

**MOWING FOR SUPPLIES**



TYRAN BELL

Last week, we told you about 10-year-old Gregory Elementary Student, Tyran Bell who is working for his school supplies by offering to mow lawns for donations. Bell told WECT that his mother has missed work a lot recently to take care of his uncle, who is in the hospital.

"She won't have to buy me and my brother's school supplies and I will just buy that," Bell said. "She could just worry about paying the bills and helping my uncle out."

Theresa Babb, who owns A1 Security Services LLC, started the campaign to help Tyran and his family. Contributions are pouring in and Babb is able to share with other families some of the donations.

Tyran and his mother requested that contributions also be dropped off at The Wilmington Journal at 412 South 7th Street. Tyran's brother is starting 9th grade at Hoggard High School and wears a size 30, 32 slim long in pants, and extra large shirt in children, small shirts in men, and 10 1/2 in shoe size in men.

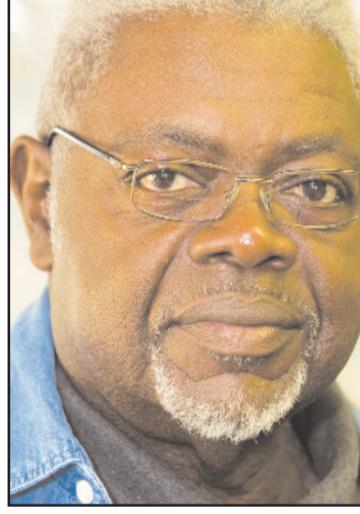
Bell wears size 14 in pants, large in children shirts large and children underclothes and wears a size 8 in men's shoes. Uniforms at Gregory Elementary require white, hunter green, or light blue polo shirts and khaki or navy slacks.

All excess supplies and clothing will be donated to other children in need and Tyran would like to be able to deliver these gifts personally.

For more information and other drop-off points, please call Shawn Thatch at 910-762-5502. *The Wilmington Journal* is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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**BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE**



BERNEST HEWETT

**COMING UP:  
Freedom Fund  
Dinner**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
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Brunswick County, it is the time of year when different organizations are having affairs and dinners to promote their agendas, private or political. We are coming up on our Freedom Fund Dinner, which will help fund most of the activities of NAACP No. 5452. It will help also with NAACP scholarship efforts. The Freedom Fund Dinner is scheduled for September 10, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at Brunswick Community College, Calabash Annex. Come out and support

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## NC NAACP RAMPS UP GENERAL ELECTION PLANS

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It's looking less and less like Gov. McCrory's attorneys will be able to cajole the US Supreme Court to stay the recent US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling dismantling the state's 2013 voter ID law, especially after the federal appeals court turned the Republican governor down last week.

That means the NCNAACP is "full speed ahead" with strategies to maximize voter registration, voter education and getting-out-the-vote in time for the November general elections. On Saturday, hundreds of activists from NAACP chapters and coalition groups across the state gathered at Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh not only to celebrate their recent federal court victory, and commemorate the 51st anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, but also to plot the way forward now that 17-day early voting, same-day registration, out-of-precinct provisional balloting and pre-registration for 16 and 17-year-old prospective voters has been legally reinstated.

The NC NAACP and Democracy NC, a nonpartisan advocacy group, estimate that as a result of the federal appellate court ruling, at least 100,000

more North Carolinians will now be eligible to vote in November.

"It takes all of us to win these battles," declared a jubilant, but cautious NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber.

"We must be mindful that we must continue to mobilize...so we must activate mobilization plans to ensure that we continue to protect this franchise because this struggle is still real," said Derick Smith, Political Action Chair of the NCNAACP.

According to Rev. Barber, the NCNAACP is coordinating over 1300 churches, synagogues, temples and mosques to be a part of the Sunday "Souls to the Polls" early voting effort. Thousands of volunteers across the state have been recruited for both voter registration, and education of the issues; and during the early voting period and on November 8th, there will be volunteers assigned to voter protection, making sure that the letter of the law is being carried out to ensure a fair election.

The first priority for NAACP and coalition members was to pressure their local county boards of election across the state to institute new plans that expand early voting sites and accessibility starting Oct. 20th. Rev. Barber vowed that the NAACP would "show up at every" local BOE meeting,



CASH MICHAELS PHOTO  
MOVING FORWARD - As Senior Pastor Kenneth Cooper (right) of Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh and various NAACP and coalition members listen, NCNAACP Pres. Rev. William Barber extols those gathered last Saturday to work harder to maximize voter participation in November.

"Because we will not have a ruling by the courts that calls what you have done "unconstitutional", and then allow you to play mischief with it and still suppress the right to vote."

In Guilford County on Monday, over 300 activists heeded the call, storming the BOE meeting there, demanding

that the board to do away with plans to drastically cut a dozen of 25 designated early voting sites, including at NC A&T University and UNC - Greensboro. Under pressure, the GOP-

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## TOLD YOU SO!

BY STAFF  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As *The Wilmington Journal* staff was putting the final touches on this week's paper, an email came in titled "Time for Change!"

This email contained a six (6) page document consisting of a two (2) page letter and four (4) pages of data. These four pages of data revealed something that former Board of Education members Elizabeth Redenbaugh, Dorothy DeShields, and Nick Rhodes tried to tell the other Board members several years ago--African American students would not fare well in the neighborhood schools that they were creating.

This week, because of the lateness of receipt of this email, *The Journal* has published on page 3 the six page document. There is no story explaining the Superintendent's findings; there is no commentary/editorial this week. An in-depth look at these six pages will be presented to you next week.

These data should be so compelling that no African American who is eligible to vote could stay home and not vote in November. There are three seats up for grabs on the New Hanover County Schools Board of Education. "Time for Change!"

Remember DeShields, Redenbaugh and Rhodes told you so.

Stay tuned.

P.S. In order, to get this six(6) page document in the paper this week, we had to take a story off the front about the police shooting of a black male teenager in Chicago. Will run next week. A special thanks to the Chicago Crusader for that story and a special thanks to the person who gave us this document trusting that we would share with our readers. Our motto is "All the news without fear or favor."

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EDDIE SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN AGRICULTURALIST ASSOCIATION

## Black farmers continue pressing USDA and Obama administration for justice

BY BARRINGTON M. SALMON

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - For more than two decades, Black farmers have driven tractors to Capitol Hill and walked the halls of Congress, coaxing, cajoling and confronting lawmakers.

They have also filed lawsuits, protested and demonstrated. All of this was an effort to correct an admittedly egregious legacy of racism and discrimination by the US Department of Agriculture.

Despite high profiled settlements several years ago, just last month, three dozen farmers and their supporters from Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kentucky descended on the steps of the United States Supreme Court. At the rally and demonstration, the protesters promised to fight until they're heard and one of their members, Bernice Atchison, filed a writ with the Supreme Court.

[Former USDA Secretary Dan] Glickman acknowledged that the agency had discriminated against Black farmers. We have dealt with bias, discrimination and double standards," said Georgia Farmer Eddie Slaughter in

front of the court. "We had supervised accounts which meant they had power over our money and county loan officers discriminated against Black farmers. It's been nothing but fraud, deceit and breach of contract. Our damages are in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. They have persecuted us and now, 35-40 percent of Black farmers have been run out of the business. They were supposed to return one and a half million acres of land to Black farmers but didn't."

Slaughter concluded, "We're here to say Black farmers of 2016 are the Dred Scott of 1857. He demanded to be free. The fraud and corruption amount to economic terrorism against Black farmers. We don't have anyone standing up for us. The Congressional Black Caucus or President Obama could have created a national investigative commission. But they've done nothing. Equal justice under the law does not exist in this."

Bernice Atchison, president of Black Farmers of Alabama, agreed as she recounted her long ordeal since

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USDA seized and sold 239 acres of family land.

"My husband's father died and they sold the land on the steps of the courthouse," she explained as she held an armful of folders. "I've been fighting since 1983. I'm 78 years old. It's been a long time for me. I have enough evidence that it would take a truck to haul it away. I walked the halls of the Capitol Hill with (the late) John Boyd, going from office-to-office."

In 2004, Congress asked Atchison to testify before a subcommittee.

