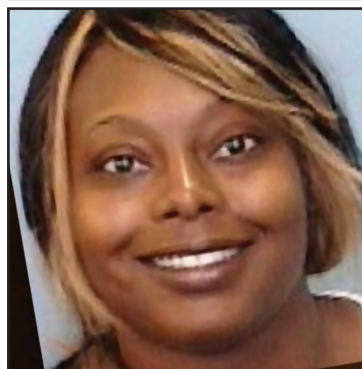


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**EBONEE SPEARS**

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.

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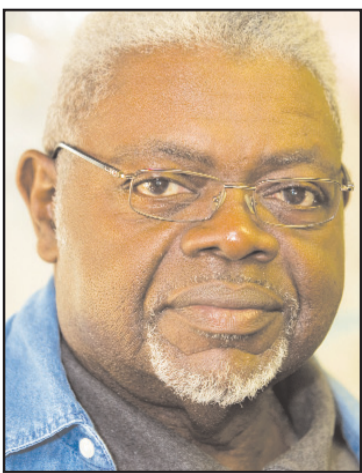
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Bernest L. Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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## PREDICTION: NEW MAPS COULD END UP BACK IN US SUPREME COURT

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Republican legislative leaders insist that they redraw fair maps per the federal court's directive, making sure that race has played no part in their construction. Thus, both the State House and Senate Republican majorities have approved their maps with few changes, over the objections of Democrats and citizens statewide who pleaded for a nonpartisan process.

Anita Earls, lead attorney in the Covington lawsuit that led the US Supreme Court and a federal court to order the GOP-led legislature to

redraw the voting districts, maintains that is "just lying," that the court eliminated the use of race in redrawing the districts. The federal court clearly ruled that race could not be the predominant factor:

"This is the worst [racial] gerrymander anyone has seen in the country," Earls said Tuesday, adding that the Republican spin on the court directive is just "open defiance."

Those maps will be submitted to the three-judge panel on Friday, Sept. 1 for judicial review. If approved, those redrawn districts (28 of 170 were ruled to have been illegal racial gerrymanders when drawn per the 2011 redistricting plan), will be in effect for the

2018 midterm elections.

Democrats, on the other hand, counter that the process was anything but fair; highly partisan, and the newly redrawn maps will be seen as equally inadequate as before.

"I would have hoped that we could have worked more with the majority party on creating fair maps," said Sen. Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth). "There's nothing magical in creating fair, legal, compact districts. Whether or not the committee looked at race, the court will. You can't say that you've fixed the issue if you haven't done the appropriate



**ATTY. ANITA EARLS**

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## Past, present NC Black justices honored

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Count today as a landmark in North Carolina history. For the first time ever, all past and present African-American justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court are being honored for their invaluable contributions to North Carolina's judicial history during a special celebration at the Law and Justice Building in Raleigh.

The event is part of the upcoming recognition of the 200th anniversary of the NC Supreme Court.

"On the cusp of those Court celebrations, it is timely that we reflect on the importance of diversity throughout the judiciary," says NC Associate Justice Cheri Beasley, one of the Black justices. "It's important to remember and honor Chief Justice Henry Frye for courageously accepting the challenge to move justice forward for the people of the State when 34 years ago, he became the first African-American to serve on the State's highest court. His elected service began as a legislator, work-

ing to eradicate Jim Crow laws and culminated in his service as Chief Justice on the State's highest court."

Justice Beasley continued, "As former and current members of the high court, Judge James A. Wynn, Jr., Congressman G. K. Butterfield, Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson, Justice Michael R. Morgan and I are beneficiaries of the noble course Chief Justice Frye charted. In times like these, when the State and the Nation wrestle with issues often marred by racial tension, we must be mindful that it is important for the makeup of the courts to be reflective of the diverse makeup of the State's people."

Indeed, in the 200 years of the NC Supreme Court, there have only been six African-American members to sit on the high bench. Chief Justice Henry Frye was the first.

Frye retired from the practice of law in 1916. A native of Ellerbe in Richmond County and an alumnus of NC A&T State University, Frye decided to become an attorney when he was denied the right to vote after being confronted with a "literacy test" as a young man fresh out of the military. He graduated UNC School

of Law, later becoming one of the first Blacks to be appointed as a federal prosecutor in the South.

It was 1968 when Frye was first elected to the NC House and 1980 when he became a State Senator. In 1983, he was appointed to the NC Supreme Court, and 16 years later, Justice Frye was appointed the first African-American to become Chief Justice. He served in that capacity for two years.

"You do the best you can because you want to set an example for others," Chief Justice Frye once said.

US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge James A. Wynn, Jr. was appointed to the federal bench in 2010 by then Pres. Barack Obama, but, years before, Judge Wynn briefly served on the NC Supreme Court from September 28 to November 3, 1998, after which he returned to the NC Court of Appeals from 1999 to 2010.

The Robersonville native holds degrees from UNC-CH, Marquette University Law, and the University of

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**REV. DR. C.R. EDWARDS**

## Dr. C. R. Edwards passes at 92 Pastor, civil rights leader and lawmaker

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Rev. Dr. Chancy R. Edwards, age 92, of Knightdale, NC, and formerly of Fayetteville, NC, died Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church Fayetteville, 302 Moore Street in Fayetteville, NC with Rev. Dr. Cureton Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Rockfish Memorial Park. A public viewing was on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel and on Monday, August 28, 2017 at First Baptist Church Fayetteville from 10 -11:45 a.m. Direct condolences to edwardscares.com. Professional and personal services were entrusted to Edwards Funeral Home, Inc. 805 Nash Street East in Wilson, NC 27893.

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## Houston under water as Hurricane Harvey rivals Katrina

### Black Houston publisher pleads: 'Keep praying'

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - At publication deadline this week, more than 9,000 people - an overflow of evacuees - had packed into the Houston Convention Center fleeing the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Additional people on higher ground south of Houston had been urged to leave their homes immediately due to the possibility of broken levees.

More than 17,000 were in shelters across the state. And more than 30,000 people were expected to seek shelter before it's all over.

Even with a 49 inch record rainfall for the U. S., Texas forecasts predicted even more heavy rain for the remainder of this week as the Hurricane appeared to boomerang, hitting the city for a second time. Parts of Louisiana are also under water and expected to get worse as

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MAN CLINGS TO THE HOOD OF A CAR AS FLOOD WATERS ROSE.



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Virginia School of Law.  
Afterwards, Wynn served in the  
US Navy's Judge Advocate  
General Corps as a JAG officer,  
and later as a military judge.

Wynn later practiced law in  
Greenville and was appointed to  
the NC Appellate Court in 1990  
before briefly serving on the  
NC Supreme Court and then  
returning to the NC Appellate  
Court before being confirmed for  
the federal appellate bench.

Congressman G. K.  
Butterfield (D-12-NC) was first  
elected in 2004, after serving a  
brief stint on the NC Supreme  
Court from 2001 to 2002. He  
returned to the Superior Court  
before being elected to Congress  
two years later.

The Wilson native earned his  
law degree from North Carolina  
Central University School of  
Law in 1974, and, years later,  
was elected a Resident Superior  
Court judge, presiding over  
criminal and civil cases in 46  
counties.

In a telephone interview  
Tuesday, Butterfield said today's  
celebration really began  
with his suggestion that the six  
veteran justices just come  
together and take a picture. The  
next thing he knew, it evolved  
into a major ceremony.

"I'm excited," the congress-  
man said. "It's my belief that the  
judicial system must be reflect-  
ive of the community that it  
serves. You cannot have an all  
White, and all-male judiciary.  
That is not democracy."

Congressman Butterfield  
also paid tribute to Chief  
Justice Henry Frye, calling him  
"the greatest American."

The first Black woman ever  
to serve on the NC Supreme  
Court was Patricia Timmons-  
Goodson, from February 2006 to  
December 2012. The Florence,

## NEW MAPS

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analysis. A more balanced rep-  
resentation encourages more  
robust debate and discussion  
and creates better, more bal-  
anced, policy for the people. I  
look forward to serving the  
people of Forsyth County as I  
seek re-election."

Rep. Pricey Harrison (D-  
Guilford) shared the frustra-  
tion.

"...[T]he proposed plans do  
not offer an adequate remedy  
and do not represent appropri-  
ate remedies free from other  
constitutional flaws, including  
racial gerrymandering and  
grossly unconstitutional partisan  
gerrymandering," Rep.  
Harrison said. The proposed  
maps also violate the State  
Constitution's Whole County  
Provision. In addition, the pro-  
posed Wake and Mecklenberg

maps violate the State  
Constitution's prohibition on  
mid-decade redistricting. I  
believe the maps will be chal-  
lenged and may have a hard  
time passing muster with the  
federal court. I do not know if  
that will affect the 2018 elec-  
tions, but we will be spending  
more taxpayer money defend-  
ing the indefensible.

