016 Women of Purpose Women's Day on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m.

The Choirs of St. Phillip AME Church, 815 N. 8th St., will present "Believers in Beauty Fashion Show" on Saturday, April 30th at 4:00 p.m. Please call 910-762-3573 for more information or tickets.

The First Annual Project Fairy Godmother's Prom Dress Giveaway, providing high school students no cost for formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and more for their prom, will be held Friday, April 29th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3701 Princess Place Dr. First come first served. There will be a drawing for a free prom hairdo and free manicure and pedicure. For more information or to donate gently used prom gowns, dresses, shoes, etc., contact Audrey Clark at 910-200-8030.

The Gertrude Daniels "Crowns Fit For A Queen" Hats on Parade and Reception will be held Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew AME Zion Church, 1201 South 9th St. Wear your most beautiful, or largest, or smallest, or most unique hat.

The Women's Day Committee of St. Stephen A. M. E. Church will sponsor an exciting evening on Friday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church - A Soulful Revue. Check out the talents of the Temptations, the Supremes, the Jackson 5, El DeBarge, Al Green the Emotions and a few others. Don't miss the Soul Train! And on Sunday, April 24 at 10:15 a.m. the Women's Day worship service will be held. The guest speaker is the spirit filled Christian, Rev. Dr. Patricia Melvin, Pastor of International Embassy of Holiness Church. We invite each one of you to witness the word as the Lord prepares her to deliver. The theme is "Women Empowered to Meet the Challenges of God's Work."

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church clothes closet will be open Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The food pantry, "From His Table to Yours" will be open as well 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Personal identifications and transportation are required. No fees are involved in either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. Also Mac Melvin, Baldwin Branch's Sunday School Superintendent will present his initial sermon 3:00 p.m. April 24th at the church. Musical ministry by the Male Chorus.

Brunswick County

By His Grace Ministries will hold "Friday Night Fire" on Friday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at 5285 Main St. Suite 18, Shallotte, NC. The guest speaker will be Apostle Timothy Johnson and New Joy Ministry of Dunn, NC.

Moore's Chapel will hold their church anniversary on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Lorenzo Edge and Faith Temple Church will be the guest.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Never forget the cross

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND
SHELIA ROSS
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O what a beautiful morning! O what a beautiful day! The Lord has given us again! Today, Tuesday, April 19, 2016, we, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship met again to fellowship with one another. We were greeted by President Eloise Purdie. She asked Mr. George Hill and the choir to come and give us our opening selection. With Mr. Lemmanuel Boykin on the piano, we opened by singing "I'll Fly

Away." A very warm and fervent prayer was given by Mr. Chappel Green. Our chant was "O How I Love Jesus." Next, we sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Minister Doris McQuillan declared that it was such a great day and expressed that we have a lot for which to be thankful.

Our speaker for today was Mrs. Loretta Harriett, and she began her presentation with prayer. She spoke about the crucifixion of Christ and the fact that it was for our sins He died. She reminded

us that Jesus took on the sins of the whole world and that now our sins are covered. She ended with the admonition that we ought never forget the cross. Mrs. Harriett was given a round of applause.

We then had many expressions, which really gave us encouragement and strength. The meeting was then turned over to President Purdie. She acknowledged our visitors, who were Mrs. Ethel Lawson, Mrs. Inez Sansbury and Mrs. Sharon Pollock. They were given words of welcome by Mrs. Chevy Pearson.

The minutes were read by Mrs. Mildred Ellerby and approved by the members present. The roll was then called. The callers' report was given, and the winner was Mrs. Rosella Bellamy, with 9.

We then had announcements. "Smiles" were brought to us by Mrs. Mary Martin. We were asked to continue to pray for our sick. Our circle was formed, and we sang, "Bind Us Together."

We were grateful to have 56 present.

SENIOR MOMENTS

The doors just don't open wide enough

My Fellow Seniors:

Much has been said about widening the doors of the church, but I don't think that will happen anytime soon. Many years ago, when I was in high school, I heard a boy ask, "Did Jesus take extra clothes to heaven, or is He still wearing that same robe?" That boy was just trying to be funny, but comments like that will cause some people to start thinking seriously. Since there is only one God, why do we have so many different religions? Is it possible that all of the religions of the world have something in common?