"They said my face was the face of the 66,000 Black farmers who'd been denied and said my due process had been violated," She recalled. "Congress called me as an expert eyewitness before them and a judge gave me standing in the court. I'm the most impacted but I haven't been paid. They're punishing me. We're asking for justice not a set amount."

Atchison said she has a case on the docket that she filed in 2014. But, she says she and her colleagues have hit a brick wall.

"It's been 20 years that farmers have been saying that they've been mistreated and we're still losing land," said Gary R. Grant, president of the Black Farmers & Agriculturalists Association & The Land Loss Fund. "Where we had one million farmers, that number is down to 20,000. Many farmers feel a sense of helplessness, a number are suffering from disease and health issues we've never dealt with such as diabetes and high blood pressure. They're wiping us out. The land isn't disappearing. It's been stolen from us."

Grant said there has been no Congressional investigation into the assortment of alleged abuses by local farm service agencies.

"Not a single employee at USDA has lost their job," said Grant. "Between 1981 and 1996, 64 percent of Black farmers have (disappeared) and only one person was forced to retire but with full benefits."

Repeated attempts to secure comments and reaction from the USDA were not successful. However, a 1994 USDA study examined the treatment of racial minorities and women as the agency was weathered allegations of pervasive racial discrimination in the way its employees handled applications for farm loans and grants to primarily Southern black farmers. Between 1990 and 1995, researchers found that "minorities received less than their fair share of USDA money for crop payments, disaster payments, and loans."

The final report noted that

the USDA gave corporations 65 percent of loans, while 25 percent of the largest payments went to White male farmers. Further, 97 percent of disaster payments went to White farmers, with less than 1 percent reaching black farmers.

The study highlighted "gross deficiencies" in the way the USDA collected and handled data which muddled the reasons for the discrepancies in treatment between Black and White farmers in such a manner that the reasons couldn't easily be determined.

Carol Estes, in a story about the travails of Black farmers in a Yes! Magazine article headlined, "Second Chance for Black Farmers," details one of the many challenges.

Estes reports, "The USDA does provide a remedy for farmers who believe they've been treated unfairly: They can file a claim with the agency's civil rights complaint office in Washington, DC," she said. "There's a hitch, though. Ronald Reagan shut down that office in 1983, and the USDA never informed farmers. So for the next 13 years, until the office was reopened by the Clinton administration, black farmers' complaints literally piled up in a vacant room in the Agriculture building in Washington."

The farmers who congregat-

ed in front of the Supreme Court cited figures ranging from 14,000 to 40,000 cases they say the USDA has failed to process. The official put in charge of unblocking the bottleneck is a part of the problem because he's made no effort to facilitate the processing of the backed up claims, they charge.

The farmers have received two settlements, Pigford I and II, class action lawsuits which together have allocated about \$2.25 billion to tens of thousands of Black farmers. The first lawsuit was settled in April 1999 by US District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman. And in December 2010, Congress appropriated \$1.2 billion for 70,000 additional claimants.

The judgment was the largest civil rights settlement in this country's history. While some see the settlement as a victory, for most Black farmers it's bitter-sweet because the settlement payments aren't enough to buy farm equipment, give farmers long-term comfort; and in no way makes up for the destruction of rural Black communities and the theft of land by government officials, they say.

For example, the farmers detailed the travails of Eddie and Dorothy Wise, North Carolina farmers who were forced off their 106-acre farm in January by 14 heavily armed

sheriffs and federal marshals. They said this happened without the couple being granted any hearing. Wise, a 67-year-old retired Green Beret and his wife, a retired grants manager, lived on their farm for more than 20 years. After being evicted, the Wises lost their property and are living in a hotel. A GoFundMe page is soliciting help for the family. Supporters have raised \$6,000 toward the \$50,000 goal.

"Nothing has been done to enhance the opportunities and fairness. What they've been doing is working to manipulate and separate the black farmer from his community where he lives, and critically himself," said Grant.

Lawrence Lucas, who worked with the federal government for 38 years, said little has changed at the agency.

"There's a reason why they call the USDA 'the last plantation.' The civil rights problems there have not been fixed," said Lucas, president emeritus of the USDA Coalition of Minority Employees. "Ninety-seven percent of Black farmers did not get the debt relief promised in the agreement. Things are not better, which is why we have to stand up."

The farmers said the White House, the US Department of Justice, Congress, the Congressional Black Caucus

and civil rights leaders have done little to bring this long-running saga to a close.

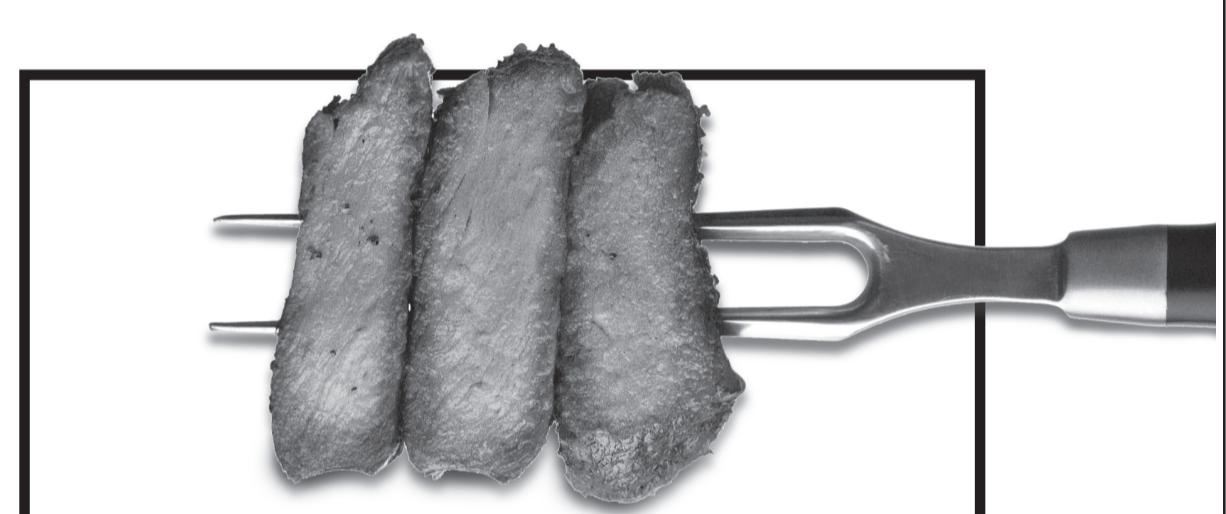
"Cases have not been processed and no investigation has been undertaken," Lucas said.

Oklahoma resident Muhammad Robbalaa said he was at the rally "because a fighter doesn't quit."

He said, "I have an older brother who lost his land in 1983. He had a stroke after we fought a battle with the State Supreme Court," said Robbalaa, 75. "They ruled that it was other folks land and they gave it to White folks. I'm still in the cattle business and my daughters have come back and joined the business. I originally owned 250 acres of land but now I'm on leased land."

Grant, Slaughter, Atchison and the other farmers said the government has colluded, nothing's changed, they are further victimized and the land they own continues to be seized and stolen.

"People think that Pigford and \$50,000 settled all our issues, but it hasn't. You can't even buy a tractor with just that," Grant said. "They continue to take and foreclose Black farmers. The (lawsuit) assured us a hearing before foreclosure and that has not happened. All we want is justice and equality."



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## Our Voice

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### BLACKONOMICS

#### Can we rebuild Black Wall Street?

(Via George Curry Media)

"There are [Blacks] who are willing to worship the pyramids of 4,000 years ago but will not build pyramids in the present so their children may see what they left behind as well.

We have a leadership who rallies the people to look at past glories but leave their children neglected; who will make great analytical and oratorial dissertations on the inadequacies of Eurocentric education and yet will not contribute one penny of their money or their time to the construction of their own schools." --Amos Wilson, Afrikan Centered Consciousness versus the New World Order

James Clingman

Montoya Smith, host of the Atlanta talk show, Mental Dialogue, asked: Can we rebuild Black Wall Street? "No, really," he added, recognizing the depth of his question and assuring folks he was not kidding or just being rhetorical.