Republican Rep. Donny  
Lambeth said he wasn't sure  
whether the new maps will be a  
done deal with the federal  
court but feels the court's direc-  
tions were properly followed.

"Always hard to know and  
predict," the Forsyth County  
Republican said. "It appears  
the committee who worked on  
this followed the court order  
and it has been done by the  
deadline."

State Sen. Joyce Krawlec (R-  
Forsyth) also believes the redis-  
tricting process was fair.  
"The redistricting hearings

have been thorough, transpar-  
ent, and citizens have had the  
opportunity to provide input. I  
believe the districts are fair  
and constitutional. Only time  
will tell if another court case  
will be forthcoming. I do  
believe the districts will even-  
tually be upheld and midterm  
elections will take place as  
scheduled."

However, State Sen. Gladys  
Robinson (D-Guilford) clearly  
has little faith in the new GOP-  
drawn maps, and feels that the  
federal court may have to be  
the final arbiter.

"North Carolina is actually a  
purple state, having 2.6 million  
Democrats; 2 million  
Republicans and 2 million  
unaffiliated voters. So the real-  
ity is that manipulating the dis-  
tricts to be majority  
Republican is neither fair nor  
legal," Sen. Robinson says.  
"The Republicans insisted that  
they did not consider race, but

how can you remedy "racial  
gerrymandering" without  
looking at how they packed the  
districts with African  
Americans in 2010. The map  
they have now drawn for  
District 28 and even in  
Cumberland Districts 19 and 20  
continue to be gerrymandered  
based on racial composition."

Sen. Robinson continued,  
"The courts specifically looked  
at my District 28 and comment-  
ed on its composition.  
Republicans are intent on pro-  
tecting Senator Trudy Wade for  
whom they created a district by  
packing 28. I expect that the  
only remedy will be in the  
courts."

Robinson's Guilford County  
colleague, Rep. Amos Quick III,  
also a Democrat, agreed.

"The effect that we are see-  
ing from these maps is still that  
some votes don't count as much  
as others," Rep. Quick said.  
"The courts have implied in

their past rulings that that is  
unacceptable; and I hope that  
continues to be the case."

Amen to that, agrees Rep.  
Evelyn Terry.

"Nuanced maps favoring or  
disfavoring individual inter-  
ests, not fairness, will likely  
dominate the decision," she  
said Tuesday. "Power and  
money impact public policy  
and political influence, absent  
character and integrity."

Rep. Cecil Brockman (D-  
Guilford) concurred.

"In drawing these new maps,  
Republicans failed to use any  
racial data in order to fix their  
own illegal racial gerrymander.  
This leaves me concerned  
that the General Assembly will  
once again have drawn illegal  
maps. However, I believe an  
independent, non-partisan  
process enacted by the court  
could overall be in the best  
interest of North Carolina vot-  
ers."

## DR. EDWARDS

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REVEREND DR. CHANCY  
RUDOLPH EDWARDS

Dr. Edwards was born in  
Nash County, North Carolina to  
the late Rev. B.H. and Lucy K.  
Edwards. He was educated in  
the Nash County Public  
Schools. He received an B.A.  
Degree from Shaw University  
and the Master of Divinity  
Degree from Shaw University  
School of Religion in Raleigh,  
North Carolina. He also stud-  
ied at Union Theological  
Seminary in New York and the  
Southeastern Baptist  
Seminary in Wake Forest,  
North Carolina. He was hon-  
ored in 1963 with a Doctor of  
Divinity Degree from Shaw  
University for his outstanding  
work as a clergyman and  
leader. In a special ceremony in  
2007, Dr. Edwards was inducted  
into The College of Ministries  
and Preachers at the Martin  
Luther King, Jr. International  
Chapel at Morehouse College  
in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1953, First Baptist  
Church decided to call  
Reverend Chancy Rudolph  
Edwards from the Spring

Garden Baptist Church in  
Washington, North Carolina  
where he had pastored for five  
years. He accepted the call and  
on Easter Sunday, he preached  
his first pastoral sermon. That  
sermon initiated the begin-  
ning of 50 years (1953 to 2003)  
of association in the life of  
First Baptist Church (37 years  
as Pastor and 27 years as  
Pastor Emeritus).

Dr. Edwards has held numer-  
ous denominational offices,  
including Director of Roanoke  
Institute, a unit of Shaw  
University's School of Religion  
in Elizabeth City, North  
Carolina; President of Shaw  
University Theological Alumni  
Association; President of the  
General Baptist State  
Convention, USA; Chairman of  
Shaw University's Board of  
Trustees; Member; Board of  
Trustees, Shaw Divinity  
School; Moderator of Union  
Baptist Association; Member of  
Executive Committee of the  
Baptist World  
Alliance; Member of the  
Sunday School Board of  
National Baptist Convention  
USA, Inc.; President and  
Interim Secretary-Treasurer,  
Lott Carey Baptist Foreign  
Missions Convention, USA.

South Carolina native earned  
her law degree from UNC-CH  
School of Law in 1979 and  
Master of Laws degree from  
Duke University School of Law  
in 2014.

In the early 1980's, Timmons-  
Goodson served as a prosecutor  
in Fayetteville and then a staff  
attorney for the Lumbee River  
Legal Services. In 1984, she  
became a District Court judge,  
serving four terms. In 1997,  
Judge Timmons-Goodson was  
appointed to the NC Court of  
Appeals, retiring in 2005.

In 2006, then Gov. Mike  
Easley appointed Timmons-  
Goodson to the NC Supreme  
Court to take the place of the  
retiring Justice Sarah Parker,  
becoming the first Black  
woman to ever serve. She was  
elected to continue on the high  
court in November 2006, step-  
ping down in December 2012 so  
that then Gov. Beverly Perdue  
could appoint State Court of  
Appeals Judge Cheri Beasley to  
the seat.

Justice Timmons-Goodson  
was appointed to the US  
Commission on Civil Rights by  
Pres. Barack Obama in 2014.

Before being appointed to the  
NC Supreme Court, Judge  
Beasley was elected to the State  
Court of Appeals in 2008,  
becoming the first African-  
American woman to win a  
Statewide office without being  
appointed first. She won a full  
eight-year term to the Supreme  
Court in 2014.

An alumna of Rutgers  
University and the University  
of Tennessee College of Law,  
Beasley was appointed as a  
Cumberland County District  
Court judge in 1999. She was  
elected twice again before her  
appointment to the Court of  
Appeals.

Finally, Justice Mike Morgan  
had been a judge for over 26  
years before being elected to the  
State Supreme Court. He served  
five years as a NC  
Administrative Law judge; ten  
years as a District Court judge;  
and had also served as a  
Superior Court judge since  
2005.

Morgan is an alumnus of  
Duke University, having earned  
his law degree from North  
Carolina Central University  
School of Law.

Pres. Barack Obama  
endorsed Judge Morgan for the  
State Supreme Court in 2016,  
saying, "Judge Morgan is a fair  
experienced judge who is more  
than qualified..."

His political and civic experi-  
ences include: Member and  
Chairman of Fayetteville City  
Schools Board of Education;  
elected to the General  
Assembly of North Carolina  
House of Representatives and  
North Carolina Senate;  
Member of the North Carolina  
Board of Education; Member  
of the University of North  
Carolina Board of Governors,  
Senior Advisor to former  
Governor Michael "Mike"  
Easley and a Life Member of  
the Fayetteville Branch of  
NAACP.

After 37 years as spiritual  
leader of First Baptist Church,  
Dr. Edwards retired on April 15,  
1990. On this date, he was pre-  
sented a resolution from the  
Church naming him President  
Emeritus and held the position  
for over 27 years.

Since his retirement, he has  
served as Interim Pastor of  
First Baptist Church, Clinton;  
First Baptist Church, Selma;  
Juniper Level Baptist Church,  
Faith Missionary Baptist  
Church, Wakefield Baptist  
Church, Malaby's Crossroads  
Baptist Church and Pleasant  
Grove Baptist Church, all in  
Wake County. He was a spiritu-  
al advisor to many churches

and many young ministers.  
Dr. Edwards was married in  
1947 to Luella Dickens  
Edwards, an educator, who pre-  
ceded him in death in 1995. To  
this union, one daughter, Jewyl  
Anita (Dunn) was born. She  
graduated from Shaw  
University and North Carolina  
Central University and is the  
mother of two children,  
Jewelyn Luan and Ohmar  
Chandell.

