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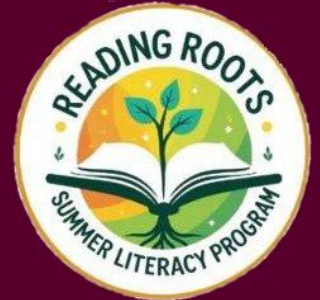
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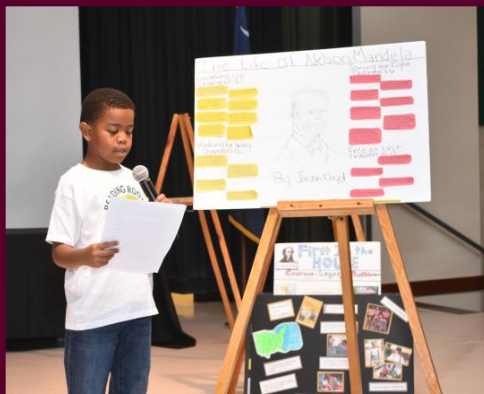


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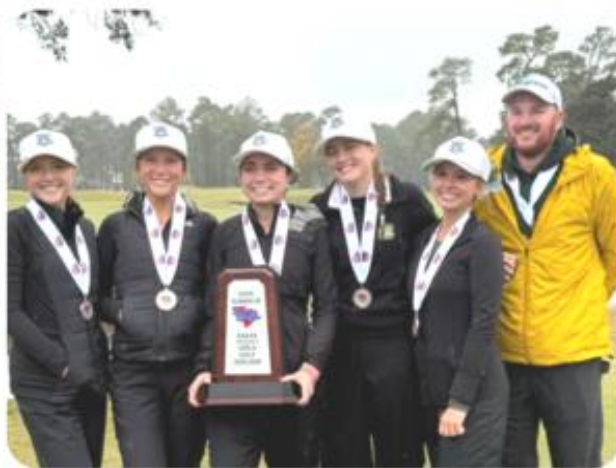
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When Prevention Comes Too Late: Missed Screenings, Vaccines, and the Consequences for Modern Medicine

By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor



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Preventive medicine is one of the few areas in healthcare where timing can change everything. A routine screening, a scheduled vaccine or a primary care visit can be the difference between early intervention and advanced disease. Yet for many individuals, especially in the years following the COVID-19 pandemic, these moments of prevention have been delayed or entirely missed. When care is postponed, diseases that could have been managed early often progress silently, creating consequences that extend into our communities. Preventive screenings such as blood pressure checks, cholesterol tests, and diabetes screenings are essential because many serious diseases develop without noticeable symptoms.

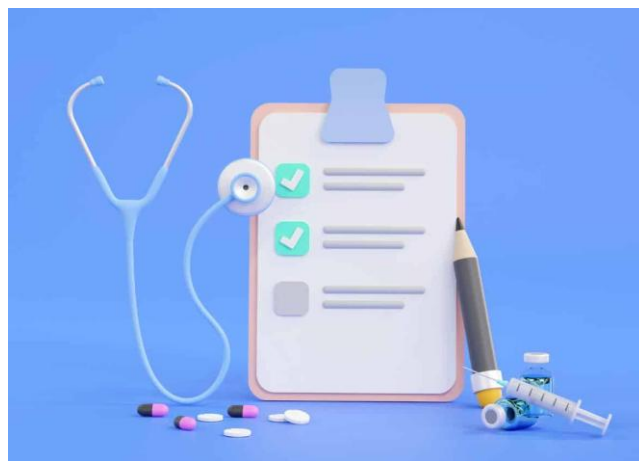
These screenings allow physicians to identify abnormalities earlier, when treatment is more effective and less invasive. Cancer screening provides one of the clearest examples. Mammograms can detect breast cancer before it becomes clinically apparent. When identified early, treatment is often more targeted. When delayed, the disease could require more aggressive intervention. This pattern is especially concerning in Black communities, where breast cancer is more often diagnosed at later stages, and mortality remains higher. Prostate cancer provides an additional example of how missed screening can have serious consequences. This disease often develops slowly and may not be noticeable in its early stages. Routine screening, including prostate-specific antigen testing, can help identify potential concerns before the disease progresses. Black men are encouraged to begin routine screening starting around age 45 due to a higher risk of disease.

Personally, missed screening had real consequences, as my grandfather never routinely got his prostate checked and was diagnosed at a stage when treatment options were sparse. Furthermore, vaccination plays an equally important role by preventing disease before it begins. When vaccination rates decline, infections that were

once controlled can reemerge. Measles and pertussis show how quickly this can happen, particularly in communities where coverage is inconsistent. These infections place the greatest risk on individuals who are already vulnerable, including infants and those with weakened immune systems. Routine childhood immunizations include vaccines that protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, and pertussis. Children are also vaccinated against polio, hepatitis B, and chickenpox. Additional vaccines protect against serious bacterial infections, including those that can lead to meningitis and pneumonia. As children grow older, the human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) is recommended during adolescence to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections, and the meningococcal vaccine helps protect against infections that affect the central nervous system. Annual influenza vaccination is also recommended to



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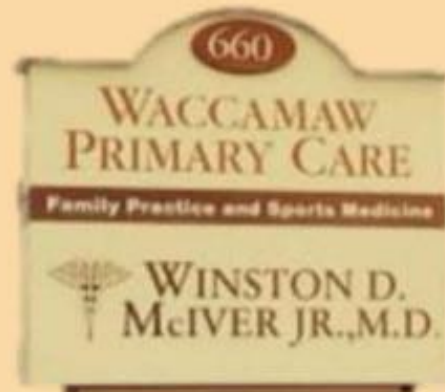
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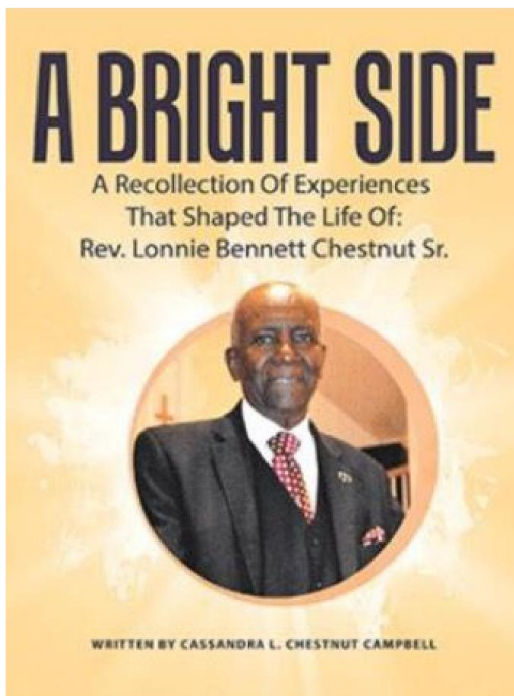
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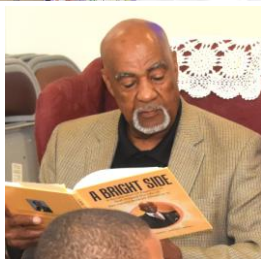
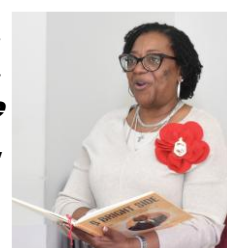
SUCCESSFUL BOOK SIGNING BY AUTHOR, Cassandra L. Chestnut Campbell



Cassandra & Rev. Chestnut

On April 11, 2026 at the Friendship MB Church (Rev. Dr. Charles M. Pee, Pastor) in Conway, SC, **Ms. Cassandra C. Campbell**, author of the **"A Bright Side"** attracted a standing room only audience for the subject book signing. The Honoree was none other than who the book was about, namely, **Rev. Lonnie B. Chestnut, Sr.**

The program encompassed a welcomed of the occasion by *Mrs. Cynthia Simmons*; *Prayer and Blessing* were by *Rev. Dr. Charles Pee*; *Inspirational Readings* were provided by *Mr. Joe Chestnut*; *Mrs. Janet Lawrence Patten*, and *Ms. Karen Vereen Greene*.