So, what was Black Wall Street? Most of what I have learned about it was obtained from a book by John Sibley Butler titled, *Entrepreneurship and Self-Help Among Black Americans, A Reconsideration of Race and Economics*, which contains an exhaustive section on Tulsa, Oklahoma's history and a detailed account of what took place in its Greenwood District. Some of the information below comes from Butler's book. I also learned from face-to-face conversations with six of the survivors of the Tulsa Riot.

Black Wall Street was burned to the ground in 1921 by a White mob. The Greenwood District, located in the northern section of Tulsa, was once called "Negro Wall Street," and "Little Africa." It was home to hundreds of Black-owned businesses and sat on valuable land desired by White oil speculators, who even tried to buy parcels of that land from Blacks for ten cents on the dollar immediately following the Tulsa riot. Fortunately and wisely, Blacks refused to sell.

Despite hundreds of Black lives lost in the riot and all of Greenwood's businesses destroyed, the story of that economic enclave during the ensuing 17 years was one of triumph over tragedy. By 1923, as a result of Blacks pooling their money to capitalize new enterprises, the Black business district was even larger than before, and Greenwood was completely restored by Black people by 1938. Ultimately, urban renewal and integration, which allowed Blacks to shop at non-Black stores, led to the demise of "Black Wall Street."

To Amos Wilson's point, Greenwood was a pyramid built by Blacks in the early 1900s. Instead of looking back and merely reveling in the successes Of Mound Bayou, Miss. and other enclaves that came before them, Black people in Greenwood built upon those legacies. Thus, my answer to the question posed by Montoya Smith, "Can we rebuild Black Wall Street?" was and is an emphatic and unequivocal, "yes!"

My answer to that question is based on our having done it before under far worse circumstances than today. But as I listened to the other guest on Montoya's show, Jay West, entrepreneur and president of the Lithonia Small Business and Merchants Association located on the outskirts of Atlanta, I became even more convinced.

Immediately impressed by West and the work his group is doing in a city that is approximately 85 percent Black, I sought him out to learn more. Jay West understands and promotes local business support. He explained, "I do 95 percent of my shopping right here in Lithonia because I know that one dollar spent here has the multiplier effect of three dollars, as our businesses support one another."

West is absolutely correct, and the Lithonia merchants association will benefit collectively and individually from circulating their dollars; they will grow their businesses and create more jobs. This nascent organization can be the model from which new Black Wall Streets can be built across this nation; it is on track to encourage more entrepreneurship and demonstrate the power of a cohesive, mutually supportive, self-directed, and economically empowered network of conscious business owners and consumers who are committed to growth and sustainability.

True partnerships between educated consumers and business professionals in Black economic enclaves comprise the basis for real power in the marketplace, i.e. collective purchasing programs and affinity groups, revolving loan funds, business equity funds, and financial leverage to stimulate future growth. Lithonia is in that space right now, and there is plenty of room for more cities and segments within those cities to do the same.

To draw the discussion closer to home in Atlanta, "Can Sweet Auburn be sweet again?" John Wesley Dobbs called it the "richest Negro street in the world." Suffering its own riot in 1906 that left 25 Black men dead, Sweet Auburn can also be rebuilt, and with leaders like Jay West and others in Atlanta, I am confident that pyramid will be built.

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## Visual Voice



## Matters of Opinion

### CASH IN THE APPLE

#### Our team in the Rio Olympics

I haven't been able to watch too much of the Rio Summer Olympics of late, but just watching the news clips of the men's and women's gymnastics teams, the men's basketball team, and of course our great swimmers, you simply have to be in awe of the years of hard work and training each

has undertaken in order to qualify and compete. Yes, there will be plenty of American superstars who will come out of the Rio games when it's all said and done. We'll wait to hail them once the gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded. But one thing we're certain of, and that's that First Lady Michelle Obama will have plenty of warm hug for all of them, and Pres. Obama certainly will beam with pride

that the last American Olympic team of his presidency performed so well.

All of them are our young people, working very hard to represent their country against the best in the world. Let's fully support them, and cheer them on.

WHAT IN THE WORLD? - It has been a long time coming that the operation at Fox News has been revealed for what it apparently really was beyond a vocal mouthpiece for the Republican Party and conservative movement - namely and allegedly a nefarious enterprise masterminded by now former Fox News CEO Roger Ailes.

By now you know about the sexual harassment allegations that former "Fox and Friends" hostess Gretchen Carlson lodged Ailes in a much-publicized lawsuit that cost fearless leader his job over a month ago.

Since then, upwards of 25 women have also reportedly come forward, alleging various indiscretions of the part

of Ailes. Recent published reports allege that employee at Fox were afraid to even complain to each other over the company phone for fear that their phones were being tapped.

And new reporting suggests that Ailes, like his former boss, Richard Nixon, had an "enemies list" that he ran out of Fox News headquarters from a secret room. The reports also allege that Ailes hired private detectives to spy on his enemies, and may have paid for the whole operation with Fox News money, not his own. That could make 21st Century Fox, Fox News' parent company, directly culpable for some of Ailes' alleged shenanigans if legally determined true.

On CNN earlier this week, there was speculation that Fox may want to consolidate any and all claims for a mass settlement just to keep much of the ugly stuff out court. That could most likely happen, because Lord knows the

weeks of juicy testimony would be something even the Home and Garden Channel would cover.

But there is still one fact surrounding all of this that could till force a public trial - Roger Ailes maintains that he is innocent of all allegations, especially since 21st Century Fox want him to pay part of whatever settlement they reach with Gretchen Carlson.

Boy, this could be fun. Fair and balanced too.

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Until next week, keep a smile on your face, GOD in your heart, and *The Wilmington Journal* in your life. Bye, bye.

### CHILDWATCH

#### Changing our racial narrative

(Via George Curry Media)

Bryan Stevenson, the brilliant founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, believes it's possible to change our nation and world despite the inequality and violence that sometimes threaten to overwhelm us. He speaks often about the

Marian W. Edelman

urgent need to confront our historic narrative including recently to young servant leaders preparing to teach children in Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® programs across America.

"There is a narrative that explains how we got here. Mass incarceration was created by policy decisions. We decided to deal with drug addiction and drug dependency as a crime issue rather than a health issue . . . We didn't do that for alcoholism. We said, 'Alcoholism, that's a disease,' and now we don't have a consciousness that when we see an alcoholic going into a bar that we have to call the police - but we didn't do that for drug addiction. The reason why we didn't do that was because of a narrative. And there's a narrative of fear and anger out there."

He continued: "You see, there's a smog that's hovering

in the air. It's a pollution created by our history of racial inequality . . . We've got to talk about the fact that we are a post-genocidal society. There was a genocide on this continent. When White settlers came, they killed millions of Native people. It was a genocide where famine and war and disease destroyed a whole culture, and there are things you have to do to recover from genocide that we haven't done. And because we didn't deal with that, we created this narrative of racial difference that allowed us to tolerate slavery.

"And when we talk about slavery, we have to understand what we're talking about. I don't think the great evil of American slavery was involuntary servitude and forced labor. I think the great evil of American slavery was the narrative of racial difference that we created to legitimate it. The great evil of American slavery was the ideology of White supremacy that we made up to legitimate the way we treated people of color, and we didn't deal with that . . . And because of that, I don't think slavery ended in 1865. I think it just evolved. It turned into decades of terrorism and violence. And we've got to deal with what it's turned into."

"From the end of Reconstruction until World War II, people of color were terrorized, pulled out of their homes, lynched, burned alive, taken from jails, hanged, shot. Older people of color come up to me sometimes and

say, 'Mr. Stevenson, I get angry when I hear somebody on TV talking about how we're dealing with domestic terrorism for the first time in our nation's history after 9/11.' They say, 'We grew up with terrorism. We had to worry about being bombed and lynched every day of our lives,' and we've got to tell that story.

"When I look at this country, I look at a country whose demographic geography was shaped by terror. The Black people that are in Cleveland and Chicago and Detroit and Los Angeles and Oakland didn't go to those communities as immigrants looking for new economic opportunities. They came to these communities as refugees and exiles from terror in the American South. And there are things you're supposed to do for refugees that we didn't do, and that turned into this era of segregation.