We know Jesus did not go all over the world, but God did. Is it possible that He reached out to the people who never knew Jesus? We might have ten different religions, teaching the same thing, but rejecting one another

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because they did not have the same teacher. I don't know this for a fact, but there is no harm in checking it out.

It's quite possible that all religions have something in common. Many of them use

the Golden Rule in their teachings. So how did they happen to stumble upon the same rule that God gave to Christians? The truth is that they had it before the Bible was written. But how would we know that since we don't look at other religions?

In Buddhism, the rule is, "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." Does that sound familiar? The Golden Rule says it all, and it is known worldwide. There is no need to say, "Thou shall not" a hundred times. That one rule is the essence of Christianity. All the rest is commentary! Just do unto others as you would

have them do unto you. That says it all!

Ask your children to go online and find out how many other religions use that same rule. There is a song that says, "Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight." We sing that song in church, and we teach it to our children, but our doors just don't open wide enough to invite a Muslim speaker to come in and share with us. However, it's quite possible that Jesus was not the only messenger sent by God. Check it out. Have a Good day.

Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"If the blind lead the blind"

"And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall not they both fall into the ditch?" Luke 6:39

Blind - Being without sight

How do you know if you are following good leadership? We must be able to hear, and obey God's voice when choosing leadership. This method can be applied politically and well as spiritually. As we head for the polls to elect our governmental leaders, we must remember that voting is a privilege as well as a priority! Proverbs 3:5,6 tells us to "Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not to our own understanding. In all our ways to acknowledge him, and he shall direct our path." The choices we make in determining leadership reflect who we are, because we trust them enough to make decisions for us and our families. (Ephesians 5:1-20)

Matthew 7:15-20 says, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither

can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Following leadership is very important within the Body of Christ. The bible tells us to esteem our leaders highly, and to give honor to whom honor is due. For consciousness sake, we should believe that our leaders are also followers of Christ. When they preach or teach the scriptures to us, we should be following along with our own bibles wide open to confirm God's truths.

Sylvia
Hooper

Our Christian leaders should also be living holy. How can they lead us to victory, if they are struggling with sin? We should set high standards when choosing those to lead us politically and also spiritually. Apostle Paul was a great leader and wrote quite a bit of the New Testament, yet he humbly stated, "Follow me as I follow Christ."

If a community / political leader begins to deviate away from the truth, maybe it is time to relieve him of his office. If a Christian leader begins to deviate away from the Word of God, we must remember to follow the Word of God which also agrees with the Holy Spirit! We should pray for those in leadership and hold God's Word higher than any man's opinion or any elected, or appointed official.

A good Christian leader wants his followers to be knowledgeable and informed. He or she is constantly presenting their followers with insight and revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ. They are constantly challenging their followers to come up higher and get closer to God!

A good Christian leader may use other sources of information or inspiration, but remains true to Holy scripture. His life is fruitful and he is concerned about the souls of his followers. He preaches good tidings to the meek, he binds up the brokenhearted, and proclaims liberty to those held captive by the enemy.

On the contrary, a leader who is blind, will seek to influence you more than Christ himself. Your life will be

unfruitful and non productive if you are following someone who is spiritually blind. "Where there is no vision, the people perish, so choose your leaders wisely! Remember, what happens when the blind lead the blind.....

Prayer: Father open our eyes to see what you want us to see when it comes to choosing our leaders politically and spiritually. Give us wisdom in Jesus Name we pray. Amen. Tell Somebody!!!