The Chestnut Family



Missed Screenings, Vaccines, and the Consequences for Modern Medicine

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reduce the risk of seasonal illness and complications. Following the suggested vaccination schedule helps protect our children and reduces the spread of preventable diseases. Therefore, vaccines that protect against viruses linked to disease reduce risk years before health implications develop. Moreover, barriers to preventive care involve more than the presence of a healthcare facility. Access to care holistically includes whether patients can realistically attend appointments, maintain consistent care, and navigate the complexities of our healthcare system. In many communities, especially within Black populations, preventive care is affected by limited availability of primary care providers, transportation challenges, and clinic schedules that conflict with work and family responsibilities. Also, continuity of care is a social determinant of health.

Preventive medicine depends on regular interaction with the healthcare system. When insurance coverage is unstable or changes frequently, patients may lose access to established providers, leading to gaps in care.

Without consistent follow-up, screenings and vaccinations are more likely to be delayed. In the same manner, education plays a central role for preventive medicine to be effective. If individuals are not clearly informed about the purpose and timing of screenings or vaccines, these services may be overlooked. In some communities, limited access to clear and culturally relevant information has made it more difficult for families to stay on track with recommended care. Misinformation further complicates this issue. Conflicting messages, particularly around vaccines, have contributed to uncertainty and hesitancy. Even among individuals who regularly access healthcare, unclear information can delay decisions around preventive services. Ultimately, when prevention is missed, medicine becomes about trying to manage a disease after it has already taken hold of our bodies. Conditions that could have been identified early often require more advanced treatment, greater use of specialized care, and longer hospital stays. Primary care remains the foundation of preventive medicine. It's where screenings are recommended, vaccinations are administered, and risk factors are



identified. Without consistent access to primary care, these opportunities are often missed, and patients are more likely to enter the healthcare system at later stages of disease.

At **Waccamaw Primary Care**, **Dr. Winston D. McIver** shows how patient-centered care improves outcomes. He builds trust with his patients, monitors lab trends, manages medications carefully, and incorporates lifestyle medicine into routine visits. Efforts to improve prevention must focus on access, engagement, and education. Expanding the availability of primary care providers like **Dr. McIver** can encourage participation in screenings and vaccinations. Modern medicine continues to advance in treating complex diseases, but prevention remains the most effective way to protect long-term health. Early screenings, vaccinations, and consistent primary care are tools that save lives before illness takes hold. By prioritizing prevention and building trust within our communities, we can reduce avoidable suffering and strengthen the health of future generations. For more information: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html>.



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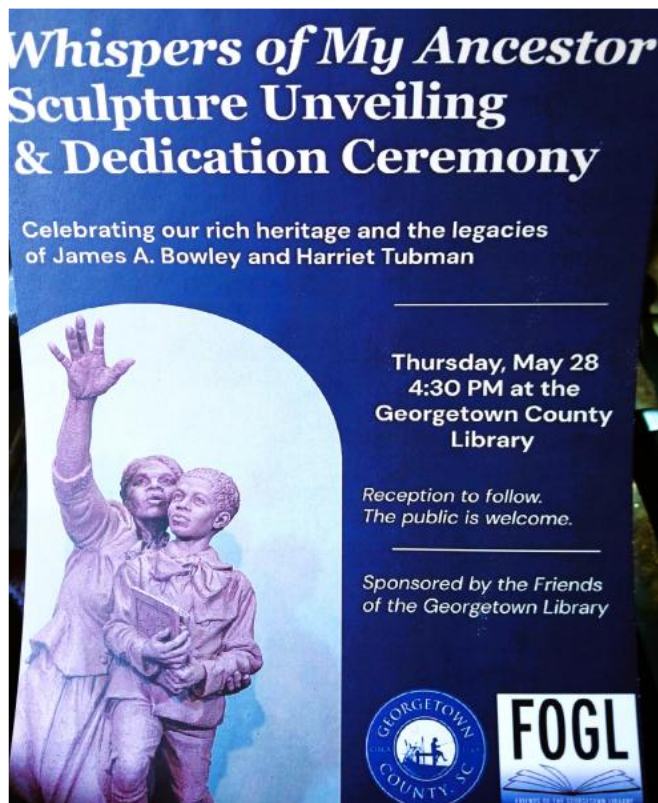
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Whispers of My Ancestors: The Finished Product

By Steve Williams, Formerly of *The Georgetown Times*

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Close your eyes. Imagine you're six years old, growing up in the quiet town of Georgetown. Suddenly, you're chosen to model for a historic and iconic hero. Imagine people traveling from across the county just to see you. Now open your eyes and realize this isn't a fairy tale—this is real, and your name is Emrys Berry.

One day, when you're older—perhaps a junior or senior citizen—you'll be able to tell your children, grandchildren, and God willing, your great-grandchildren: "Once, I was the model for the first person rescued by Harriet Tubman on her legendary Underground Railroad."

Granted, modeling for James Bowley may not have the glitz of portraying a young Michael Jackson in a blockbuster film. Yet, what you're representing is just as significant—if not more so. You're not embodying fame, but freedom. It's the freedom earned by your ancestors, the kind that paved the way for Michael Jackson and countless other Black boys to reach their full potential.

After two years of anticipation, the wait is over. The **Friends of the Georgetown Library (FOGL)** commissioned award-winning **sculptor Wesley Wofford** to create a statue celebrating the profound connection between Harriet Tubman and James Alfred Bowley. *Now, 'Whispers of My Ancestors' stands ready for its unveiling at the newly renovated Georgetown Library on Cleland Street, Thursday, May 28, at 4:30 PM.* The inspiration came from Kent Hermes, the current owner of the historic house where James Bowley lived during the Reconstruction Era. **A historical marker also stands in front of the house at 231 King Street.**

Mr. Wofford, the acclaimed artist behind *The Journey to Freedom* sculpture of Harriet Tubman, brought his work to Georgetown's Joseph Rainey Park in the fall of 2023. The monument captivated thousands from across the country, drawing visitors whose hearts and souls were moved by its powerful tribute.