"And I have to tell you, I think we have to change the narrative of how we think and talk about civil rights . . . I hear people talking about the Civil Rights Movement, and it sounds like a three-day carnival: On Day One, Rosa Parks didn't give up her seat on a bus. On Day Two, Dr. King led a march on Washington, and on Day Three, we changed all the

laws and racism was over. And we've got to change that narrative. Because the truth is that for decades in this country, we had segregation, and segregation was brutal. We told Black people that they couldn't vote just because they're Black. We told Black kids you couldn't go to school because you're Black. My parents were humiliated every day of their lives. Those signs that said 'White' and 'colored' weren't directions. They were assaults. And we haven't done the things you're supposed to do to help recover from those assaults.

"We should have committed ourselves to a process of truth and reconciliation in the 1960s - but we didn't do that. And because we didn't do that, now we are suffering from a presumption of dangerousness and guilt, and we have to deal with it. Black and Brown people in this country are presumed dangerous. They're presumed guilty. It is the reason why we're having these issues with police on our streets, and we've got to change that narrative."

*Marian Wright Edelman* is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org).

## VOICE YOUR OPINION!!

### WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Breaking the 'Blue Wall of Silence' in police departments

(Via George Curry Media)

In Columbus, Ohio, two African American police officers filed formal complaints against a white police officer, charging that this White officer made racial slurs and threatened to kill them.

It took the Columbus Police Department a year to investigate the charges, but when the investigation was completed, the White officer was not made to answer for the racist slurs he apparently put on email, nor was he made to answer for making the death threats. Nor did the police department provide protection for the Black officers who made the charges against the White officer, save for a police cruiser that

was dispatched to sit outside their homes for all of two weeks.

Because of this case, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission recently charged the Columbus Police Department for failing to act on the charges of racism and discrimination. The scenario points to a major issue in police departments, nationwide: racism within police departments is often ignored.

Many instances of racial hatred go unreported because officers worry about keeping their jobs; the "blue wall of silence" proves to be stronger than the desire for officers to come forward and report the racism.

One of the African American officers moved out of the state after the charges were made, and the other resigned from the police force and now works as a security guard. The accused White officer was suspended about nine months ago and had his gun and badge taken

away, but still continues to draw his full salary, possibly because he is "out" on sick leave."

The major problem confronting the efforts to draw attention to state-sanctioned violence against Black people is the practice of police officers, and the police unions, protecting the officers no matter their actions.

The laws that police departments follow protect racist police officers, and unless and until those laws are changed, the violence against Black people will continue and police officers and vigilantes (e.g. George Zimmerman) who need only say "I was in fear for my life" will get off.

One of the Black officers who made the complaint in Columbus expressed one of their sources of frustration: "When something like this happens, there is nobody to report it to."

There are probably a good number of "good" police offi-

cers, White and Black, who know the depth of corruption and protection offered to bad cops, but who know the repercussions of coming forward would be too much to handle. They worry about losing their jobs ...and losing their lives.

The fact that this corruption is a reality keeps complaints by police officers against other officers minimized, but given the state of police/community relations, causing communities to blow up all over this nation, this is a time to push for more accountability of and by police departments of the racism within the departments. Silence in the face of evil is complicity in the evil.

The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference and a number of Black professional organizations, including attorneys, psychologists, psy-

## CURRY'S COMMENTS Even funerals are not family reunions anymore

(Via George Curry Media)

**M**ost of the relatives on my mother's side migrated from Tuscaloosa, Ala. to Johnson City, Tenn., where my oldest aunt, Julia Mae Cousin, established roots after she was married. Growing up, I divided my summers between Johnson City and Reform, Ala., where my father's relatives are anchored.

Because I spent so much time with my cousins, we have always enjoyed a strong bond, stronger than some brothers and sisters. And because we were closer in age, I spent most of the early years romping the streets of Johnson City with Aunt Julia Mae's kids - Hattie, D.D., Charles and Little Buddy. My cousin, Bertha Mae, was almost a decade older and she was more like an aunt than a cousin.

With her strong personality and huge heart, Aunt Julia urged her siblings to move to this small, east Tennessee town, near the Virginia-Tennessee border. Over the years, a parade of uncles and aunts acquiesced: Uncle Frank, Uncle Buddy, Uncle Percy, Uncle Padna (Jesse) and Aunt Kat. Mama (Martha L. Brownlee) and Big Mama (Sylvia Harris) were the holdouts, preferring to stay in Tuscaloosa but making frequent trips to Johnson City.

No one loved going to Johnson City more than I did. By day, I lived at the Carver Rec Center with D.D., Charles and Little Buddy and at night, Hattie would take me to one of the Black clubs. There was a rough one up on Wilson Avenue, but we knew to stay away from there unless Hattie and I had been dispatched by Aunt Julia Mae to look for Uncle Frank.

For the younger members of the family, nothing was more popular than our family reunions that featured us cracking jokes on one another. Aunt Julia warned us each year not to showcase our comical side, which was considerable, and this was the one time we brazenly disobeyed.

Everyone had a story about Uncle Percy, who perfected lying to an art form. Uncle Buddy, a Navy veteran who introduced me to world travel, was easy-going and fun. But he should have known better than to wear red socks to the reunion one year. As expected, we lit into him, accusing him of everything from having been cut on the ankles to working for the Red Cross. The next year, the first thing Uncle Buddy did was raise the legs of his pants to show us he was wearing black socks.

When he was only 4 or 5 years old, Hattie's son Robbie surprised everyone by going to the front of the room and cracking on his mother. Hattie gave Robbie a look that only Hattie can give, but it was too late - Robbie had brought the house down. His brother, Phill, was accused of bringing a rent-a-date to one reunion.

Through those family reunions and hot summers, I grew closer to my younger cousins: Lynn, Phill, Robbie, Charlene, Audrey, Albert, Regina, Greg, the twins (Ronald and Randall), and "Suzie Q" (Katherine Madison).

I had already been close to Uncle Frank's children, especially the older ones - LuLu, Dosha, Doris, Carolyn, Alberta, Knuck and Herman - because he held out a long time before moving from Tuscaloosa to Johnson City.

Over the years, the family elders died - Big Mama, Aunt Kat, Uncle Frank, Uncle Percy, Uncle Padna and, most recently, Aunt Julia Mae, who took over as head of the family upon the death of Big Mama. With each passing, the reunions became fewer and fewer, to the point that we don't hold them anymore.

In recent years, I have said family funerals have become our family reunions. I told it as a joke, but it was the painful truth.

At my cousin Charlene's funeral last week, family relations had deteriorated to the point where it was obvious that funerals can no longer be used as family reunions. For a variety of reasons, some relatives refuse to speak to others. I remain on speaking terms with all of my cousins and have made it clear that whatever dispute they have with one another will not alter my relationship with any relative. I have made appeals for a truce, but my cousins are strong-willed and nothing I or anyone else can say will get them to move off of dead center.

My cousin Lynn said it would be like this when Aunt Julia Mae passed, but I did not want to believe it. Now, I have no choice but to accept that reality. Uncle Buddy and Mama are the only two children of Big Mama still living. And sadly, this next generation of relatives is nowhere near as close as I was to my cousins growing up.

Neither Big Mama nor Aunt Julia Mae would be pleased that our once close-knit family is in shambles. But as long as I have breath in me, I am going to try to get my family back together. I know it's a very long shot, but I owe that to Big Mama and Aunt Julia Mae to keep trying.

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## SMITH

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chiatrists, teachers, have signed onto a petition to ask the federal government to form an interagency task force to monitor, investigate and hold accountable police departments all over this nation.

The work, not surprisingly, needs to begin within the police departments. If not, the sick racism practiced and protected by police depart-

ments will continue onto the streets, causing the deaths of far too many people.

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## RAINBOW COALITION

### The continuing fight for the rights to vote

(Via George Curry Media)

Last week, a panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously rebuked the North Carolina legislature for acting with "discriminatory intent" in passing restrictions on the right to vote that "target African Americans with almost surgical precision."

The decision came as we celebrated the 51st anniversary of the Voting Rights Act on August 6. Reinforced by similar rulings in the appellate court in Texas and a district court in Wisconsin, the decision is a victory for our democracy and our Constitution.