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

OBITUARIES

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Carroll Wood-King

Carroll Wood-King, daughter of Mary Hall Wood and the late Joseph I. Wood, was born on May 2, 1956, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Carroll departed this life on April 12, 2016, at home, cuddled in her mother's arms, while her son, Charles and cousin, Bev, held her hands. The family relocated to Brooklyn, New York when Carroll was five years of age, where she completed her education at private schools. Carroll earned her BSN from Winston Salem State University in 1978. She resettled back in Wilmington with her aunt, Ruth Davis, as she began her career as a registered nurse at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Carroll's marriage in 1979 produced the love of her life and only child, her son, Charles Tariq King in 1980. Carroll later joined the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant,

where she received honors as "Nurse of the Year" and the Air Force Achievement Medal. She was promoted to Captain and received an Honorable Discharge after three years of service. Carroll was baptized at an early age at St. Mark Episcopal Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. While living in Brooklyn, New York, she joined New York Christian Life Center, where Dr. A.R. Bernard was pastor. Carroll was also an active member of Ocean Avenue Baptist Church in Jersey City, New Jersey before relocating to Wilmington, North Carolina and joining Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church. Carroll loved to travel, and did so extensively. Her last memorable trip was in March 2015, to Israel, where she traveled with a group from Wilmington and was baptized in the Jordan River, by Reverend Dr. Terry L. Henry.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving son, Charles (Sheryl) of Long Island, NY; her devoted mother, Mary Wood of Wilmington, NC; two aunts, Constance

Wood Devaughn and Doris Smoot Hall of Swedesboro, NJ; one uncle, Walter J. Hall of Mobile, AL; a host of caring cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Michael Tyrone Parker

Michael Tyrone Parker was born February 16, 1957, to the late Mr. Jonnie Parker and Mrs. Annie Ruth Parker. He departed this earthly life on April 13, 2016.

Michael was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School. He furthered his education at UNC-Wilmington, graduating with a Degree in Electrical Engineering. Michael was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Lovie William-Hyman; one aunt, Martha Hyman; one sister, Sharon Parker; one niece, Pernisha Parker; and one great-niece.

Michael Tyrone Parker affectionately known by all who knew him and loved him as "Mitch", is survived by: his mother, Annie Ruth Parker;

two brothers, Fredrick Parker and Ronald Parker; one sister, Cynthia Ann Donaldson (Cornelius); seven nephews, Christopher, Terrell, Rashawn, Joshua, Jacob, Ethan, and Ellis; four nieces, La'Tanya, Nakisha, Renee, and Kiya; three great-nieces; eight great-nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends, including a very special friend, Ms. Gail Marshall. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Harold Damon

Harold Damon died Thursday, April 14th at Wilmington Helth and Rehab. Funeral services will be 12 Noon on Friday, April 23, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Donald Stevens

Donald Stevens died April 16th in New Jersey. Funeral services were held 12:00 Noon Thursday, April 21st at Hanks Chapel. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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Having qualified as the Co-Executors of the Estate of **Nathan Andrew Amon**, 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 **8th day of July, 2016**, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of April, 2016.

Debra Lynn Amon
Thomas Lee Amon
Co-Administrators
c/o Robert C. Kenan, Jr.
MOORE & KENAN Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 957
Burgaw, NC 28425
(910) 259-9800

April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Linda P. Nance**, 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 **14th day of July, 2016**, 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 14th day of April, 2016

David L. Nance and Susan Nance
Callaway, Executors of the Estate of
Linda P. Nance
2807 Wrightsville Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 14 JT 48,49,50,51

IN THE MATTER OF:
M.W.N. (DOB: 8/3/2007)
K.V.F. (DOB: 5/17/2005)
T.D.F. (DOB: 12/27/2001)
C.J.F. (DOB: 8/14/2000)

TO: RESPONDENT - FATHER, CHRISTIAN FINE, BIOLOGICAL FATHER TO C.J.F. AND T.D.F., MALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND LEGAL FATHER TO K.V.F. AND M.W.N., MALE AND FEMALE CHILDREN BORN IN WILMINGTON, NEW HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following April 14, 2016, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, June 6, 2016, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 14th day of April, 2016.

Dean W. Hollandsworth
Senior Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
650 Greenfield Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
PO Drawer 1559
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559
(910) 798-3511
(910) 798-3772 * fax

April 14, 21, 28, 2016

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION JUVENILE SESSION File No. 15 JT 89

IN THE MATTER OF: J.B.V. (DOB 10-28-13)

To: ANY UNKNOWN FATHER

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than 40 days following **April 14, 2016**, which date is the date of the first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

You are hereby notified that a Hearing on the Petition to Terminate Your Parental Rights is scheduled for **MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 at 9:30 A.M.** or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 North Fourth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This, the 12th day of April, 2016.