In 1997, he married Carolyn  
Jones Ferebee, an educator,  
who brought to the union one  
daughter, Jacqueline Gunter  
and a grandson, Joseph Gunter,  
III. Dr. Edwards and his wife,  
Carolyn resided in Knightdale.  
His travels have been numer-  
ous within the United States  
and many foreign countries,  
which includes: Canada,  
Jamaica, West Indies, Cuba,  
Europe, the Holy Land, Mexico,  
fled," Prof. Joyner says. "Those  
African Americans who have  
served on the Supreme Court  
made outstanding contribu-  
tions to the State's embracing of  
the "rule of law" and have ele-  
vated the North Carolina jus-  
tice system to heights which it  
has never attained before."

"It is now up to us to continue  
the aggressive fight for a more  
diverse and progressive court  
system at all levels," Joyner con-  
tinued. "We are in the middle of  
a heated battle right now to  
make our court system better  
responsive to the needs and  
aspirations of all North  
Carolina citizens. We need to  
organize our political power  
bases to resist those efforts  
which are designed to under-  
mine that progress, and we  
want to ensure that the court  
system continues to be a pro-  
gressive voice and moral  
authority which are needed so  
badly in this State."

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**74th ANNUAL NC NAACP STATE CONVENTION IN RALEIGH, Oct. 5-7**



[RALEIGH] The NC NAACP has announced that its 74th Annual Convention will be held at the Raleigh Con-

vention Center on the weekend of Oct. 5-7th. The theme for this year's convention is "For-ward Together, Not One Step Back: For Justice We NEVER Sound Retreat." This will also be Bishop Dr. William Barber's last state convention as president, which he has served as for the past 12 years. New officers for the civil rights organization will be elected

**FEDERAL COURT ALLOWS CHALLENGES TO 2016 NC CONGRESSIONAL MAPS TO PROCEED**

[RALEIGH] Despite the fact that the US Supreme Court isn't due to hear a Wisconsin case on the constitutionality on partisan redistricting until next year, a three-judge federal

panel in Raleigh ruled this week that challenges to North Carolina's 2016 congressional maps can proceed to trial before then. The panel rejected Republican arguments that the case should wait until the Wisconsin case is decided. The North Carolina trial, originally scheduled for next summer, was postponed awaiting this court's

**DURHAM BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTES TO BAN THE CONFEDERATE FLAG**

[DURHAM] In a unanimous 7-0 vote Monday, the Durham School Board decided to ban all symbols of the confederate flag, Ku Klux Klan or Nazis from its dress code on school campuses. The board also voted

to strip the name of white supremacist Julian Carr from the middle school building at the Durham School of the Arts. Carr, a former confederate soldier, bragged at the dedication of the Silent Sam statue on the campus of UNC at Chapel Hill of how he beat a black woman so bad, her arms were ripped to shreds. **COMPILED BY CASH**

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well. "Since the shelter opened early Sunday morning, I've seen throngs of survivors coming in, people who have barely the clothes on their backs, soak and wet, their belongings in their hands," Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas) said in a live CNN interview Tuesday. "But they're resilient, they have faith, they're looking for a future. And they believe that they're going to get help. That's an important message for those who now have nothing. We now have an obligation to commit to them that they will have a future and that the resources will come."

Lee said after conversations with rescue workers, volunteers and others in charge of the rescues, the key issue was to continue focusing on getting people to safety. She said she believed that there are "certain pockets in this community - including Beltway 8, Tidwell and Northside - where we need to continue to rescue people."

Lee and Congressman Al Green agreed that thousands of additional people could still be awaiting rescue at that time on Tuesday morning. Congresswoman Lee estimated that the damages and rebuilding after the Hurricane will surpass \$150 billion across Texas.

President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump flew into Corpus Christi and then to Austin on Tuesday. In Corpus Christi, they received a briefing from Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. The White House says the President did not fly closer to the worst disaster areas in Houston because he didn't want to distract from rescue efforts.

Gov. Abbott thanked Trump for the advance preparations that had been going on for 10 days, saying "Texas has been tested. But our response to this challenge has been made much more effective because of the very effective way that the" Trump Administration has responded.

"This was of epic proportion. No one has ever seen anything like this," Trump said in response to the governor's remarks. "We won't say congratulations. We don't want to do that. We'll congratulate each other when it's all finished."

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Administrator Brock Long referred to Hurricane Katrina, the disastrous Hurricane that killed nearly 2,000 people in New Orleans around the

same week in August in 2005. In that situation, thousands died mainly due to old levees that failed to hold back New Orleans' Lake Pontchartrain after the storm.

"This is not the Superdome," said Long, referring to the New Orleans stadium where thousands gathered after Katrina and waiting for days before FEMA responded. Then President George W. Bush was strongly criticized for flying over New Orleans in a helicopter.

Houston is the fourth largest city in the nation, making it difficult for first responders to know where all the people needed help. Word went out for those needing to be rescued to hang large towels from their window.

Searches for family, loved ones and associates and co-workers continued throughout the week. Many depended on media to get the word out about missing loved ones.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association blasted an alert to their editors and publishers showing one of their leading publishers, former NNPA Foundation Chairwoman Sonny Messiah-Jiles of the *Houston Defender*, being rescued by boat along with her family.

*Houston Forward Times* Publisher Karen Carter Richards, responded to an email from the Trice Edney News Wire saying she was thankful for "God's Amazing Grace!!!" She added, "My family and I are good. No water in our homes, we're safe and dry. My office got a little water but nothing major to even talk about. Keep praying!"

Many are praying because thousands of others are not as fortunate. At this writing, the death count was 24 people, but authorities expect that will rise as recovery efforts begin once the water has receded. The stories of heroism, struggles and tragedies are harrowing as the elderly, sick and families with children desperately seek safety. One family of six perished when the van they were in sank as they tried to flee the waters. A police officer was also killed when his car sank in flood waters on his way to work.

The NNPA statement from Chairwoman Dorothy Leavell and President/CEO Benjamin Chavis issued an "urgent national call for support for all people who are being impacted by the devastating flood waters."

The statement continued, "We have learned that one our NNPA member publishers, Sonny Messiah-Jiles, publisher of the *Houston Defender*, and her family were rescued yesterday by

boat from their home as a result of rising flood waters in Houston."

Francis Page, publisher of the *Houston Style* magazine had not yet been contacted.

Millions of appeals for prayers and assistance continue across the nation this week as the recovery will no doubt take years.

The NNPA statement said, "We are asking that all NNPA publishers across the nation keep all those affected by the flooding crisis in Texas in our concerned hearts and fervent prayers." Direct support for victims of Hurricane Harvey can be made through the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS.



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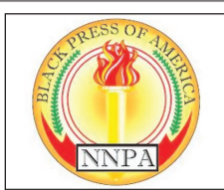
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## GUEST EDITORIAL OUR VOICE

### CASH IN THE APPLE

#### Our collective nervous breakdown

Defy anyone to prove to me that we, as a nation, are not going through a collective nervous breakdown right now. I mean we've got bad news after bad news just seemingly piling up every day on television or in the newspapers.

Don't get me wrong - we've been through this before with the civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, and yes, even the Watergate scandal. And after each one, for better or for worse, our nation has come out a bit different than before the experience.



Cash Michaels

But what we're going through right now is definitely, and literally, shaking us to our core.

There can be little doubt that all of us are still recovering (if you want to call it that) from the tumultuous 2016 presidential election, and the highly unlikely emergence of Donald Trump as the Republican nominee. The fact that such a crass, greedy pig of a man would even be seriously considered by a major party for the highest office in the world still sends chills down my spine. And yet, controversy after controversy failed to derail this heathen from the race.

To add insult to injury, while the Republican Party found itself literally being manhandled by the Trump force, the Democratic Party was being divided by a definitive split caused by the candidacy of outsider and insurgent Sen. Bernie Sanders challenging party standard bearer Hillary Clinton. Yes, Hillary had plenty of baggage, and lots she had to answer for, the least of which was explaining her private email server in her home for official business while serving as secretary of State. And then, of course, big money she accepted as speaking fees from well-heeled Wall Street interests.

So both major political parties were having heart attacks, and the nation was faced with some difficult, scandal-a-day choices leading right into the November 2016 elections, where the shock really came - Trump won!

To say that everyone with any sense was speechless is an understatement. It seemed certain that Hillary had the election sewn up...until the results began coming in, and she stalled. All of a sudden, we were all left with figuring out just how bad a Trump presidency could possibly be, based on what we knew of his past history of both personal and professional disasters.

When January 20th, 2017, we immediately found out, as Trump gave a red meat inauguration speech, sending a clear message that the days of solid, reasoned leadership by outgoing Pres. Barack Obama were definitely over.