The 'Whispers of My Ancestors' sculpture captures a powerful moment: Harriet Tubman guiding young James Bowley up a staircase, her gesture pointing him toward a brighter future. As Mr. Wofford explains, "It speaks to the strength we draw from those who came before us, and the lasting impact of nurturing education to uplift the next generation." The unveiling of this remarkable piece is open to all—a fitting celebration for the newly renovated library and a heartfelt tribute to longtime Georgetown County Library director Dwight McInvaill, whose vision and pride helped bring this project to life.

The sculpture will be installed in Georgetown's main library on Cleland Street, set on a thoughtfully designed foundation with dedicated lighting to highlight its significance. Positioned near the entrance to the Children's section, it will greet visitors of all ages. For nearly two years, a dedicated group of community members and library staff met monthly to bring this celebration to life. The unveiling program will feature artist Wesley Wofford and his wife, Odyssey, who will share insights into the creative process behind this masterpiece. City and county officials will join the event, and light refreshments from the beloved **Aunny's Restaurant** will be served. Attendees can also enjoy a brief biography of James Bowley.

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James Bowley, Harriet Tubman's great-nephew, was just six years old in 1850 when he became part of the first group of enslaved people Tubman led to freedom from Maryland via the Underground Railroad. While his family journeyed on to Canada, Harriet kept young James by her side in Philadelphia for three years, ensuring he received an education that would shape his future.

In 1867, James moved to Georgetown to serve with the Freedmen's Bureau, dedicating himself to building schools and supporting families newly freed from bondage. He taught children and adults alike—many holding a book for the first time—in makeshift classrooms fashioned from old churches or barracks. Fluent, educated, and politically astute, James led lessons in reading, writing, civics, and ethics, becoming the very first teacher for many of his students.



Soon after, he was appointed Georgetown School Commissioner and went on to become a lawyer, newspaper publisher, probate judge, and a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of South Carolina. He also served in the South Carolina House of Representatives and helped establish a local bank. Remarkably, he achieved all of this within just 25 years.

Harriet Tubman personally mentored James Bowley, nurturing his passion for education and his commitment to uplifting those less fortunate. Though Bowley stands as a towering, yet often overlooked, figure of Reconstruction, his legacy endures. This month, the Georgetown County Library pays tribute to his remarkable contributions, made nearly 150 years ago. While Bowley is celebrated as the first person rescued on the Tubman Underground Railroad, his impact extended far beyond that—like Jackie Robinson, he broke barriers and championed countless causes.



Harriet Tubman's extraordinary accomplishments are well documented, but her legacy runs even deeper. One of her biographers observed, "In the early postwar days, she devoted herself to supporting schools for freed people in South Carolina, likely influenced by her schoolteacher grandnephew, James Bowley. In September 1868, Martha Coffin Wright reported that Bowley was preparing to take clothing and other donations South with him as he departed from Auburn, New York. He was one of the first that Harriet rescued from slavery."

Another Tubman historian observed, "Although Harriet Tubman could not read or write, she was a tireless advocate for education. She devoted her life not only to freeing James Bowley from the physical bonds of slavery, but also to

unchaining his mind—ensuring he had the opportunity to learn and grow. Tubman organized numerous Freedmen Fairs in Auburn, New York, raising funds and collecting books for the South Carolina schools where James Bowley taught. Thanks to her efforts, perhaps a thousand or more South Carolina students benefited from her commitment to education."

Harriet and James, perhaps you can hear us across the years. A century and a half later, Georgetown offers its heartfelt thanks—especially from little Emrys.



Russell L. Dowley, II
WCM Contributor

In uncertain economic climates, businesses naturally start looking for ways to protect their cash flow. Budgets get reviewed. Expenses get questioned. Leaders begin asking, “What can we reduce, pause, or eliminate?” And for many businesses, marketing is one of the first areas placed on the chopping block. But the deeper issue is not always the cost of marketing itself. The real issue is whether the business has positioned itself as a necessity or a commodity.

When customers see a business as a commodity, they compare it by price. They ask, “Who is cheaper?” “Who can do it faster?” “Can I go without this for now?” In that space, loyalty is weak, trust is thin, and the business becomes replaceable. But when a business is seen as a necessity, the conversation changes.

A necessary business solves a real problem. It provides clarity, relief, confidence, convenience, protection, status, growth, or peace of mind. Customers do not just buy because the business exists. They buy because they understand why they need it.

That is where marketing becomes more than promotion. It becomes education. It becomes positioning. It becomes the bridge between what a business offers and why the market should care.

In a pressured economy, people still spend money. They just become more selective. They cut what feels optional and protect what feels essential. This means businesses that only advertise products, services, or discounts may struggle. But businesses that clearly communicate value, urgency, transformation, and trust have a better chance of staying relevant.

Cutting marketing during a tight season may seem responsible, but it can quietly weaken demand. If fewer people see the brand, understand the offer, or remember the value, the business does not just save money, but it risks disappearing from the customer’s mind.

The goal is not simply to spend more on marketing. The goal is to market smarter. Businesses must ask:

Are we explaining the problem we solve? Are we showing why now matters?

Are we building trust before asking for the sale?

Are we positioning our service as valuable, not just available?

Are we giving customers a reason to choose us beyond price?

In this climate, the businesses that survive will not always be the cheapest. They will be the clearest. Because when pressure rises, customers do not eliminate every expense. They eliminate what they do not understand, what they do not trust, and what they do not believe they need.

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CHARLES WRIGHT/ THE UNSUNG ARTIST

By Priscilla Fuller, WCM Contributing Editor



Charles Wright

Right in the midst of Conway sits a very talented Black artist who at one time, was a Professor of art at Coastal Carolina and then Dean of art and Design at Kendall University in Michigan. Although he has since retired from teaching, his love and passion for art have never ceased. In his garage, he can hear banging or machines sawing wood. We are talking about none other that **Mr. Charles Wright.**

For the third year in a row, **Charles** has had exhibits at the **ArtFields in Lake City, SC**, which started April 10th and ended May 2nd. It is not like anyone can exhibit. There is a rigorous process to identify which pieces can be exhibited.



Many young people may have forgotten all of the art Charles is responsible for creating in earlier years. Charles and his wife **Joann Morgan**, who is also a professor and artist, have traveled all over the United States displaying their artwork. Charles' work is a treasure for Conway, but unfortunately, it is a best-kept secret. where hopefully ONE DAY Conway will realize it's worth. Charles resides in the county and has countless relatives in the area.