Jennifer G. Cooke
Attorney - New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Services
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Wilmington, NC 28401
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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 16 SP 0068

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of the Deed of Trust executed by Howards S. Seidel and Robin I. Seidel, Trustor s) in Deed of Trust recorded in Book 4938, at Page 946, New Hanover County Registry, NATALIA SEIDEL, Petitioner.

PETITION FOR PAYMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM FORECLOSURE SALE

TO: HOWARD S. SEIDEL

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

In accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 45-21.32, Petitioner prays the Court that an order be entered determining that Petitioner Natalia Seidel is the owner of the surplus sale proceeds in the total amount of \$449,520.94 resulting from the foreclosure of real property previously owned by Howard S. Seidel, being held by the Clerk of Superior Court in File No. 15 SP 82, and awarding same to Petitioner.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from April 14, 2016 and, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 30th day of March, 2016

MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
Attorneys for Petitioner
By: Andrew K. McVey
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-763-2426

April 14, 21, 28, 2016

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April 21, 28, 2016

Public Notice

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Telephone: 910-343-9508

April 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, Ricky W. Simpson, having qualified on the 24th day of March, 2016, as Executor of the Estate of **Mary P. Schickert**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at GRAVES MAY PLLC, c/o Attorney David Anderson, 5700 Oleander Dr. Wilmington, North Carolina, 28403, on or before the **1st day of April, 2016**, or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 24th of March, 2016.

Ricky W. Simpson, Executor
David Anderson
GRAVES MAY, PLLC
5700 Oleander Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28403

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the estate of **Jackie M. Shaw**, 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 **21st day of July, 2016**, 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 21st day of April, 2016

Susan S. Brundage and Jodi M. Shaw,
Executors of the Estate of Jackie M. Shaw
107 Shearin Hills Drive
Castle Hayne, Nc 28429
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2016

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at 3:00pm in the 6th Floor Conference Room in the New Hanover County office building at 320 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, NC.

The TAC is comprised of elected officials from local governments in the Wilmington area and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. The TAC sets the priorities for regional transportation planning and State and Federal transportation infrastructure investments in the Wilmington area.

A 15-minute public comment period will be available at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Penny Bray at 341-3258, in advance if possible, if you plan to speak during the public comment period.

Mike Kozlosky
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dorothy H. Howard**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **31st day of June, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 31st of May, 2016

Terry L. Jones, Sr., Executor
93 Ridgefield St.
Hartford, CT 06112

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mollie Rogers Johnson**, late of Wilmington, NC, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of July, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to undersigned.

This 7th of April, 2016

Paula Johnson Honeycutt, Executrix
206 Headwaters Drive
Hampstead, NC 28443

April 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION File No. 15 CVD 4627

LEROY PEOPLES, JR., Plaintiff, vs. TATIANIA CHRISHONEY WILLIAMS, Defendant.

**To: TATIANIA CHISHONEY WILLIAMS
719 Church St. A
Wilmington, NC 28401**

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: claim for property damage arising from the auto accident of August 28, 2014.

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

This the 21st day of April, 2016.

Stephen E. Culbreth, Attorney
Attorney for Plaintiff
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
Post Office Box 446
Wilmington, NC 28402
910-763-3416

April 21, 28, May 5, 2016

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF PENDER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE #: 16-JT-2

IN RE: ADRIEN LEITH HOLBEN DOB 3/21/2009

The unknown father of a male child born on March 21, 2009 in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental rights.

You are required to make written response to the petition not later than May 23, 2016 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. If you are indigent, you are entitled to court appointed counsel and should contact the Clerk of Superior Court for Pender County immediately to request counsel. This is a new case and attorney appointed previously will not represent you in this proceeding unless ordered by the Court.

This the 15th day of April, 2016.

R. Kent Harrell
Attorney for Petitioner
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April 21, 28, May 5, 2016

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