It wasn't long before we got bald-faced lies, and more lies from the White House about literally everything, and the premature pronouncements about the death of Obamacare and how a Republican-led Congress, along with this "take-no-prisoners" new Republican president, were going to radically change America "forever."

There were court fights over Trump's Muslim-ban; stunning revelations that Russia had tried to influence the US presidential elections, with growing evidence that it was in concert with the Trump campaign; the firing of FBI Director James Comey and resulting controversy of allegations that Trump was attempting to shut down the FBI investigation into his campaign; accused former Pres. Obama of illegally wiretapping him before he was elected; hiring a paid agent for a foreign government to be his national security advisor, only to fire him for lying to Vice President Pence....and the list of Trump outrages continued into this week with a frightening war of words with North Korea, the fatal tragedy in Charlottesville, Trump rhetorically patting white supremacists on the back as "fine people," and the list goes on and on.

And now we have a monster hurricane which has devastated parts of Texas, and North Korea has indeed fired a missile that has landed in the sea of Japan.

How much more can we take? It seems as if we're all at each other's throats, and that things are getting worse, not better. More importantly, there seems to be no moral leadership we can point to. Even leaders of the church seem to be in our crooked president's back pocket.

Yes, we are having a collective nervous breakdown, and it seems to be getting worse every day.

And yet, we've been here before, and we've come out of it stronger and wiser.

We can only hope and pray to GOD that that is exactly what will happen after this trying experience.

The only question left is...when?

Cash Michaels is a journalist and reporter for *The Wilmington Journal*, *Winston-Salem Chronicle*, and *Carolina (Greensboro) Peacemaker*. He is also a member of *The Wilmington Journal's* editorial board.

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## Matters of Opinion

### CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

#### On statues and dignity

There have been a fair number of complaints about the furor over Confederate statues being scrutinized and taken down; a common response, coming from the White House and others, is that removing the statues is tantamount to removing a valuable piece of American heritage. Coupled with that is the question which bespeaks of the lack of understanding about what is going on. "Should we remove the statues of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, too? They both owned slaves. Where does it stop?"



Rev. Susan K. Smith

It is hard to believe that anyone could be so clueless about the difference between the Confederate statues and statues of America's founding fathers. While it is true that 18 of our presidents owned slaves, the jab African Americans feel in looking at statues of Confederate heroes is that they fought against the United States. They committed treason, and they did it because they wanted to preserve slavery.

How anyone could not understand that is troubling. Yes, it is troubling as well that 18 presidents owned slaves. It is troubling that many of these statues were erected long after the Civil War as signs of a belief in white supremacy and an anger against federal laws that gave African Americans more rights. Some of them, like a plaque in Montgomery, Alabama which is present at the bus stop where Rosa Parks boarded the bus she ultimately refused to leave, seem like a slap in the face.

It is troubling that many of them were racist; Thomas Jefferson, Woodrow Wilson, Andrew Johnson, Ronald Reagan and Calvin Coolidge are a few who come to mind. It is troubling that under the leadership of openly racist presidents, the fight for human and civil rights on the part of African Americans was all the more difficult. There was no comfort, no hope of help from the man in the White House with the presidents who could not escape the grip of white supremacy and its child, racism. In their own way, they fought to preserve the "Union," though their idea of what the Union should be often did not include black people as equal citizens under the law.

Yes, many white people have relatives who lost their lives to save the Confederacy; they fought against the United States of America. Fighting against one's country is treason, sure and plain. And it cannot be forgotten that many of these statues were erected long after the Civil War as signs of a belief in white supremacy and an anger against federal laws that gave African Americans more rights. Some of them, like a plaque in Montgomery, Alabama which is present at the bus stop where Rosa Parks boarded the bus she ultimately refused to leave, seem like a slap in the face.

In other words, these statues are monuments of resistance, not monuments of honor for fallen ancestors. These statues were erected as a sign to let black people know that the spirit of the Confederacy would never be eliminated or erased, that in spite of the Union having won the Civil War that the spirit of the Confederacy and what it stood for would not be forgotten.

I asked a few friends of mine if there are statues of Hitler in Germany. There are none, they said. A statue of Hitler anywhere in Germany would say to children and relatives of Jews who lost their lives in the Holocaust that Germany does not care about what happen to their predecessors. It would say that Germany honors a demagogue, and Germany has not and will not do that.

America has no such feeling of wrongdoing on the part of those who owned slaves and who fought against their own country to preserve the "peculiar institution." Too many Americans have an attitude about racism that is arrogant at its core: It happened and anyone who has suffered because of it or the ripples it continues to produce should get over it.

It's not that easy, any more than it is for Native Americans to look at statues of white men who participat-

ed in the desecration of their land and their lives.

Removing these statues is not about the statues, per se; it is about removing the reminders, the "in-your-face" reminders that those who supported and believed in white supremacy did not care about the pain slavery caused a huge swath of American citizens who were African American. They are not American heroes; they are Confederate heroes and as such, perhaps should be placed in a Confederate museum where those who love white supremacy and who yearn for a white America can experience their nostalgia in a place and in a way which will not offend people who actually fought for this country and who survived the vestiges of a war which was fought in order to keep people bound.

Maybe some day someone who has his or her ears plugged to the explanations of what is going on and why will hear and understand. But until then, it's a good thing that those who love what the Confederacy was and what it stood for may be able to celebrate their heritage in peace, away from those they so totally offend.

Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is available for lectures and workshops on the failure of the Bible and the Constitution to end slavery. You can reach her at [reusuekim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reusuekim@sbcglobal.net).

## The Comedy of Tragedy

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

I don't often write about comedians, but the recent passing of my friend Dick Gregory reminded me of the very important role that comedians play in our lives. Not that Gregory was simply a comedian. He was so much more than that - a civil rights activist, leader, amazing speaker, holistic health practitioner, and so much more. It was in thinking of him that I picked up the book, *Rabbit: The*



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Autobiography of Ms. Pat a hot, relatively new comedian who uses her dysfunctional early life as fodder for her comedy.

Ms. Pat, also known as Patricia Williams says that her daughter frequently threatens to put her in an old folk home, but she says that's because her daughter is only 13 years younger than she is, they will be in the old folks home together. Funny? Maybe. Tragic? For sure. After all, Ms. Williams had her first child by a married man 8 years her senior when she was 13 years old. By 15, she had two children, a daughter and son, by the married man who was a habitual cheat.

While her story is not typical, it is also not unusual. And it would be the foundation for

some sociologist's (consider the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan) tale of pathology in the African American community. Ms. Pat's story bears retelling, not because of its pathology, but because she has been able to find the humor in it. Her book tells her story so effectively that you don't know whether to laugh, cry, scream, or shake her. It's a redemptive story of a woman who, by 20, had been to jail for drug-dealing (but not for using), had held jobs as a waitress, factory worker, gas station worker, and then moved up to a house near a pond in an Indianapolis suburb, earning her living as a comedian. (They don't check your background for doing standup, she says).

While I haven't had a chance to catch Ms. Pat's comedy act, my half-hour conversation with her makes me certain that it's a hoot, just like her book. She tells her story, and she tells it raw, with expletives undeleted. Her first twelve years of life will break your heart. She spent her earliest years growing up in her grandfather's "liquor house", but when her grandfather was incarcerated for killing a woman, she began living a near-nomadic life with her mother and her siblings. Moving every few months, her belongings in garbage bags, she endured hunger at home, ridicule at school, and but for a couple of dedicated and giving teachers, a rather lonely life.

She got into selling drugs because her baby's daddy sold them and got busted. At 15, she felt she had no other way to

support her two children. For a time she lived large, but says she "grew up some" when she went to jail, and had time to think about the direction of her life. Jail didn't stop her from dealing - she kept it up until well after she met her current husband. While she was committed to stop selling drugs, she couldn't find work, until one of her social workers remarked that she'd make a great comedian. Why? Because things that other people find tragic are funny to me. "When my sister-in-law died in the middle of an Atlanta Falcons game, I burst into tears", she tells me. "I don't know if I was crying because she died or because she never got to see the Falcons finish losing that game."

Ms. Pat says she stays out of politics and "tries to stay neutral". Still, she manages to make a few pithy, funny political comments. She likens Confederate flag wavers to Cleveland Browns fans. "They are used to losing. They are serious about their losing team." She won't say much about the current occupant of the White House ("look, I want to sell books"), but she does note that he has caused "regular black folks to start reading the paper. I never used to read the New York Times, but I have to keep up with him." And, she notes that her family Christmas cruise was cancelled, thanks to the 2016 election, "I was not getting on a boat with that fool in office."