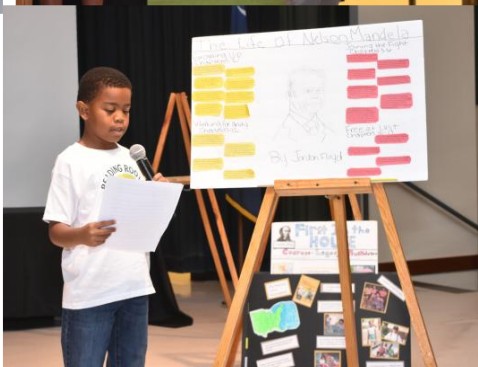
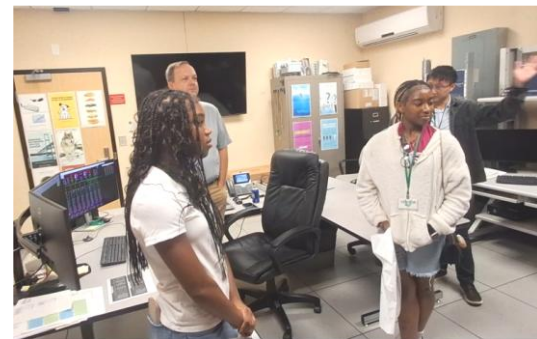


Using the success of last year as a base, it is worth reiterating that the primary purpose of this year's **Summer Jobs Program** is to expose the youth to lessons on how to elevate their chances of becoming employable and to introduce them to the career fields they want to pursue in the future. Last year, seventeen participants ages 13-18 were enrolled in the Youth Summer Jobs program and celebrated the completion of the newly created

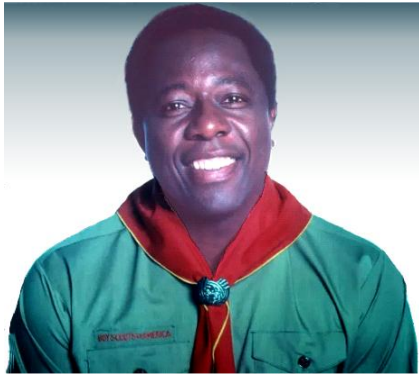
Employability Skills 101 course, which included virtual sessions on the topics of Employability Skills, Personal Finance, Professionalism and Work Ethics, and Exploring Career Interests. Students also enjoyed field trips to various businesses and organizations to explore careers. During the six-week program, participants engaged with knowledgeable business professionals who shared information in the skills areas; they completed pre-session activities that aligned with the virtual sessions; and they toured, worked, or job-shadowed with community employers or non-profit partners to learn more about the professions they aspire to enter after high school and college.

The Reading Roots Summer Literacy Program encompassed a group of students who met face-to-face and interacted with 10 different authors this past summer. The youth, ages 5 to 14, completed a packet of related activities and created a final audio-visual project. The projects were presented during the closing program. Fifteen youth received certificates and stipends from the literacy program, based on attendance, focused work put into their experience, and their final project and presentation. They also displayed their pictorial scrapbook of their summer experiences.

Applications for the Summer Jobs Program and the Reading Roots Program will be available online through the **World Community Magazine website, www.wcmagazine.net.**



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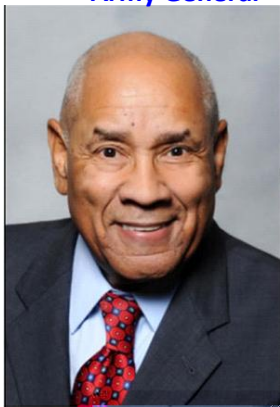
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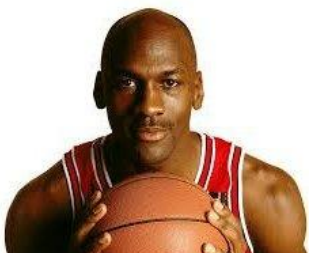


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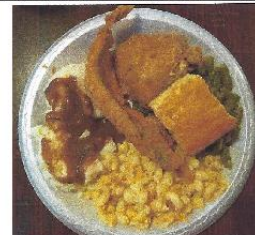
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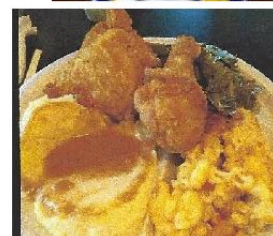
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On March 25, 2026, The Horry County Museum had a magnificent display some of the many handmade quilts by Mrs. Mary Ernestine Booth Hickman. Some of the family members summarized her gift and legacy as follows:

Mary Ernestine Booth Hickman, our amazing mom, age 95, has the gift of quilting. She began quilting in 1987 and completed her last quilt in 2010. Her creative designs are spread across homes all over the world and are keeping families warm and cozy. Many owners use these creative pieces of art to add spunk to the decor of their homes. As of April 19, 2024, over 75 quilts have been identified as "Handmade with Love by Ernie." It is believed that Mom has created more than 100 quilts and almost all were given as gifts to loved ones in her community. On this day and everyday Mom, we honor your gifts. Thank you for loving on us and the entire community!



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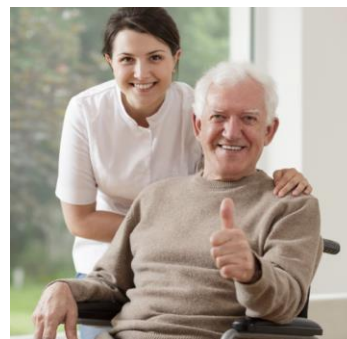
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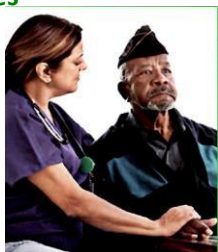


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Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's)

By Dr. Robert L. Lanes, Jr., Ass't. Dean, Tuskegee Univ. (Ret.)



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There was a time when a high school diploma was all a person needed to enter the world of work and begin a productive career. That time has long passed. Access to postsecondary education is a necessity in order to maintain a stable and productive life. This includes an advanced diploma or an associate's degree in a technical field of study. However, a four-year college or university degree in various fields of study is the old high school requirement today. A bachelor's degree was limited to African Americans before the Civil War. After the war and through the effort of missionary societies, the Freedman's Bureau, African American Churches, and HBCUs began to proliferate. HBCUs dedicated themselves to educating African American students. It has taken decades and enacted federal laws before states were required to provide African Americans as well as poor whites with access to higher education. African Americans did not wait for integrating white institutions of higher learning, approximately 90% of HBCUs were created in southern states. There were a few in the northern states such as **Lincoln University in PA 1854 (four-year College/University) and Wilberforce University in Ohio in 1856.**

HBCUs have been around over 150 years. There are approximately 107 accredited HBCUs private and public in the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands and D.C. They only represent approximately 3% of colleges and universities in the country but they play such a pivotal role in the education for many of our people. They produce approximately 20% of all African American graduates. Studies have found that HBCUs provided black graduates with a better college experience than they would get at a non-HBCU as noted by the 2015 Gallup-USA Funds Minority Graduate Report. The study also found that HBCU graduates were more prepared for life and more likely to be engaged at work than black graduates of non-HBCU graduates. These schools have been leaders in providing quality education in the classrooms, cultural affirmation, opportunities and careers in every field of human endeavors. They have and continue to produce medical doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, musicians, engineers, federal elected officials, a United States Supreme Court Justice and a Vice President of the United States of America etc.

Without HBCUs, there would be no black middle class. They continue today providing the nurturing, educational resources and outstanding faculty (who are experts in their academic disciplines) along with support staff who cultivate the total HBCU experience. These attributes are needed to build a financial future for these students, communities and the entire world.

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was founded in 1944. It has assisted thousands of talented African American who chose to attend an HBCU. These institutions help their students build better futures for themselves as well as contribute economic progress throughout the country.