The voting impediments were passed by North Carolina in 2013 in the wake of the Supreme decision in *Shelby v. Holder* that struck down the central provision of the Voting Rights Act: the requirement that areas with a history of discrimination gain prior approval from the Justice Department before changing voting regulations.

Chief Justice John Roberts, the activist Republican judge, decided to rewrite the law that was passed with overwhelming

bipartisan support, arguing that since we now live in a "post-racial society," requiring prior approval for voting law changes was no longer justified.

The flood of legislation that followed - all erecting barriers to make voting harder for African-Americans in particular - proved the chief justice's fantasy was a lie.

In North Carolina, the legislature acted immediately after the Supreme Court decision came down. Its motivation, the Fourth Circuit panel found, was clear. African-American turnout had surged in 2008 and 2012 (with Barack Obama at the head of the Democratic ticket), nearing parity with the turnout of White voters for the first time. Obama had taken the state in 2008 and barely lost it in 2012. But in 2010, conservative Republicans had taken control of the legislature and the statehouse.

The new majority acted aggressively to fend off the threat posed by growing African-American turnout. As Judge Diana Motz, writing for the unanimous panel, summarized, the legislators "requested data on the use, by race, of a number of voting practices. Upon receipt of the race data, the General Assembly enacted legislation that restricted voting and registration in five different ways, all of which disproportionately affected African-Americans."

The three-judge panel in Richmond, Va., unanimously concluded that the law was racially discriminatory, overturning a requirement that voters show photo identification to vote and restoring same-day voter registration, a week of early voting, pre-registration for teenagers, and out-of-precinct voting.

As Ari Berman, the voting rights expert who reports for The Nation magazine noted, the decision comes after North Carolina's presidential primary in March provided a troubling indication of what might be expected in the general election - students waiting in three-hour lines, foreign-born U.S. citizens asked to spell their names to poll workers for no justifiable reason, and elderly voters born during Jim Crow turned away from the polls for not meeting the new ID requirements.

"The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals exposed for the world to see the racist intent of the extremist element of our government in North Carolina," exulted the Rev. William Barber II, president of the North Carolina NAACP, on a press call Friday afternoon. "The ruling is a people's victory, and it is a victory that sends a message to the nation."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the movement that culminated in the Voting Rights Act over a half-century ago. He

understood that voting was the foundational right of citizenship. To strip someone of the right to vote is to strip them of their place in a self-governing community. In a 1957 speech titled "Give Us the Ballot," King argued, "So long as I do not firmly and irrevocably possess the right to vote I do not possess myself. I cannot make up my mind - it is made up for me. I cannot live as a democratic citizen observing the laws I have helped to enact - I can only submit to the edict of others."

King understood that discriminatory election laws not only hurt minorities or the working poor, they also undermined the legitimacy of our elections and thus of our government.

The North Carolina decision and similar decisions in Texas and Wisconsin offer the hope that the courts will act to frustrate at least the most blatant versions of new Jim Crow laws. Those decisions will remove barriers for literally millions of voters.

But the courts can only reaffirm the right to vote. That right is not effective if it is not used. The courts have lowered the barriers in North Carolina and other states. Now the citizens must mobilize and vote in large numbers to exercise the power that they have.

*Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH.*

## Preparation means winning in the new job market

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Even before the unemployment rate numbers were released on August 5, it was clear that the labor market situation is improving, but far more slowly than many workers would like. In July, according to check-processing company ADP, about new 179,000 jobs were created.

That's down from the 287,000 jobs created in June, it doesn't account from the increased number of people who are unemployed (some are returning to the job market because they think things are getting better), but when unemployment rates are below 5 percent that's a reason to take note, if not to celebrate.

Labor market improvements aren't exciting to the millions who still lack work, or to those who have not seen their paychecks increase, or to those who are engaged in the "Fight for Fifteen". They aren't exciting to those who have sent out dozens, if not hundreds, of resumes and have yet to receive a single return call, not to mention an interview. They look askance at the notion of a better job market because it isn't so much better for them.

I had an opportunity to talk about Navigating the New Job Market at the National Urban League's conference in Baltimore yesterday, as McDonalds invited me to present a workshop on jobs and careers. Why do I describe the jobs market as "new"? Essentially, because the contemporary job market requires a fluidity that many are unwilling or unable to exhibit. The fluidity is an attitude that change is the only constant, and that workers (and employers) have to be nimble and think fast on their feet. Workers have to figure out ways to develop a brand", or to stand out from the crowd. People have to network like crazy. And people need to always have a Plan B, C, D, and E. In other words we all need to be prepared for alternatives.

This job market is extremely competitive from top to bottom. Some people with advanced degrees are still applying for entry-level jobs, and being rejected because they are "overqualified". Others are flooding the market with resumes, forgetting that who you know is sometimes as important (if not more so) than what you know.

One of the ways to be well-prepared is to commit to both lifelong-learning and lifelong networking. What's the last book you read? The last class you took? The last time you really challenged yourself? Do you speak a language? Are you open to

learning?

According to François Grosjean, the author of *Bilingual: Life and Reality*, most of the world's population is bilingual. More than half of Europe's residents are bilingual, and more than a third of those living in Great Britain and Canada are bilingual. But only one in six of us in the United States are bilingual, with people mostly speaking Spanish and Chinese. Those who are interested in having an edge in the job market should consider learning another language. African-Americans are far less likely than others to be bilingual. Young people, and those not so young, must consider taking on another language.

When Tom Friedman wrote his book, *The World is Flat*, in 2005, he reminded us of the reality of globalization, a reality that too many of us would ignore. I recall being at a conference where a woman announced that she did not "like" globalization. That's like saying you don't like sunrise or sunset. Globalization has occurred, and the challenge is to understand how it affects us, how it affects the job market, and how it affects racial economic justice.

The Donald Trump presidential candidacy makes it clear that people will be experiencing all kinds of biases in coming decades. Some will be as blatant as Mr. Trump's rabid attacks against Mexican-Americans. African-Americans can be winners in the new job market, but only if we are well prepared.

*Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.Amazon.com for more information visit www.julianne-malveaux.com.*

## New Hanover County

Cameron Art Museum will present A Professional Development Opportunity Full STEAM Ahead - Closing the Gap in Literacy and STEM Subjects with Arts Integration and Active Learning on Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participants may select specific workshop sessions between 8:30 and 9:00 am on August 20th. Certificates of Participation for 6 contact hours of credit will be issued to all who participate for the full day. County School Systems have the authority to determine the curriculum area of the credits. Each participant will receive a copy of the workshop descriptions to submit along with the Certificate. Email Georgia Mastroeni at [georgia@cameronartmuseum.org](mailto:georgia@cameronartmuseum.org) for additional information.

## Community Briefs

**Community Services Block Grant Program at Eastern Carolina Human Services Agency, Inc.** is now accepting applications for Onslow, Duplin and New Hanover Counties, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Onslow County call 910-347-2151, Duplin County call 910-285-5331 and New Hanover County call 910-762-0010.

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](mailto:info@lupusnc.org) or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit [www.lupusnc.org](http://www.lupusnc.org).

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC 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.

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### Dr. Angel Moore Major graduates from Walden University



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
DR. ANGEL MOORE MAJOR

Dr. Angel Moore Major graduated from Walden University on Saturday, July 16, 2016 in National Harbor, Maryland.

Dr. Moore Major graduated with a 4.0 GPA with Delta Mu Delta (DMD) International Business Honor Society membership. Dr. Moore Major's Doctoral of Business Administration degree was conferred on April 24, 2016.

Dr. Moore Major is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarkton Moore, Sr., daughter-in-law of Mr. James Major and the late Edna Mae Age Major; granddaughter of Mrs. Lela P. Thompson and the late Melvin Thompson, Jr.; also the late Mr. James and Clara Moore; spouse of Mr. Jermaine Major, Sr. and the mother of little Miss Major, Master Jermaine Major, Jr. and Little Master Major.

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## THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

**Again, our rights are challenged, and we must fight all the harder!**

**T**he facts of history highlight the enduring strength of African Americans. Even though we pay taxes just as Whites do, we have had to struggle for every right which other citizens have been able to take for granted. There are those who, even now, are trying to take away our freedom of speech through the power of the vote. We are asking for a "stronger together" relationship in voting rights across the United States, voter and we are thankful for the federal court's striking down of

North Carolina's infamous voter suppression law. This is a giant step in the right direction!