While Ms. Pat avoids political talk, her story can have an

impact on public policy. How do young mothers support their kids if they are too young for a work permit? How can ex-offenders support themselves if they can't find work because of their criminal record? Why are there so many resources now available for opiate addicts, when so few were available for those who were addicted to crack cocaine?

When Ms. Pat was a kid, she said "nobody told me they loved me, so now I love everybody". The woman has a heart of gold, having raised her sister's kids for more than 10 years, and now, with her own children (she has two sets - her 31 and 30 year old "Medicaid kids" and the 17 and 19 year old children with her current husband, her "Blue Cross kids") headed to college, she is raising the four young children of a niece who has "disappeared". While the situation may be tragic for the children and for the niece, it is fodder for more comedy for Ms. Pat. Some have called her "the black Roseanne" since she has an upcoming sitcom (produced by Lee Daniels). I say just call her funny, poignant, and blunt Ms. Pat. She, like Dick Gregory, uses comedy to blunt the outrage of tragedy.

Julianne Malveaux is an economist, author, and Founder of Economic Education. Her podcast, "It's Personal with Dr. J" is available on iTunes. Her latest book "Are We Better Off: Race, Obama and public policy is available via amazon.com."



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## New Hanover County

**Lower Cape Fear Hospice** will offer a no cost six-week grief program, Living with Grief: Growth and Education for Adults Coping with Grief. It will be Wednesdays, Sept. 6-Oct. 11 from 3:00-5:00 pm, at Phillips LifeCare & Counseling Center, 1414 Physicians Drive in Wilmington. Pre-registration is required, call 796-7991.

## Community Briefs

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**The Williston Class of 1960** will meet on Saturday- September 9, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. at the Northeast Library located at 1241 Military Cutoff Road. Azalea Room entrance located on Military Cutoff Road side of the building.

The Williston Class of 1960 will have a Family & Friends Day on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 2 - 6 p.m.. For more information you may call 910-251-1530 or 910-675-0439.

**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.

## Brunswick County

**The Town of Sandyfield** will hold its 20th Annual Parade and Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 11:00 am. The parade line up will begin at 10:00 am at the intersection of Hoover Road and Bowen-Blanks Drive. The Fun Day will continue at Sandyfield Town Park located at 1811 Woodyard Road, Riegelwood. There will be food, games, bounce houses, water slides, vendors, and more. Please contact the Town of Sandyfield for additional information, (910) 655-9877.

## Pender County

**Rocky Point Harvest Festival Pageant** will be held on Saturday, August 26th. Participants are needed in all categories between the ages of 6 and above. For more information contact Felecia McIntyre at 910-233-3430 or 910-615-2609. The Harvest Festival and Parade will be held on Saturday, September 9th. Please call 910-615-0170 for information.

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**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12 FOR A PROPOSAL TO REMOVE MARKED PARKING SPACES ON U.S. 76 (OLEANDER DRIVE) BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND MIMOSA PLACE AND INSTALL A CENTER LANE IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

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The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding a proposal to remove marked parking spaces on U.S. 76 (Oleander Drive) between Independence Boulevard and Mimosa Place and install a center left turn lane in New Hanover County.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 12, at First Christian Church** located at **2035 Oleander Drive in Wilmington from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours as there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing. All written comments and questions need to be submitted no later than Monday, September 26.

The purpose of this project is to improve the safety along Oleander Drive by removing marked parking spaces on U.S. 76 (Oleander Drive) between Independence Boulevard and Mimosa Place and install a center left turn lane in New Hanover County.

For Additional Information prior to the meeting, please contact Alan Pytcher, Division Planning Engineer, at 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne, NC 28540 or by e-mail: [apytcher@ncdot.gov](mailto:apytcher@ncdot.gov), or by calling (910) 341-2000.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>. NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, NCDOT Environmental Analysis Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone (919) 707-6069 or by e-mail at [magallagher@ncdot.gov](mailto:magallagher@ncdot.gov) as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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August 24, 31, September 7, 2017

## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## A month to remember

**A** total eclipse of the moon passed between the sun and earth on Monday, August 21, 2017. We have information from Oregon to South Carolina experienced more than two minutes when the sun was blocked totally by the moon. Half the nation was able to see the eclipse. One had to follow the safety rules to look at the eclipse. It was very important to know all the safety rules especially for young children.



Verniece Stanley

On Monday, August 21, 2017, thousands of people headed to South Carolina, where they could see the total solar eclipse.

The weather service was predicting a 40% chance of showers that day. When we speak of South Carolina, somehow, automatically think of the merciless killing of nine Black Americans in their church in Charleston, South Carolina. How the nine church members were killed by a young White man is still unbelievable. To this, day he is still in prison but, no doubt, could have watched the eclipse. However, it was different for the nine church members. They could not watch, nor will they ever watch another.

The solar eclipse was one time when the Democrats and Republicans did agree. This was a rare event and that may not ever happen again.

Hate groups in North Carolina and other states are increasing, and the hatred affects all of us. Not only that,

but it will affect our younger generations for years to come if we do not come together and eliminate it. There are many other adverse factors about our society that come to mind. Among them is the growing need for the assistance for the poor, ill, and the aged. Think of the poor hard working father or mother who is trying to support his or her family but doesn't have sufficient health insurance. All the while, leaders of this country can spend million of dollars on social affairs with family and friends. I can remember saying, "There will always be poor people living in the world, but we can help them." Another statement is, "We fail to help them enough." I have seen homeless people walking the streets, asking for help. We may feel more comfortable and be willing to give them food because we may

believe they'll use the money in other ways. One way or another, it is up to us to help one another whenever we can and however we can, and the need seems to be endless.

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Eleanor M. Waddell  
Stepping into 65

ELEANOR WADDELL WITH SON RODNEY WADDELL

SPECIAL TO  
THE WILMINGTON  
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On July 29, 2017, Eleanor M. Waddell was given an "All White" birthday party celebration by her son Rodney L. Waddell. The party was held at The Terrace on Sir Tyler in Wilmington, NC and the MC was Sandra McClammy.

Eleanor is the daughter of the late Richard and Vivian Waddell, Jr.; sister of Patricia

A. Waddell (Robert Garrison), Carolyn W. Mack, Richard B. Waddell, III and Gwendolyn W. Burrell (Gary).

She entered the room with an elegant white dress and beautiful burgundy shoes. The "all white" party started with Greetings and The Occasion by her son, Rodney; solo by Barry Smith, accompanied by Mychal Robinson and prayer and grace by Deacon LeRon T. Montgomery. Remarks by family and friends followed: her son, Rodney Waddell; grandson, Cpl. Rodja Flippin; siblings, Atty. Gwendolyn Waddell-Burrell and Carolyn Waddell-Mack; niece: Jillian N. Waddell, nephews: Reginald E.



Eleanor Waddell and Geraldine Pollock  
The Majorettes of  
Williston Senior High

Waddell and Jordan C. Waddell; Mrs. Marvis W. McCrimmon and Bro. Kojo Nantambu. The first entertainment was by Elijah's Finest Band, giving some really good old school music: keyboard - Elijah Boney, bass guitar - Dino Edge and drums, Albert Gaines, Sr. Next, a very special presentation was given by the birthday girl Eleanor and her friend and classmate, Geraldine Weeks Pollock; they went back about 50 years ago when they marched and twirled their batons, dressed in their uniforms as majorettes of Williston Sr High School Band. Eleanor and Jeri were the last two sophomore majorettes of Williston before its closing in 1968. The crowd roared, and stood, yelling. It bought back good memories. This was truly the highlight of this event.

The delicious food was prepared by CM and Middle of the Island Catering. Over 300 family and friends came from far and near to celebrate Eleanor's 65th birthday. Music was provided by long-time family friend, Sandra McClammy "Sandra The Mid-Day Miss" of Coast 97.3; Eleanor's cousin, Diana Johnson made a beautiful stacked 65th birthday cake, "Ski" with Ice Sensation/Ice Sculpture, and photos and video were by Milton Redd/Redd's Photo & Video. The party was enjoyed by all and the family wishes Eleanor many, many more birthdays to come. Eleanor and her family would like to thank everyone who attended, participated, and for all the gifts received. Very special thanks to: Jean Brinson, Cassandra Dawson, Jeri Weeks Pollock, Frankie Pollock, Jr., Monique Pollock, Thurman "TD" Hollins (cousin), Angie Henry, Jessie McKoy, Helen Sanders, Ethel Chapman, Michelle Brooks, Marilyn Troy, Wendy Lofton, Jalene Alease, and Jacqueline Dailey "Misa". You all were appreciated!

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David "Skeet" Jones

David "Skeet" Jones was born on March 9, 1945 in Wilmington, NC to the parentage of William H. and Alma Jones.