Personally, the HBCU experience has impacted my life educationally professionally and my ability to engage with student's faculty staff and administrations of HBCU.s and predominantly white institutions. My education at S.C. State University planted the seed in my development to become a leader in the field of higher education. From there I pursued the master's degree in public administration from Atlanta University with hopes of college teaching or federal government employment. With the education and experience I received I obtained a Program Directors/Teaching position at another HBCU in my home state of South Carolina. While there I learned from well Professors (one who taught my father) and mentored me on a future in higher education. From there I accepted a position at The Georgia Institute of Technology one of the nation's Carnegie 1 Research institutions. Therefore, beginning my career in enrollment management at the undergraduate level and leading to the Doctorate in Higher Education Administration and Supervision from Clark Atlanta University (HBCU). My desire was to obtain more experience in the graduate enrollment field therefore serving as Director of Graduate Admissions at Louisiana State University (LSU). Years later, with my experience received, I traveled back to my base, the HBCU, not just any, but the first, "Lincoln University PA." From there back to the south, Tuskegee University (HBCU), where I served as Vice President/Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management, Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Graduate Programs in Education and Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies.

As Mr. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful tool for changing the world, reducing inequality and empowering individuals to rise above their circumstances." HBCUs were important in the past and remain important today.



Boomers: Gratitude vs. Gripping



By Darlene G. Lewis, Ret. Educator & WCM Contributor

I was in the bank a few weeks ago and behind me in line were two Boomers lamenting the wave of change and technology that was causing them great heartburn. They complained that they had to walk all the way into the bank because the bank had permanently closed their drive through service window. They complained that some businesses no longer accepted their personal checks. (most people use debit cards) They complained that they were being required more and more to use technology to purchase items or navigate the highways. They complained about the wait in line. (some of these problems could have been solved by online banking..wave of the future that has arrived!) They even complained that yearly printed phone books were no longer given to customers. (10,000 trees saved) You get the picture; complain, complain.

Fortunately, my time in line came up and I zipped out of the bank, but it got me to thinking, do Boomers complain more than other people? Are we the new grumpy older people? Those Boomers at the bank took each challenge personally but those changes are typical by-products of change and progress. (or simply a better cheaper way to do things) The inconveniences they perceive are

really the portal to more changes and progress to come. Someone needs to tell them that pennies will soon be obsolete, but not me. We all remember our grandparents, mothers, and fathers reminiscing about the “good old days” when things were simpler, cheaper, and better. Looking closer we now realize that maybe things weren’t as idealistic as they romanticized.



Scrub boards for washing clothes, kerosene lamps to heat their homes, planting and harvesting their own food, (with a mule) and many other examples of the good old days may not now look so good, especially for African Americans who faced down discrimination and prejudice in all forms and were relegated to menial jobs and pay. Thank goodness for change and progress, even if they are being challenged on all fronts today.

Technology and change are here to stay, Boomers. It is best to hop on board with changes quickly, learn to use tech needed to make life easier, (ask your grands..they know how) adapt to shifting trends instead of re-buffing, and go with the flow before things overwhelm you and become a tidal wave! Most live entertainment shows now require you to purchase tickets online. Sports games, concert tickets, airline tickets require you to purchase tickets online and present the



receipt using your phone, our local school district included. This trend began after Covid and really is a safer, cleaner, and more hygienic way to transact money for services. You don’t want to miss you grandkids ball games or other activities because you refuse to learn how to navigate online system, do you?

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Whittemore Racepath Historical Society Presents

"Third Annual Hall of Fame Gala"

By Priscilla Fuller, WCM Contributing Editor



Rev. Cheryl Adamson
WRHS President

The **Whittemore Racepath Historical Society (WRHS)**, dedicated to preserving the rich history and culture of the African American communities in Horry County, South Carolina, held its third Annual Hall of Fame Gala on April 25, 2026, at the *Mason Temple COGIC Banquet Hall* in Conway. The Gala took this humble opportunity to *"Honor our Community Trailblazers"* with the theme *"Lest We Forget."* In honoring these trailblazers, the event recognized and uplifted distinguish individuals who have made remarkable contributions in the field of Education, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Business, and Community Service.

The core mission of the **WRHS** is to preserve and protect the history of the people who have contributed so much to this community. **Rev. Cheryl Adamson, President** of the organization, discussed the various projects, including the placement of historical plaques at various sites and the sponsoring of various projects, such as the Slave Dwelling and Gullah Geechee Festivals.

Rev. Adamson gave greetings and introduced the **Master of Ceremony** for the evening, **Mr. Chris Henningan**, a Bucksport native. **Ms. Priscilla Fuller** narrated the occasion. The invocation and blessing of the food were given by **Rev. Monty Royster**. We then enjoyed a delicious dinner with music throughout the evening by **Tamir and Company**, who did a superb job!!



Ms. Ballery V. Skipper
Gala Chairperson



L-R: Mr. Chris Hennigan; Ms. Priscilla Fuller; Rev. Monty Royster; Tamir & Company; and Mr. George Brown



Mr. Michael Allen

Following dinner, **Mr. George Brown** introduced our keynote speaker, **Mr. Michael Allen, Founder & Lead Architect of MOA Architecture, Inc.** Mr. Allen is a native of Conway, a graduate of Clemson University and an architect for 26 years who has done several notable projects. His contributions to both his profession and community have earned him recognition including major achievement awards from various prestigious Institutions of Technology. His theme centered on the importance of protecting our history and responsibility of people going forth to preserve this history.

Kudos to Ms. Ballery Skipper and the Mighty
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What I'm saying Boomers is that we don't want to turn into the comical stereotype of being "grumpy older people" who want to stand in the way of progress, keep everything the same, and complain about everything. You know the stereotype of older people as constant complainers.

Even the Muppets have gotten in on the ribbing with two older gentlemen Muppets who hate everything all the time. It's cute and funny as puppets but not so cute and funny in real life. We Boomers have faced down and stood up to seismic shifts in our political, economic, and cultural lives. Wars, assassinations of leaders and presidents, civil rights fights, space race (Apollo, now yielding to Artemis II) 9/11, a pandemic, and the development of the modern computer and its impacts.



Changing our mindset from "gripping to gratitude" can make a big difference in our daily lives. Instead of thinking "I have to do something" think of it as "I get to do this" and be thankful you are physically able to do so, many are not. Our mindset can change our perception of how we tackle challenges in our daily lives. Mindset plays a crucial role in how Boomers interpret the modern world, especially as technology and cultural norms



evolve quickly. Those with a more adaptable or growth-oriented mindset may embrace change, learn new skills, and stay engaged with shifting trends. Others with a more fixed mindset might feel overwhelmed, frustrated or disconnected, viewing these changes as threats rather than opportunities or making life better. Those with the fixed mindset are more likely to lash out and complain.

My husband used to complain about the telephone

companies and how much they charged and how they tie you into contracts. He had a pay as you go phone for years until he got lost twice in a city and once on the road and he couldn't purchase tickets on his Straight Talk phone. He finally got a smart phone last year and loves all the bells and whistles it has. The only thing he hates is that I get to tell him, "I told you so!" All change is really making way for new ideas, new experiences and being open to co-exist with a different more productive way of doing things. Of course, we all spread a little discourse now and again, (me included) but as long as we don't make it a habit or allow it to get in the way of our own growth, we are on the right track. Being grateful for what we are able to do and what we are able to still learn is a very beautiful thing!