Our right to vote in elections, as guaranteed in the 15th and 19th Amendments of our U.S. Constitution, is a fundamental principle of our democracy. Voting rights have a disproportionate impact on African Americans particularly and

on immigrants of color. Without the power of the vote, we have no ability to participate effectively in our democracy.

There are times when we must go back in history and think of the great number of people who gave their lives for the cause of human dignity, peace, and the freedom of speech. Too many sacrifices have been made for us to give up now!

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high

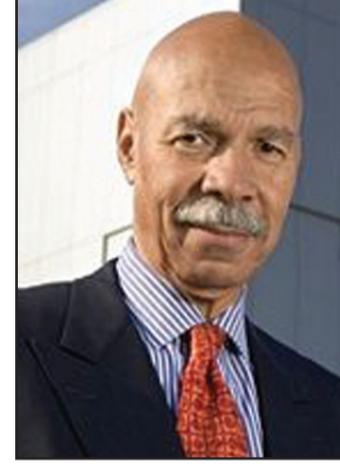
school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N.C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

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The Countywide Community Development Corporation (CWCD) an anti-poverty organization Sub-Committees on the LBJ Presidential Legacy Awards, Humanities, and Arts American Youth, and Socio-Economic representing Five Southeastern Counties announce the 2016 CELEBRATING THE DREAM, The

Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Legacy Awards Dinner Gala "Honoring the Legacies of Innovative Visionary Leaders" to be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday September 24, 2016, at the Wilmington, North Carolina, Convention Center. The LBJ Presidential Foundation of Austin, Texas, will present the awards at the Black &

White, Black Tie event. Ian Davis & the Carolina Sound of Leland, NC, will provide dinner music; and the North Carolina Central University Jazz Big Band directed by Dr. Ira Wiggins Durham NC will perform the Gala concert.

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**Mrs. Edna Brown Smith**

Mrs. Edna Brown Smith was born January 25, 1920 in Lee county South Carolina. She was the daughter of four children born to the late Mrs. Bertha Locmack and the late Mr. Willie Brown. She entered into eternal rest on Wednesday morning, August 3, 2016.

She was raised in Raleigh, NC and attended Washington High School. She moved to Wilmington, NC in 1941. She met and married the late Mr. Theodore R. Smith. She was the mother of four children and two step children.

She was a fun, loving and kind hearted Christian woman. She was known as the "poem lady". She loved life and had an unforgettable smile that would light up any room. She never met a stranger and would help anyone in need. Mommy was a loving, caring, providing mother who will be missed by her children.

She leaves to cherish sweet memories her children: Joyce Jackson of Orange, NJ; Clifford Smith, Bertha Smith, Raymond Smith, and step-daughter Naomi Ellerby all of Wilmington, NC; two nephews of Raleigh, NC; one niece of Baltimore, MD; one cousin of Brooklyn, NY; seven grandchildren, 13 great grands, one great great-grand, as well as a lot of extended children of Mt. Calvary Church and around the city of Wilmington and special adopted daughters, Anita Sinclair, Jannette Robinson, Jacqueline Garrett, Ruby Toom, Carolyn Gary, Joan Dixon, Joyce Keaton, Willie Mae Brown, Edith Webb, Joletha Collins and adopted sons, Dea, David Brown, and George Junious, and Francis Green, a long time member and friend and sitting buddy in Sunday morning services. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Ms. Stacey  
Bertha Renee' Hamilton**

Stacey Bertha Renee' Hamilton was called home on Sunday July 31, 2016. She was born in Wilmington, NC on January 10, 1967 to the late Jimmie Foster Clark and Barbara Jean Hamilton.

She attended New Hanover High School. She was employed at Sherwood Manor Rest Home until her death. Stacey loved life and had an unforgettable smile that would light up any room. She never met a stranger and would help anyone in need.

Stacey was preceded in death by her brothers, Edward Hamilton, Lorenzo Hamilton, Terry Hamilton, and Michael Rose. She leaves to cherish fond memories; Daughter Dior McClain (Dennis); adopted sons of the heart Lopez Robinson and Dwayne Robinson; Grandchildren Nya Hamilton, Denesia Hamby, Denyjion Hamby, Zai-Ondre' McClain, Zai-Meir McClain and Laquan Chandler; great grandchildren Kyndall King and Chase Chandler; sisters Ramona Hamilton-Williams

(Friday), Nicole Renee Lee (James), Trenita Clark, Cheryl Gainey and Pam Martin (Anthony); brother Tevin Mishoe; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and special friends Renee' Walker, Ernest Leonard and James Hicks. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Barbara Ann Polite Martin**

Barbara Ann Polite Martin was born on May 13, 1935 in Wilmington, NC to Stanish and Dorothy Polite. The eldest of three, Barbara Ann grew up in her hometown. She was a proud member of the 1953 graduating class of Williston Senior High School. She remained connected and involved in the activities and lives of the lifelong friends she made while at Williston. Upon graduating from high school she attended Fayetteville State University.

At 10:50 am on the morning of July 27, Barbara was welcomed into one of the many mansions of our Fathers house. She had fought valiantly against her illness. Her strong will to live, unwavering faith in God and the love and prayers of her family, friends and supporters bought her comfort as she transitioned from her earthly body. Her family and friends will miss her constant presence at all family occasions, her dancing, her laughing her jokes and most of all he love for her family.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her son Terry and her brother Stanish. She will forever live in the hearts of her daughter Cheryl, sons Kenneth, Russell and Anthony, sister Betty, Granddaughters, grandsons, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.*

**Anne G. Smith**

Anne G. Smith, age 91, of Boston, MA. (formerly of Southport, NC), passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. The funeral service will be conducted at 1:00 pm, Saturday, August 13, 2016, at First Baptist Church, 619 N. Lord St., Southport, NC 28461. Visitation one hour prior to services at the church. The interment will take place at the John Smith Cemetery following services. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Katherine L. Johnson**

Katherine L. Johnson, age 90, First Lady of First Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey (1970-2006) passed away at her residence in Wilmington

on Saturday, August 6, 2016. On Thursday, August 11, 2016, friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. The funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 am, Friday, August 12, 2016, at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405. The interment will be private. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Abbie Fogle**

Abbie Fogle, age 102, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2016 at Cypress Point Rehabilitation Center. On Thursday, August 11, 2016, friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Davis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be conducted at 3:00 pm, Friday, August 12, 2016, at First Baptist Church of Scotts Hill, 8800 Market, St., Wilmington, NC 28411. The interment will take place at the Pollock Cemetery following services. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Thelma Ernestine Hill**

Thelma E. Hill, age 80, of Leland, passed away Monday, August 8, 2016. Services will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

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## New Hanover County

Religious  
Briefs

**Faith Temple Church of God in Christ**, 1119 S. 4th St., will hold their 2016 Annual Men's Day "Men of Faith" on Sunday, August 21st. The 11:00 am speaker will be Pastor Lorenzo Edge and the 4:00 pm speaker will be Pastor Stephen Bradley of Ekklesia United Holy Church. Men's workshops will be held Saturday, August 20th at 9:00 am.

**Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church**, 801 S. 10th St., will hold their annual revival from Wednesday, August 24th - Friday, August 26th at 7:00 pm nightly. Revival speaker will be Rev. Joseph Clark of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Bellville, NC.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 600 Grace St., will be holding their Free Brown Bag Lunch Series on August 13th, August 27th, September 24, October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, December 3rd from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

**St. Stephen AME Church** The Kingman Men's Choir will celebrate their anniversary with songs of old and new. Featuring visiting choirs in and around the Wilmington area. The program will be held on Sunday, August 21st at 4:00 p.m.