David was joined in holy matrimony to Mamie Williams and in 1978, they relocated from Montecello, NY to Florida.

He had a passion for horses and was employed as a groomer for several harness race tracks. He also worked for Roundtree Retread Tires.

David attended worship service on several occasions with his wife and enjoyed life to the fullest.

He was a kind and gentle person who loved spending time with family and friends and always had a smile on his face and a joke on his lips.

In 2016, David's health began to decline and on August 17, 2017, after a courageous battle, David transitioned from this life to a place of rest.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, William Jones, Jr. and Robert Jones; and sister, Gloria Mae Jones.

Those left to cherish David's memories: a loving devoted wife, Mamie; daughters, Pamela (Clifford) Davis, Audrey (Charlie) Carter and Quinetta Valree; sons, David Jr., (Lanette) Jones, Jerome Jones, Terrance Dixon, D'Anthony Williams, Ronald Williams and David Demetrius Jones; sister, Quessie Jones; brother, Billy Jones; sisters-in-law, Patty McBean and Diana Moss; brothers-in-law, Joe McKenzie and Darryl McKenzie; godson, Floyd "Jack" Julien and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other sorrowing relatives and friends. *Professional services entrusted to L.C. Poiter Funeral Home, Pompano Beach, FL.*

**James H. Allen**

James Henry Allen, age 63, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, August 13, 2017. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in John Chapel Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Rosa Lee Allen Taylor; three brothers, Reginald Allen, Michael Taylor (Melissa) and Rodney Taylor (Trina); two sisters, Linda Taylor Hatfield (Bernard

and Starr Taylor; one niece, Tisha Parker; five nephews, Gregory, Anthony, Tyrod, Taylor and Remar Taylor; three aunts, Katie Allen McQueen, Carolyn Allen Hill and Susie Allen Mason (Steve) and a very special first cousin and friend, Ricky Allen. *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.*

**Kenneth A. Daniels**

Kenneth A. Daniels, age 64, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Kenny as he was affectionately called was reared in Wilmington, NC and educated in the New Hanover County School System. His early Christian experience was at New Covenant Holy Church. Kenny was employed at Horton Iron and Metal until his health failed. Kenny was known as the man with the beautiful garden on Wooster Street. He had a great love for fishing and enjoyed watching western movies. His great love for reading is what made him such a great handy man. Kenny's best little friend was his great-nephew, Andrew Leonard. Kenny was a great provider and protector with a big heart. Proverbs 17:6 reminds us that "the glory of the children are their fathers". Kenny was a loving father and an avid family man and his memory will forever be engraved in our hearts.

Kenny leaves to cherish his precious memories: his children, Kenneth Johnson and Shamekia Pollock; one brother, Micheal Daniels (Cathy); four sisters, Eartha Stocks (Daniel), Wanzell McFadden (Leroy), June Daniels and Robin Daniels; five grandchildren, Daquesha, Kalesha, Ronald (TJ), Karalynn and Destiny; two great-grandchildren; an aunt, Doris Lee (Mack) and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Mary "Sandy" Nixon**

Mary Cassandra "Sandy" Nixon, age 60, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2017. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. *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.*

**Janie L. Monroe**

Janie Louise Monroe, age 77, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Arrangements are pending and will be announced. *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.*

**Andrew Jermaine Roland**

Andrew Jermaine Roland peacefully departed this life, Sunday, August 6, 2017. Son of the late Jackie and James Abraham Roland, Jermaine was born August 2, 1975 in Wilmington, NC. Funeral service were held Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Known to his friends as "Skats", he was known for his easy going, kind and loving spirit. Jermaine loved his family, especially his children.

He leaves to cherish his memory two loving sons, Andrew Jermaine Roland and Taveon Roland; one daughter, Asani Roland; five brothers, Supt. Ronald Roland, Sr. (Eva), James Roland, Alvin Roland (Kathy) Wendell Roland, all of Wilmington, NC and Larry Mitchell of St. Petersburg, FL; four sisters, Debbie Hutchins (James), Jackie Roland, Sheila White, Betty Henry (Rev. Ronald); one god-sister; Tammy Montgomery, all of Wilmington, NC; one aunt, Ruby Gaymon; three uncles, Wilbert Jones, Johnny Jones and Deacon Thomas Jones, all of Wilmington, NC; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Paul L. Drakeford, Sr.**

Paul L. Drakeford, Sr., departed this life August 11, 2017. Paul was born January 11, 1941 in Wilmington, NC to the late Laura Collins. His funeral service was held Thursday, August 17, 2017 at St. Andrews AME Zion Church.

Paul leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Pamela Drakeford and LaRhea Keaton; sons, Paul Drakeford, Jr. and Michael Drakeford, Sr. (Sedra); grandchildren, Lashonda Richardson (Darrick), Michael Drakeford, Jr., Kristen Powell, Desirea Davis, Farkeisha Davis, Sidney Davis, Davontea Davenport, Alleon'na Burns, Keymonty Davis, D'LaTya Byrd; great grandchildren Winston, Wyatt, Alazay, LaMonte, Quan Sha, Nevaeh, Zechariah and Zaydan. Also he leaves his lovely girlfriend, Bernadette White; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Umar Orkeem Johnson**

Umar Orkeem Johnson

departed this life August 4, 2017. His funeral service was held Friday, August 18, 2017 at St. Andrew AME Zion Church.

Oozie was born on the blessed day of September 7, 1980 to the late James Wilson Garris and Audrey Johnson. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bessie and Willie Teachey and father, James Wilson Garris. Oozie was educated in the New Hanover County Schools, graduating in the Class of 1998.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his loving mother, Audrey Johnson; special guardian, Gladys Nelson, both of Philadelphia, PA; grandmother, Queen Esther Lucas of Wilmington, NC; three wonderful children, Jahir Johnson, Zion Johnson and Nevaeh Johnson, all of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers, Yameogo Galloway of Wilmington, NC and Johmar Galloway of Charlotte, NC; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Willie A. DeVane**

Willie A. DeVane called our beloved family member into eternal rest. Mrs. Willie Audrey Stafford DeVane, at the beautiful age of 98, closed her book and slipped away peacefully on Monday, August 14, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Her funeral service was held Friday, August 18, 2017 at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church.

Willie Audrey was born March 31, 1919 to the late Henry W. Stafford and Etta Faison Stafford Jenkins in New Hanover County, NC. Willie was the oldest of three children. Her two sisters, Etta Bennett and Mazie Rogers Sidberry preceded her in death. Willie was a faithful member of Price Cathedral

AME Zion Church where she served as an usher until her health began to decline. Willie devoted much of her efforts in life to taking care of others. Professionally, she worked over twenty years as a domestic housekeeper for the Moore family. She later became a certified nursing assistant.

Mrs. Willie met and married George M. DeVane, Sr. on June 4, 1939. From this glorious union ten children were nurtured and raised. She was affectionately called, Momma, Ma Willie, Miss Willie, Grandma Willie, Willie or Mrs. DeVane. Willie stood strong and faced the challenges of each day.

She leaves a legacy of memories to her children: Geraldine Rollinson, George DeVane, Jr. (Marie), Eugene DeVane (Barbara), Elaine Phillips, Ronald DeVane, Willie L. DeVane, Chester DeVane (Sharon), Bobby DeVane (Chanel), Adrian Edgerton, and Deborah DeVane; thirty grandchildren; sixty great-grandchildren; thirty-three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

**Forrest Ray Spicer**

Forrest Ray Spicer was born April 6, 1946 in Wilmington, NC to two loving parents, Agnes Wiggins Spicer and the late French Spicer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rachel Spicer. He died August 11, 2017. His funeral service was Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

*He was educated in the New Hanover County Schools. At an*

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**Mr. Abraham Crummy**  
Husband, Father,  
Grandfather, Great  
Grandfather  
January 11, 1929-  
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You lived your life one day at a time.

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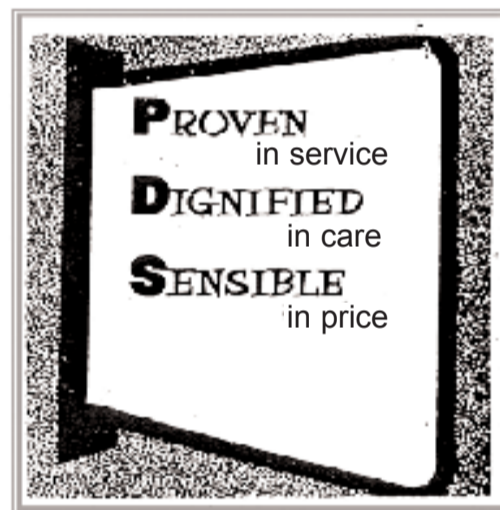
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## New Hanover County

**First Baptist Missionary Church**, 520 North Fifth Avenue, Wilmington, NC, will hold their Fall Revival on Wednesday, September 20 through Friday, September 22, 2017.