And Boomers one last thing. If the time on your microwave or stove is still flashing or wrong since Daylight Savings started...tackle the tech and set your clocks folks. You can do it! ***Okay boomers, you've got this!***

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Elmer Allen

The story of *Mr. Elmer Allen* is not just a historical case, it is one of the stories of black people who were used as test subjects unwillingly.

Mr. Allen worked hard, lived his life, and like anyone else, went to the hospital expecting care when he broke his leg. There was nothing unusual about his situation, until without his knowledge or permission, doctors and government scientists used him as part of a secret experiment during the Cold War. They injected him with radioactive plutonium, not to heal him, but to study what radiation would do to his body.

Imagine that for a moment you're going to a hospital for help, and instead being injected with radiation, and becoming part of something you never agreed to, something you weren't even told about.

As time went on, *Mr. Allen's* condition worsened, and his leg had to be amputated. It was very confusing and devastating and he never knew the real reason behind his suffering. There was no explanation, only loss. He continued living his life carrying that burden, unaware that his pain had been caused intentionally.

What makes this story even heavier is that *Mr. Allen* never found out the truth. Decades later, in the 1990s, the government finally revealed details about these secret radiation experiments. By then, he had already passed away. The truth came too late for him to understand what had been done.

His story is like the stories of many black people targeted for these experiments and didn't have the power to question authority. Being a black man in that era, looking for healthcare made him even more vulnerable to being exploited.

It's easy to look back and see this as something distant, something from a different time. But black people are still being experimented on, just in a more discreet way.

Mr. Allen was not treated as a patient, but as a test subject. This story should let us know to be more careful as black people when going to hospitals and always be mindful of what the doctors try to give you.



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Retirement of Myrtle Beach Police Chief

At the April 21, 2026, monthly meeting of **CLEAC**, **Horry County Chief Deputy Sheriff Tom Fox** enthusiastically presented gifts of appreciation to retired **Myrtle Beach Police Chief, Amy Prock** from the members of CLEAC.

As reported by David Hucks of **MyrtleBeachSC News**, Chief Prock has retired after nearly 30 years of service to the city of Myrtle Beach. Her retirement was effective April 2, 2026, after nearly three decades of distinguished service, including nine years as **Myrtle Beach Chief of Police**.

Chief Amy Prock joined the department in 1996 and built a career defined by leadership, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. In 2017, she became the first woman to serve as Chief of Police in the history of the Myrtle Beach Police Department.



CLEAC Member, Tom Fox
Presents Gifts to Chief Prock

Under her leadership, the department modernized and expanded its capabilities in meaningful ways. She championed the creation of the Real Time Crime Unit and the integration of advanced tools such as ShotSpotter and the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, strengthening investigative capacity and delivering real time intelligence to officers in the field.

Chief Prock’s leadership extended well beyond technology. She worked tirelessly to build bridges between law enforcement and community service providers, addressing complex issues such as opioid addiction, mental health, and homelessness through collaboration and accountability. Her belief that strong communities and strong policing go hand in hand reshaped how the department engages with the public and its partners. Chief Amy Prock leaves behind a department that is stronger, more connected to its community, and better equipped for the future because of her vision, courage, and determination. Her impact will be felt for years to come, not only within the Myrtle Beach Police Department but across South Carolina and the nation.

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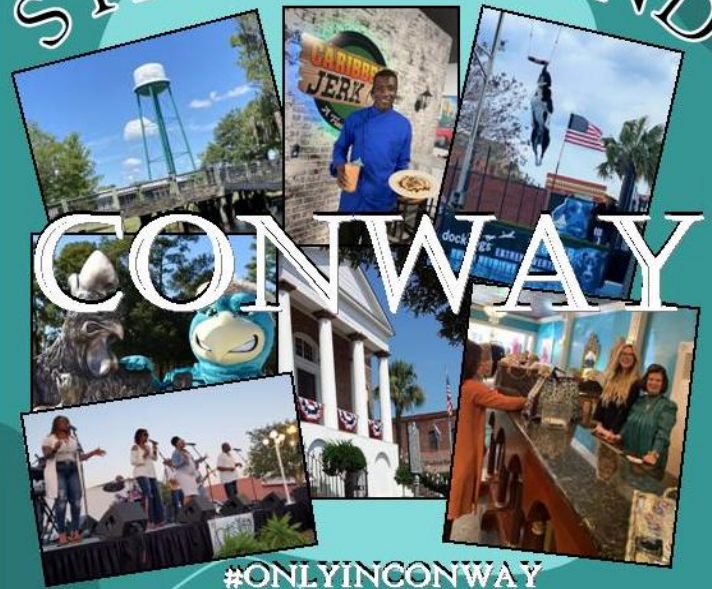
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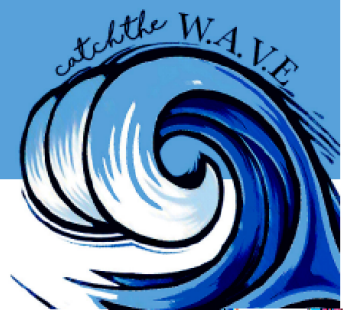
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By Lisa H. Bourcier, Dir. Of Strategic Communications & Community Engagement



Congratulations to Taylor Sinkler who was named the 2027 HCS Teacher of the Year! Taylor Sinkler teaches 4th grade, including Gifted and Talented Math and ELA, at Daisy Elementary. She earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Francis Marion University and is currently pursuing her master’s in educational leadership at Coastal Carolina University. Mrs. Sinkler is passionate about inspiring a lifelong love of learning and believes all students are capable of success when held to high, attainable expectations. She strives to create a safe, supportive classroom where students feel confident to take risks, learn from mistakes, and grow.



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The Horry County Solid Waste Authority recently Conway area resident **Patricia Kiziu** as the “Caught Green Handed” recipients for the month of **March 2026**.

“The ‘Caught Green Handed’ recognition is presented monthly to a Horry County resident caught in the act of recycling” stated **Esther Murphy**, Director of Recycling and Corporate Affairs for the Solid Waste Authority. “It’s the Solid Waste Authority’s way of recognizing and thanking citizens who have made the effort to recycle. Through their recycling efforts, natural resources are saved and the amount of waste being landfilled is reduced.” **Ms. Kiziu**, a regular recycler at the **McDowell Shortcut Recycling Convenience Center**, was surprised and honored to receive this recognition.