## Bladen County

**The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church** women are sponsoring a conference, "Women With A Vision". The weekday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Conference speakers are Wednesday, August 17th Apostle Andria Weeks pastor of Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries; Pinehurst NC; Thursday, August 18 Pastor Pia Jessie of White Oak; Friday, August 19 Pastor Tracy Troy from Victory in Jesus Ministries; Whiteville NC and Sunday morning, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Cheryl Moore of Zion Temple Church; Durham NC. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 South; Elizabethtown NC. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

## Brunswick County

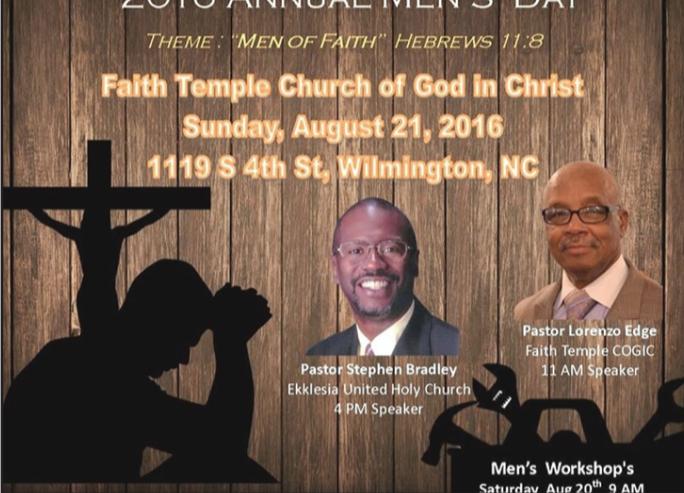
**Church Builders of Brunswick County & Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries** will hold a free food and clothing giveaway on Saturday, August 20th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 2072 Longwood Rd., NW, Ash, NC.

**Graham Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church** in the East Arcadia community is sponsoring its Annual Public Education Sunday service on Sunday, August 14th. Services will begin at 11:00 in the morning with the children and youth in charge. The very special guest speaker for this program is Dr. Jason Wray, principal at the East Bladen High School, Elizabethtown. At the close of the worship services, all children present from Pre-school through college-age will be given school supplies. A reception will follow. On the day before, Saturday, August 13th, there will be a Fun Day program of activities open to all school children in the community. The program will run from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm and will feature plenty of food and fun for all.

**Moore's Chapel AMEZ** will be holding their Homecoming on August 21st. Rev. Henry Gregory and St. Andrews AMEZ will be the guest.

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## Cleveland Bryant

Cleveland Bryant died July 23, 2016 at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 30, 2016 at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Marsh Branch Cemetery.

Cleveland Arlestus Bryant, loving son, husband and father was born the fifth child of the union from the late Cleveland Roosevelt and Addie P. Bernard Bryant, on August 10, 1955. After a courageous battle with cancer, God granted Cleve his eternal rest and he departed surrounded by his family. At an early age, Cleve accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and joined Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he remained a loyal member until his demise. Throughout his life and extended illness, Cleve continued to praise God and demonstrate faith and appreciation for what God had done for him. Cleve spent his youth gallivanting with his brothers, numerous cousins and friends. In 1973, he graduated from West Brunswick High School and immediately joined the work force. Cleve started his professional career at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant in 1977 and was a committed employee for 39 years. On October 8, 1977, Cleve married his friend Lynndez McMillan. Cleve was a faith, devoted husband and a great provider for his family. Cleve boasted to everyone of how proud a father he was. Like his own father, he took care to nurture his children, making sure they both knew he had their backs and loved them without limits. Lynne was the primary giver for Cleve during his illness and should be commended for the outstanding job she did to take care of him.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted wife, Lynndez McMillan Bryant of the home; son, Douglas O'Ron Coatney and Daughter April Bryant; grandchildren, Christopher Onuffer and Emanie Lynndez Bryant; siblings, Betty Johnson, Wayne Bryant (Queenie), Larry Bryant (Genethal), Sherry Lewis (Albert), James Brant, Cynthia Stevenson, Terry Bryant (Denise), Marsha Bryant and Jeffrey Bryant; in-laws, Gaciene McMillan, Dameron McMillan, Nikki McMillan, Anthony McMillan (Althea), James McMillan (Joyce), Malcolm Gore, Brian McMillan and Derrick Ballard; aunts Irma Mitchell (Robert), Mary Bryant, Mae Belle Stanley, Atha Bernard and Reba Bernard; uncle, Stephen Bernard (Shirley); special friends, Earl Fullwood, Ponjo Hewett, Michael Clemons, Lee Morgan, Ed Hewett and Gloria Williams; 105 nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Rosa Lee Flowers Spain

Rosa Lee Flowers Spain died July 24, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Center, Wilmington, NC. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 24, 2016 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Burial followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Rosa was born December 18, 1940 to Willie and Evelyn Graham Flowers. She was a well-known community advocate. As a life-time member of First Baptist, she used her God-given talent to singing to praise God. Rosa graduated from Williston High School in the Class of 1958. In the 1960's, she sang with the JJ Howes Choir. Rosa was preceded in death by: a son, Wades Munn; a daughter, Carolyn Munn Abney and a brother, James Alford. Surviving to cherish her memories: children: Cheryl Howard (Michael), Fred Spain, Katie Spain, Bernard Wenn

## SENIOR MOMENTS

My fellow seniors,

We are still concerned about the electrical problems we had a few weeks ago. All of our major appliances burned out, and we have no official word on what caused it. We need to know if this could happen again, either to us or to someone else.

The firemen came out in droves. Therefore, they must have some information that they could share. If it were a freak accident that could never happen again, someone needs to say so. All of our

## "Let's have a party"

appliances that burned out need to be replaced. I don't think it was our fault. There is no way we could have brought more power into the house than we were supposed to have. So what could have caused our appliances to burn out?

We hope Duke Energy will give a written description of the problem so it can be pub-

lished in local newspapers because our neighbors would like to know about this. However, while we are waiting, "let's have a party!"

We always celebrate Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day and Children's Day. We, however, have very little to say about Grandparents' Day. That's sad because these people have stories to tell that we have never heard before.

There are children in the area who have never met their extended families because of some silly argument that happened thirty

years ago. Therefore, if there is any way we can bring these families together, it's party time! Maybe your church would be willing to sponsor this event.

We would get the word to The Wilmington Journal and go from there. Any person who stands at the head of a fine generation will certainly have something to share, and it could be the last time we all get together for such a wonderful affair.

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

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Man's Extremity/God's Opportunity"

*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Mark 9:23-24*

*"But without faith, it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6*

Miracle- An extraordinary event manifesting divine Intervention in human affairs Believe - To accept as true; to hold as an opinion Unbelief - Absence of faith in God's ability

**T**he day of miracles is not over, and God has given to all of his children a measure of faith. Many of his children will not use their faith until desperate times, because desperate times do call for desperate measures. Many people do not realize how strong their faith is, until a

test is presented.

In Mark chapter nine, we read the story of a man who desperately needed a miracle. He needed a manifestation of divine intervention in the life of his son, who had been afflicted since childhood with a spirit that was trying to destroy him. No doubt, he had tried everything and everything had failed. His desperate need for a miracle, brought him to Jesus, and became God's opportunity to show his power (through his Son Jesus Christ) to an unbelieving world. Jesus did not get philosophical and theoretic with the grieving father; he simply stated, If you can believe, all things are possible! When Jesus saw his tears and heard him cry out in desperation, he was moved with compassion, and worked a miracle!

When we are down to nothing, if we can just believe, God is up to something. In these struggling economic times, many of God's people are going to have to return to their first love. Those that know the power of prayer, but haven't prayed in a while, are going to find themselves bended in a prayer posture, because they know the true power of prayer. Those who used to be faithful worshippers in the House of

God, will find themselves coming back to the sanctuary and House of Prayer; Praise, and Worship. When God sees our tears of repentance, contrition, and hope, he will begin to move and work miracles for his sons and daughters who are at risk of being destroyed by the enemy.

Who is looking for a miracle today? Who is expecting the incredible today? Who really believes that all things are possible today? You can receive, if you truly believe! When you have gone as far as you can go, or done all you can do....When the doctor gives up, or your money runs out, don't you dare give up! Your extremity is God's opportunity to show you how much he cares and how far he will go for one of his children crying out to him in faith. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. We should allow God to draw us back to Him through our trials, tests, and troubles. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

If we are not as close to God as we used to be, guess who moved? If you've got the faith, God's got the power! You may stand to lose various things in these times of uncertainty. You may lose your job, home, car, etc. but don't ever lose your

faith in God! Times may be tough right now, but you can make it. Even praying like the distraught father in Mark chapter 9, "Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief!" When you pray this prayer, somehow and someway, he will come through for you! All things are possible! Be encouraged, and Tell Somebody! Man's extremity is God's opportunity. With God, all things are possible!