## Religious Briefs

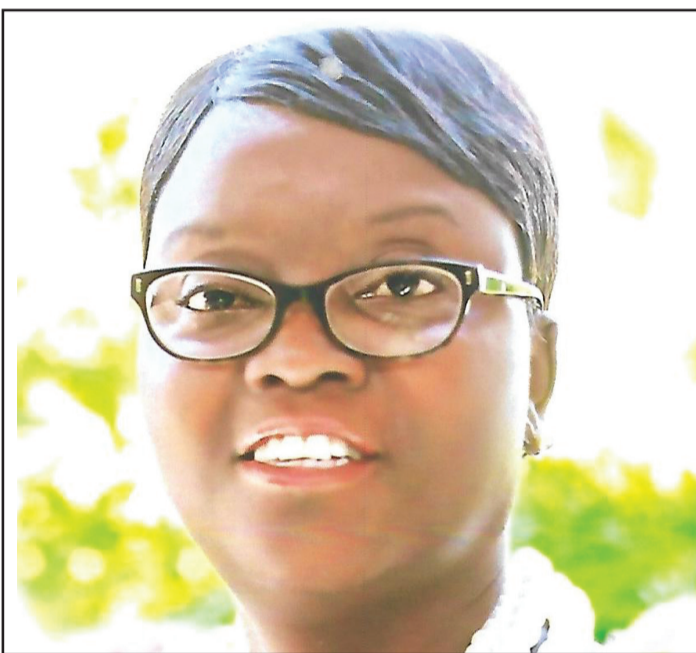
## Bladen County

The North Carolina Theological Seminary of Bladen County open house is Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 p.m. The seminary is located at Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church; 4047 NC 242 Highway South; Elizabethtown NC. Contact numbers for additional information are 910-990-1892 or 910-872-4726.

**Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church** Laymen League will be sponsoring their 2017 men's conference Wednesday, September 13, 2017 through Sunday, September 17, 2017. Theme: "Empowering Men to Reach Men". The highlight of the five-day conference is the men's health seminar.

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## St. Mark's Episcopal Church-Women to hold annual Women's Day Service



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**SABRINA HILL-BLACK**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church-Women 600 Grace Street will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, September 17, 2017 during 11:00 am Eucharist with Ms. Sabrina Hill-Black guest speaker.

Ms. Black is a native of Wilmington, NC and is the only child born to the late Samuel D. Hill and Myrtle Hill. She is the mother of one son, Vincent. She enjoys working with and for youth and is currently the Principal of D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy in Wilmington, NC.

After graduated from New Hanover High school, Sabrina received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from North Carolina Central University and enjoyed teaching and mentoring middle school students at Roland Grise, Williston, and D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy. She has also taught in the adult high school program at Cape Fear Community College During her tenure at D.C. Virgo she

was named the New Hanover County Teacher of the Year. After much consideration, she eventually pursued a Master degree in Executive Leadership for School Administration from Gardner-Webb University

Sabrina is the current President of the Cape Fear Area Alumni Association of North Carolina Central University, a former Ruling Elder at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church, USA (where she has been a member since birth), and is former member of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Watson School of Education Advisory Board. In her spare time, Sabrina enjoys baking, spending time with her family, reading and helping to bless others.

Please join St. Mark's on September 17, 2017 as they celebrate Women's Day. A reception will be held in Jackson Hall.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Fear Not!"

"For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." II Timothy 1:7

Fear: Unpleasant, often strong emotion caused by expectation or awareness of danger; Anxious concern

**C**hristian Believers live victorious lives when walking by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the proving of things not seen. Hebrews 11:6 says, "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." Because we want to please God, we are willing to walk by faith and to live by faith, as he asks us to do in His word. Faith allows us to lay hold to the promises of God and to receive many blessings from above. This is why we should, Fear Not!

Fear is the opposite of faith.

Fear cancels faith and causes one to make many mistakes in judgement. Fear promotes anxiety, which leads to a rush to judgement and rash decisions. I John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Fear breeds anger, hatred, paranoia, and suspicion. Fear will not allow you to walk in love towards your brother or sister. Fear magnifies differences and minimizes commonalities. Fear separates and divides families, and communities racially, socially, and economically. On the other hand, Faith brings us together for the common good and with a common goal and purpose. This is why we should, Fear Not! God has not given us a spirit of fear for that very reason. God wants his children to get along and to live in peace and harmony. Fear will not allow people to dwell together in unity because fear is not of God. As a church, we cannot be fear based and faith based at the same time. We are either walking by faith or living in fear.

Fear based politics is very prevalent today. When candi-

dates contend for office, by seeking to frighten people of their opponent, that campaign is fear based! The campaign run by fear seeks to separate and isolate voters with biased logic, that hurts more than it helps. Instead of focusing on the candidate's actual ability, experience, conduct, character or potential... They use dirt as a distraction to cloud the real issues, muddy the waters, and to confuse the voters as to who is the better candidate. Fear based voting can cause people to lose sight of God, and see the need to do God's will without waiting on the Lord. Fear based politics use extreme negativity to gain votes. Fear based politics is bad for the community, nation and the world. When people use fear to get in office, they will use fear to stay in office. Christian voters should vote their faith according to the facts and not their fears. This is why we should Fear Not!

Faith based politics, based on the fear of the Lord, can be used in a positive way to impact our communities. Faith in God and his word shows, a level of humility affecting conduct and character, that is needed for those who hold

office in our local, state and federal government. Fact and faith can work together, and produce great results for the common good and to the glory of God. That is, if we, "Fear Not!"

Prayer: Father, teach us to walk in faith, and not give way to the spirit of fear. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

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!

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Union Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

He was educated in the New Hanover County Schools. At an early age, he joined Hanks Chapel AME Church. February 8, 1967, he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he received a Vietnam Service Medal and a Combat Badge Award for his service in the Vietnam War. March 3, 1970, he started his career as a United Postal Service Package Car driver and worked for over 20 years in New York City. In 2012, he decided to come off the road and work in the Plant Engineering Department as a Porter.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his children, Myron Jones and April Spicer of Charlotte, NC and Markivious Spicer of Wilmington, NC; two grandchildren, Noah and Bryson; four sisters, Ellen Shaw, Carolyn Thompkins (Eddie), Christine White (Johnnie), Penelope Sidbury (Tim); six brothers, Wallace Spicer (Martha), James Spicer (Joyce), Terry Spicer (Linda), Jerod Spicer, Jerome Spicer (Belinda), Stacey Spicer (Terry); a special friend, Jean Cureton; a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Willie L. Coley, Sr.

Willie L. Coley, Sr., was born April 12, 1952 in Atkinson, NC to the late Frank and Letha Coley. He was educated in the Pender County Schools and later became a brick mason. His favorite past time was riding his motorcycle.

He left this earthly life August 13, 2017. His funeral service was Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Mt. Zion AME Church. William is survived by his loving wife, Mary Coley; daughters, Sherry Coley Hagan (James), Chandra Murphy (James), Iesha Coley, Tishala Foster (Reed), Tiquandra Robinson, Tiqualla Robinson, and Tysheia Robinson; sons, William L. Coley, Jr. (Shonalisa), William Coley, and Leet Hamlet; four sisters, Delores Ennis (Odell), Estell Coley, Barbara Blow, and Evelyn Martin; one brother, Frank Coley (Ann); sisters-in-law, Betty Robinson (Ronald), Gloria Robinson, Patricia Robinson, Vernell Robinson, and Francine Robinson; two brothers-in-law, Jackie Robinson and Leon Brown (Patricia); mother-in-law, Mrs. Virginia Robinson; 31 grandchildren, including a special grandson, William J. Coley; 14 great-grandchildren; special niece, Sechia Rowell; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including Frezell Lewis, Warren Evans and Donell Devane. A Service of

John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Lorie Rose White

Lorie Rose White was born January 24, 1965 in Southport, NC to Henry and Barbara Rose. She departed this life courageously on August 15, 2017. Her celebration of life was held Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Southport Baptist Church.