Patricia Kiziu

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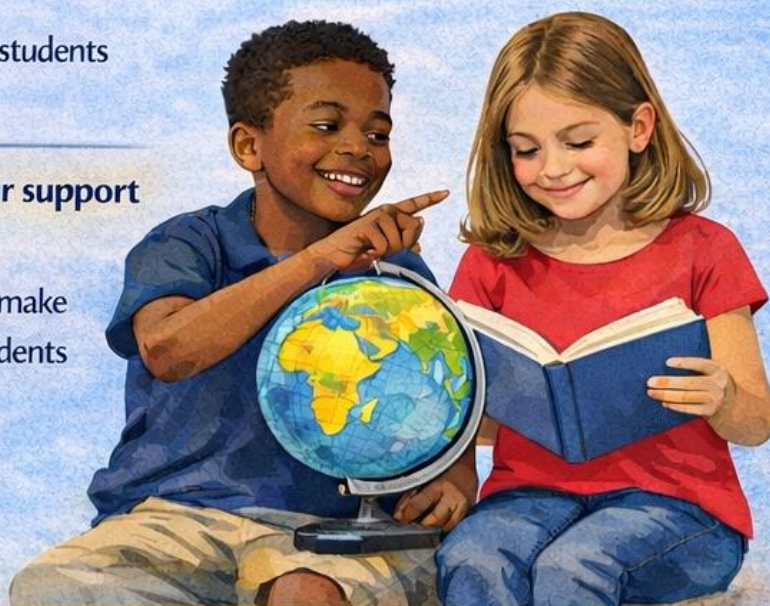
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The HCDP 14th Annual Shore Dinner

By Priscilla Fuller, WCM Contributing Editor



The Horry County Democratic Party held its annual Shore dinner on **April 19, 2026**, in North Myrtle Beach. The theme of the dinner was **"Flip it Blue."** The Keynote speaker for the event was the **Honorable United States Congressman James Clyburn** from the SC 6th Congressional District. His speech gave an inspiring yet practical aspect of our current environment in this country. He talked about the gains that

were made by people of color but also talked about the loss of important programs etc. under this administration. He stressed the importance of voting in local elections and National elections.

The Program also included A young speaker, **Joshua Mishoe, Camp Geehee**, who talked about some of the things he was working on and how to get young people interested in voting and the political issues facing communities today.

There were also several other candidates at the event, including **Jermaine Johnson** running for the **Governor of South Carolina** and several other House representatives. and county council slots. The event was well attended, with many expressing optimism with the primary and midterm elections. Getting out the vote was the common theme. **Chairperson Shirley Vaught** and the committee did an outstanding job in this year's event.



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Sonia Tomlin

Sonia Tomlin, 65, of Little River, South Carolina, returned to the arms of the Lord on the afternoon of **March 30th, 2026**. Sonia was born on **August 13, 1960**, in Georgetown, South Carolina, to the late Edward Myers Jr. and Stella Myers. She and her family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, at a young age; she spent her school years there and graduated from English High School in 1978. Sonia went on to marry Dwight Tomlin, Sr., and had two children, Chynnah and Dwight. She was ordained as a Minister in 2000 at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in San Diego, California, shortly after obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education in Christian Counseling from the International Apostolic University of Grace and Truth. *Sonia is survived by her husband, Dwight Tomlin, Sr., her two children, Chynnah and Dre Tomlin; her sister, Patricia White; her aunt, Fanny Smith; her uncle, Bennie Myers, and his wife Cheryl; her cherished church family from True Way Holiness Church, and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Felicia Myers and Diane Myers.*



1960 - 2026



Shadazya Travona Mitchell

Shadazya Travona Mitchell was born on **August 25, 1997**, to Priscilla Small and Tracy Mitchell. Shadazya was dedicated to God in the presence of her parents and godparents, Shaffion Hickman and Juanita Gibson, of Conway, South Carolina by her pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles M. Pee at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Shadazya transitioned into eternal peace on **March 25, 2026**. Shadazya grew up in Conway, South Carolina, and graduated from Conway High School in June 2015. She was the CEO and owner of "Dazya Sweets" LLC. Shadazya was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mattie Mitchell, Fred Stevens, Stella and Joe Small; her father, Frederick Tracy Mitchell, Sr.; and one special cousin, Tymira Dalyla Jackson, also known as Princess. *Shadazya leaves to cherish precious memories her mother, Priscilla (Timothy) Pearl, also known as Papa Nicky; nine siblings, Tranequia Stelle, Traleisha Mitchell, Frederick Mitchell, Jr., Tra'heev Mitchell, Jhaprist Mayo, Iraell Mitchell, Tratavis Mitchell, A'ariyah Graham, and Aleah Johnson; one niece and one nephew; four aunts, Marie Mitchell of North Carolina, Cynthia, Johndell Irving, and Lisa Faulk of South Carolina; four uncles, Jermaine Small (Monica) of Florence, South Carolina, Dwayne Lane of New York, Corey Mitchell of North Dakota; along with a host other relatives and friends.*



1997 - 2026



Rocky Stephen Morgan

Rocky Stephen Morgan, age 73, passed away unexpectedly on **March 4, 2026**. He was born on **March 28, 1952** and raised in Brevard, NC, but was currently residing in North Myrtle Beach, SC. He enlisted in the Air Force at age 19, where they sent him from Biloxi, MS, to Alaska. After the military, he went to college in Florida for Petroleum engineering, then back to Alaska to work for the Alyeska Pipeline. He resided for 27 years in Alaska before retiring and moving back to Brevard, NC. Rocky had such a caring heart. He was always helping friends and family members with any needs they may have had. He would run errands for them or lend a hand with some jobs around the house. He had such a love for his family and friends! He had always said that he was put on this earth to help people. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnson Stephen Morgan, and his mother, Betty Galloway Morgan. His maternal grandparents were Fleet Augustus Galloway and Cora Sentelle Galloway. His paternal grandparents were Burton Erastus Morgan and Maggie Huggins Morgan. And daughter Tia Olson. *He is survived by his son, Jason Morgan (Alexandra), and three grandchildren, Averie, McKenzie, and Kaden, of Alabama. And a sister, Sherri Morgan Crowe (Myron) of Florida. And a loving partner, Dottie Sorrells Morgan.*



1952 - 2026



Robert Snakeman Brown

Robert Leon "Snake Man" Brown was born on **May 1, 1967**, to the late Ezekiel and Sallie Lee Brown. On **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**, he departed this life. Robert graduated from Conway High School in 1986. Robert was joined in holy



1967 - 2026

matrimony to Florence Chadman on August 19, 2022. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his parents, Ezekiel and Sallie Lee Brown; his son, Michael Myers; a brother, Sylvester Spain; three sisters, Earlene Keel, Sallie Sparkman, and Sharonda Linen; two nephews, Cornelius Dease and Horace Brown. *Those left to cherish his memories include his wife, Florence Brown; his sisters, Mary Porcher, of Huger, South Carolina, Lilly (Burgess) Bennekin of Monks Corner, SC, Margaret Johnson, of Conway, SC, Willa (Vance) Deas of Plantersville, SC, Jacqueline (William) Rivers of Goose Creek, SC, Vonzella Stafford of Bucksport, SC; his children, Kayla Moore of Summerville, SC, Alkeem (Lindsay) Sherman of Conway, SC, Michael Myers of Plantersville, SC, Lequon (Corrine) Myer of Conway, SC, Desiree (Damone) Sherman of Conway, SC, and Ashley Brown of Sumter, SC; bonus children, Shakela (Darrious) Pearson of Cypress, Texas, Brandon Pearson of Sumter, SC, Makayla Pyatt of Conway, SC, Maleya Pyatt of Conway, SC, and Madison Pyatt of Conway, SC; his grandchildren, Jada, Avery Sherman Damir Delani Dayla Eryka Ladson Lequon Jr., Kalae, Kelis Timothy, Taylor Asia, Darrious Jr., Herbert, RJ, King, Kai, Massiah, his daughter-in-law, Rena White; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, grandnephew, supportive family, and friends.*