*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!*

and Katrina Moore (Mark) of Wilmington, NC; sons, Andrew Munn (Joyce) and Cyrus Munn (Stephanie) of Leland, NC; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; siblings, Ted (Bertha), Willie Lee, Alfred (Gloria), LeVerne, Horace, Delone, Derochelle, Barbara (Lester); special friends, Raymond Robinson and Sylvia Corbett; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Mary Augusta Corbett

Mary Augusta Corbett, daughter of the late Cornell and Cora Neal Corbett was born December 24, 1930 in Whiteville, North Carolina. She was the youngest of four siblings. After a courageous battle with dementia, she passed away peacefully at the New Hanover House Assisted Living facility in Wilmington, North Carolina, on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, with her family by her side.

Mary was affectionately known to many as "Boo-Gal". She was employed for several years with the Brunswick County Schools, before retiring. "Boo" touched the lives of many people with her smile, generosity, and let's not forget her good cooking. If you were hungry you could always stop in at "Boo's" and eat a good meal.

"Boo" was a faithful and true member of Love Faithfully Ministries, serving as one of the mothers of the church for many years before her health began to decline.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a son, Wades Munn; a daughter, Carolyn Munn Abney and a brother, Johnnie Corbett.

"Boo-Gal" leaves to cherish her memories: daughters, Earlease Ballard (Marvin) of Leland, NC, Arnetta Vernon of the home, Marilyn Munn

## Lester Sharpless

Lester Sharpless died Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 7, 2016 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Lester was born April 9, 1930 to the late Arthur and Hannah Sharpless in Winnabow, North Carolina. He was educated in the Brunswick County School System and worked as a longshoreman. Lester retired from the ILA after 40 years of labor.

His family consisted of Elizabeth Sharpless, Ronnie Jenkins (Velma), Brenda Perez (Joe), Grtherl Pridgen, Vernice Edge, Barbara Jenkins, Thaddus Gaines, Carrie Mae Pure and WT Jackson. His extended family: Mary "Cookie" Scott, Notasha Scott, Barbara (Kevin) Farmer, Frank (Liz) Scott, Bernadette (Jeff) White, Terry Ann (Joseph) Boney and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; friends: Michael Johnson, "June Bug" Bellamy, William Holden and Robert McCrae. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Monica Hawes

Monica Hawes Memorial

services for Monica were held on Monday, August 8, 2016 at New Covenant Holiness Church.

Monica Eliza Hawes was born on December 4, 1972, in Wilmington, North Carolina, to Retha Hawes and the late Willie Isiah Weems. She departed this life August 2, 2016. Monica was also preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Walter and Eliza Weems; maternal grandmother, Annibell Pearsall and one brother, Terry Hamilton.

Monica was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in 1991. After graduation, Monica attended Winston-Salem State University. Later, after returning to Wilmington, Monica was employed with Girls Inc. as a Teacher's Assistant. While working, Monica furthered her education by attending Cape Fear Community College, where she received her CNA Certification. Monica had a passion for writing poetry and a love for singing and music.

Monica was a member of New Covenant Holiness Church. She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Monica leaves to cherish her memories: her loving mother, Retha Hawes of Wilmington, NC; three brothers, Eric Hawes of Wilmington, NC; Stephen Johnson of Tampa, FL and Reginald Miller of Raleigh, NC; one sister, Ramona Hamilton-Williams (Friday) of Riverdale, New York; three aunts, Leola McIntyre of Wilmington, NC; Delores Wright of Fayetteville, NC and Wilma Moses (Richard) of Wilmington, NC; two uncles, Horace Allen (Wanda) of Wilmington, NC and William Weems

(Vivian) of Houston, TX; three nieces, Kelise Hawes of Leland, NC, Zoi Munn and Zion Munn, both of Wilmington, NC; special cousins, Charice Francis,

## Janie Walker

Janie Walker died August 3rd at NHRMC. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Kingdom Hall. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## David Faulk, Jr.

David Faulk, Jr., died August 4th at NHRMC. Funeral services will be held 11:30 am today, Thursday, August 10, 2016 at Macedonia MB Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Thurmon Pellom

Thurmon Pellom died August 6th at Liberty Commons. Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Christian Hope. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Candace Mayo

Candace Mayo died Sunday, August 7th. Visitation is 5:00 pm Friday, August 12, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

## Thelma M. Vincent

Thelma M. Vincent died Saturday, August 6, 2016 in Ft. Washington, MD. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Sunday, August 14, 2016 at Ephesus SDA Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

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**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Charles Woody Huggins**, 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 October, 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 July, 2016

Mary Jowanna Huggins, Administrator  
906 E. 7th Street  
Lumberton, NC 28358

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Clara Estelle Weaver**, 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 October, 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 July, 2016

David Forrest Weaver, Executor  
4929 Pine Street  
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S**  
**In Re The Estate of ODILE MARIE LANE, Deceased**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ODILE MARIE LANE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **11/07/2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, August 4, 2016.

Mark Robin Lane and Cindy Jo Lane Watts,  
Co-Personal Representatives  
c/o The Law Office of Jason Vaughn,  
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by Jason Vaughn,  
Attorney for the Personal  
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4932 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alice Grace Rouse Carroll**, 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 **28th day of October, 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 28th day of July, 2016

Derrick Carroll, Executor  
4509 Kings Dr.  
Wilmington , NC 28405

July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Ida Mae Harris Doughty**, 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 October, 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 July, 2016

Yvonne Doughty James, Executor  
205 North 31st Street  
Wilmington , NC 28405

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Mary Cecilia Keenan** (16-E-932), late of 4708 Long Leaf Hills Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409, New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 19, 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 the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2016

Michael J. Keenan, Executor of the Estate of Mary Cecilia Keenan  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **James Chris Cammack, III**, 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 October, 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 July, 2016

Katherine Taylor Cammack, Executrix of the Estate of James Chris Cammack, III  
115 Old Camp Road  
Wilmington, NC 28409  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alice Grace Rouse Carroll**, 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 **28th day of October, 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 28th day of July, 2016

Derrick Carroll, Executor  
4509 Kings Dr.  
Wilmington , NC 28405

July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Margaret Foy Lewis**, 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 October, 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 4th day of August, 2016

Calvin Everett Lewis, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Margaret Foy Lewis  
1121 Essex Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Andrea McCray**, 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 **4th day of November, 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 4th day of August, 2016

Nakeia Anderson, Administratrix  
1209 North 26th Street  
Wilmington , NC 28405

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carroll King** (16-E-697), late of 4639 McClelland Drive, Q103, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 19, 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 the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Carroll King  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
**OF**  
**OW PROPERTIES, LLC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57D-6-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes, OW PROPERTIES , LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company"), has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

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Attn: Stephen L. DeBiasi

3. UNLESS A PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THE CLAIM IS COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR CLAIM WILL BE BARRED BY LAW.

This 11th Day of August, 2016

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By: R. Mark Rodger, M.D.  
Title: Member/Manager

August 11, 2016

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION**  
**OF**  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to 57D-6-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes, ATOR PROPERTIES, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company (the "Company"), has elected to dissolve and has filed Articles of Dissolution with the North Carolina Secretary of State.

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1. Notify the Company in writing of your claim setting forth the name and address of the claimant (or agent) and a detailed statement of the nature and amount of the claim (a "Claim").

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Attn: Stephen L. DeBiasi

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This 14th Day of July, 2016

ATOR PROPERTIES, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company  
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By: R. Mark Rodger, M.D.  
Title: Member/Manager

August 11, 2016

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

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the **Estate of Elizabeth Rouse (16-E-871)**, late of 1617 Princess Street, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 6, 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 the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Elizabeth Rouse  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alexander Sloan, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of November, 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 11th day of August, 2016

Alexander Sloan III, Executor  
105 Edgewater Club Rd.  
Wilmington , NC 28411

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Jean Frances Taylor, Deceased**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Jean Frances Taylor**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said ancillary estate to present them to the undersigned on or before **October 24, 2016**, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

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Sharon Caraway Clapp  
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