Lorie attended South Brunswick High School, graduating in the Class of 1983. She continued her education at Mt. Olive University. Lorie was employed by Employers ILA North Carolina Ports Area Pension & Welfare until she retired. Lorie's faith never wavered.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, Dwayne White and her parents, Henry and Barbara Rose; Lorie was a loving mom, blessed with two beautiful children Jeremy Rose and Terri Sidberry; one stepson, Awntonio White; she will be forever by remembered by her sisters, Cheryl Newsome (Kevin), Pamela Hill (Thaddeus), and Faye Costigan (Robert); father-in-law, David White (Beatrice); brother-in-law, David White, Jr. (Catherine); her aunts, Ora Thompson (Ronald), Alene Daley, Isadora Swain, Rose Walker (Melvin), Letha Sidbury, Marjorie Clemmons, Margaret Smith, Louise Davis (Fredrick), Solomon Williams (Beatrice), Mattie Williams and Sadie Evans; her uncles, Paul Clemmons, Andrew Clemmons (Brenda); and a great uncle, Dillard McCoy; many nieces, nephews, Godchildren, especially her God granddaughter Zoey Evans; other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Marcus Jevone James "O.Z."

Marcus Jevone James "O.Z." was born June 10, 1974 to Daphine V. James and the late Zeader Barnes II in Wilmington, NC. He departed this life August 14, 2017. The funeral service was held Monday, August 21, 2017 at Faith Temple COGIC. Marcus was a very loving, family oriented man who enjoyed spending time in the outdoors hunting, fishing, and camping with his younger cousins and close friends. He joined Faith Temple COGIC at the tender age of 4, where he was a member of the Sunshine Band and on the youth choir. Marcus received his formal education in the New Hanover County Public Schools where he played football and was a State Champion track star. He attended Pennsylvania College of Technology. Marcus was employed as a teen at McDonald's. Marcus was a construction worker in the Wilmington Area.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his loving mother,

Daphine V. James; a grandmother, Josie James; seven aunts, Audrey James, Marietta (James) Wilson, Lisa James, Kathy James and Karen (Azeral) James Fennell, all of Wilmington, NC, Angela James of Asheville, NC and Sonya (Joshua) Ajayi of Miami, FL; nine uncles, Zackery (Yvonne) James, Emmanuel James, Jr., Roderick (Shirlene) James, Marcellus James, Kenny James, Curtis Smith, Larry Fuller and Cory Fuller; all of Wilmington, NC and Terry (Felicia) James of Burgaw, NC; and a host of younger nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved; a godmother, Jean (Les) Brinson of Leland, NC; two special friends, LaTonya Williams of Wilmington, NC and Taynesha Wilson of Williamsport, PA; two best friends he loved as brothers, Irin (Boo) Green and Damon Jones; many other friends and loved ones. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Hazel M. Allen

Hazel M. Allen was born May 10, 1926 to the late Ed Griffin and Hester Walker. She departed this life August 15, 2017 at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center. Funeral Service was held Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw, Jr. Memorial Chapel. Burial was held in the Wilmington National Cemetery. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her late husband, Frank Allen, Sr. and son, Frank Allen, Jr.

Hazel is survived by one daughter, Doris Dixon; five sons, Leonard, Charles (Linda), Kenneth, James and Lawrence, all of Wilmington, NC; one sister-in-law, Lillie Johnson of Wilmington, NC; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Walter J. Jacobs

Walter J. Jacobs was born in the Freeman Community to the late Alex Jacobs and Susie Everett Jacobs on October 27, 1919. Walter transitioned from this earthly home to live eternally with the Lord on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center in Whiteville, NC. His funeral service was 1 Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

He was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church where he served faithfully. In 1947 Walter was united in holy matrimony to Kathleen Troy and fathered a total of 4 children. Walter served in the United States Army during WWII and later worked as a longshoreman. Farming and hunting were his favorite hobbies.

Walter leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Walter Lyons (Esther) and Maceo Jacobs (Janet); two brothers,

Eddie Jacobs (Rhoda) & Alexander Jacobs (Ethel); two sisters, Augusta Andrews and Katie Ford; 11 grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Michael LaSha Roland

Michael LaSha Roland died August 19, 2017. Born September 10, 1979, he was the son of Shelia Roland White and Eric McNeal. His memorial was held Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the Willie L. Shaw Memorial Chapel. Michael received his education through the New Hanover County School System. He was a dedicated employee of Protech Painting Company where he worked Faithfully for twenty years. Michael had a sweet, gentle spirit and always greeted you with a smile. He loved his family.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory; a loving mother, Shelia Roland White; a loving father, Eric McNeal; two sons, Michael, Jr. and Xavier; two daughters Diamond and Alaysha, all of Wilmington, NC; grandmother, Edna F. McNeal; one brother, John Roland; two sisters, Crystal Roland and Tiffany Roland; five aunts, Debbie Hutchin (James), Jackie Roland, Faye Ballard (Richard), Betty Henry (Rev. Ronald), and Ann Cherry; three great aunts, Izola Byerson, Ruby Gaymon and Doris McNeal; nine uncles, Supt. Ronald Roland (Eva), James Roland, Alvin Roland, Wendell Roland, Tommy Bordeaux, Michael McNeal, Terry McNeal, Larry Mitchell and Johnny Lee McNeal; one grand uncle, Deacon Thomas Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Hurley Evans, Jr.

Hurley Evans, Jr. died August 21, 2017. He was born March 22, 1981 in Wilmington, NC to Hurley and Carolyn Evans. His funeral service was Sunday, August 27, 2017 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Bolivia, NC. He was buried in the Evans Cemetery.

Growing up, Hurley loved to joke and to laugh. His smile lit up the room. He also dominated in karate as a child. Many years he worked in landscaping, until his health started to deteriorate.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Chela J. Evans, Windy Evans Faison (Charles) of Wilmington, NC; four brothers, Travis Corbett (Tiffany), Mikel Corbett, Franklin Evans (Vanessa), Jerome Hooper, Jr; two grandmothers, Goldie Mae Evans and Ethel Corbett; a special friend, Janise Lee; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 155**

**IN THE MATTER OF: K.C.R.S. (dob: 1 May 2017)**

**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 K.C.R.S.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following Thursday, August 31, 2017, 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.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 24th day of August, 2017.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
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Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Adele Maitland (17-E-1056)**, late of 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 8, 2017** 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 10th day of August, 2017

Cynthia Wright, Executrix of the Estate of Adele Maitland  
701 Market Street  
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August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Rebecca Juanita Hight**, 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 **8th day of November, 2017**, 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 8th day of August, 2017

Marie D. Kinney, Executrix  
800 Branchwood Dr.  
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August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 17 E 1107 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL Decedent.**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL**, late of 2836 Graham Street, 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 616 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, on or before the **15th day of November, 2017**, 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 14th day of August, 2017.

Barbara A. Fitzsimmons, Personal Representative of the Estate of **FLORIS YOLANDA MITCHELL**, deceased  
By and through her undersigned counsel:  
Russell D. Nugent  
The Humphries Law Firm, P.C.  
616 Princess Street  
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910-332-0721 xt 4

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Zelma M. Thomasson**, 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 **17th day of November, 2017**, 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 17th day of August, 2017

Jeanne-Marie Thomasson, Executrix  
6242 Indian Field  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Paul George Burton**, 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 **17th day of November, 2017**, 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 17th day of August, 2017

Ashley Wilson, Executrix  
1709 Princess Street  
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES GERALD MURRAY FILE NO. 17E 1178**

The undersigned having qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of **James Gerald Murray**, deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms, or corporations having claims against said decedent to exhibit them to the same to Donna E. Johnson, Personal Representative, at the address set out to below no later than ninety (90) days from the first publication date of this Notice. This notice may be pleaded as bar of any payment recovery of same which is not given to the **20th day of November, 2017**. All persons indebted to the decedent will please make payment to the undersigned at either addresses set out below. This the 10th day of August, 2017

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2803 Market Street  
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August 10, 17, 24, 31, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Steven Christopher Post**, 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 **1st day of December, 2017**, 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 31st day of August, 2017

Kim Post, Executrix of the Estate of Steven Christopher Post  
5829 Oak Bluff Ln.  
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Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
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August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Charles Ted Bauserman**, 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 1st day of December, 2017, 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 31st day of August, 2017

Cyndi L. Allen, Executrix  
5907 Beckinham Way  
Oak Ridge, NC 27310

August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Melvin Leon Dinkins**, 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 **1st day of December, 2017**, 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 31st day of August, 2017

Marilyn Grady Dinkins, Executrix  
627 Vallie Lane  
Wilmington, NC 28412

August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

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

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Steven Christopher Post**, 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 **1st day of December, 2017**, 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.

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August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 2017

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER DISTRICT COURT DIVISION File No. 17 JT 238**

**IN RE Schewzyk, a Juvenile TO: RESPONDENT FATHER, KANE PETER ROBERT DOBSON**

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 male child.

You are required to make defense of such pleading no later than October 10, 2017, which is forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 30, 2017, AT 9:30 A.M., at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N. 4th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

This the 25th day of August, 2017.

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