Mary Jackson

Mrs. Mary Frances Woodie Jackson, daughter of the late Amelia Woodie Atkinson, and wife of Mr. Tommy Jackson, was born on **March 1, 1940**, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She departed this earthly life on **April 21, 2026**, to a place of peaceful and eternal rest. She attended Whittemore High School in Horry County, South Carolina and was employed at the Breakers Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mary Frances attended St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dorothy L. Jackson; granddaughter, Shaquille S. Pertell; grandson, Clifton A. Watts; brother, Harry L. Woodie; sister, Sylvia A. Stanley; and grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Woodie. *She leaves to cherish her life and memories, five devoted and loving children, Mary H. Atkinson, Tommie A. Jackson-Watts, Tommy E. Jackson, Ben L. Jackson, and Lavena L. Jackson; one sister, Hester Mae Atkinson; one brother, Frank J. Atkinson; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.*



1940 - 2026



Lynneke Deshawn Stanley

Lynneke Deshawn Stanley's precious life began on Thursday, **April 12, 1990**, in Conway, South Carolina, to Vanessa Young and Shawn Stanley. He was truly an angel from God, bringing love and light into the lives of everyone who knew him. Sadly, that light



1990 - 2026

was dimmed on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, when Lynneke passed away, leaving the hearts of his beloved family members broken and saddened. Lynneke was a very loving soul who deeply cherished his family. He had a joyful spirit and a wonderful sense of humor. He loved telling jokes and making others laugh. His laughter was contagious, and his presence could brighten any room. He also enjoyed watching his favorite movies over and over again, finding comfort and joy in the moments that made him smile. *Lynneke is survived by his loving parents, Vanessa Young and Shawn Stanley; his siblings, Khalilah Cooper, Khadijah Cooper, Denim Moore, Arielle Stanley, Shalayah Stanley, and Deshawn Stanley; his nephew, Lundy Cooper; his best friend, Dorian Moore, who truly loved him; along with a host of aunts, cousins, extended family members, and friends. Lynneke will be remembered for his loving heart, his laughter, and the happiness he brought to those around him. He will be deeply missed and forever loved by his family and all who had the blessing of knowing him.*



Ke'Mari Samar'Trey Laquan Ford

Ke'Mari Samar Trey Laquan Ford of Columbia, South Carolina, was born on **January 15, 2008**, to Sekia Ford and Darrius Spain. On **Tuesday, April 4, 2026**, our heavenly Father called Ke'Mari's name at the tender age of 18. Hearing the call, Ke'Mari surrendered his all, allowing his soul to rest in eternal peace. Ke'Mari attended River Bluff High School in Lexington, South Carolina where he played football, proudly wearing the #26 for his team. He later attended Lexington One Adult Education. Ke'Mari had a huge passion for playing games on his PS5 gaming system. Sadly, Ke'Mari was preceded in death by two great grandmothers, Juanita McNeil and Joyce V. Ford. *Ke'Mari's life will be remembered and forever cherished by his mother, Sekia R. Ford and his father, Darrius Spain; his grandmother, Denise Calloway; his grandfather, Rodney Ford; two uncles, Rodney Travis Ford, Jr. and David W. Bolden, Jr.; four great-aunts, Mary Ann Calloway, Dorothy Calloway, Felise Calloway, and Leisa (Silas) Mitchell, all of Conway, South Carolina; along with a host of loving cousins and other family members. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.*



2008 - 2026



Esterline Ford

Esterline Ford was born on **November 21, 1969**, in the Red Bluff community of Horry County, South Carolina, to Willie Mae Wilson and Samuel Dewitt. On **Tuesday, April 21, 2026**, she departed this life. Esterline was educated in the public schools of Horry County and graduated from Loris High School. She was employed at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as Head Housekeeper. She also attended McNeil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Samuel Dewitt; adoptive mother, Earnestine Ford; a son, Jerome Timmons; a daughter, Jessica Ford; a brother, Rev. Dr. Ronnie Ford; and a sister, Pauline Ford. *Esterline will forever be remembered by her mother, Willie Mae Wilson; her daughters, Darlene Ford, Jasmine Ford, and Veronica Ford (Prince) Sarpong, all of Conway, South Carolina; her son, Joseph Timmons of Conway, South Carolina; two brothers, Ricky (Tonya) Bellamy and Jimmy Bellamy, both of Red Bluff, South Carolina; along with additional family members and friends, Franchesha and family, Tiffany James and family, Janice Young and family, Gladys and Frank Sarpong, Cosenia Gowans and family, and a host of nieces, nephews, others relatives and friends.*



1969 - 2026



Joanna Funney

Ms. Joanna Alston Funney, affectionately known as Ms. Anna, was born on **April 1, 1922**, in Horry County, South Carolina, to the late Rebecca Alston and Harrison Myers. She peacefully transitioned from labor to reward on **March 26, 2026**, at the blessed age of 103, leaving a legacy of faith, strength, and perseverance. Raised on McDowell Shortcut in the Burgess community of Myrtle Beach. Ms. Anna learned the value of hard work and determination at an early age. She attended Heaven Gate School and later continued her education in the Burgess Community, walking miles to and from school five days a week, through rain, wind, and cold demonstrating a resilience that would define her entire life. In 1942, Ms. Anna was united in holy matrimony to her beloved husband and relocated to Florida. Later, she returned to Myrtle Beach to care for her ailing mother, faithfully serving as her caregiver until her mother's passing, a true reflection of her selfless and loving heart. *She leaves to cherish her precious memories of a loving family, Nieces, Nephews, extended family, and dear friends whose lives she touched with her kindness, wisdom, and enduring faith.*



1922 - 2026



Donnie Graham

On **Wednesday, April 15, 2026**, **Donnie Lee Graham** departed this life for an eternal home. Donnie was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose presence brought comfort, laughter, and strength to everyone blessed to know him. Donnie was born on **May 21, 1951**, in the Bucksport community of Conway, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas and Edna Graham; eight sisters; and four brothers. *He leaves behind his loving wife Rosie (Tyger) White Graham of Conway, SC; his daughter, Tasha Monique (Jessie) Goins, Jr. of Hamlet, NC; his stepson, Ira White of Conway, SC, and his cherished grandchildren Nytiasha Graham, Da'Korian Graham, and Anyriana Graham of Hamlett, NC. Donnie is also survived by his sisters, Virginia Blackmon of Bridgeport, CT, Prince Ann Graham of Newark, NJ, Teresa Graham of Conway, SC, and his brother Albert Graham (Libby) of Marion, SC. He was embraced by a large and loving extended family, including his adopted sisters Joyce (Levi) Mack of Myrtle Beach, SC, Deborah Graham of Charleston, SC, Tammy Burnett of Charlotte, NC, Sylvia Graham of Myrtle Beach, SC, Margie (Kenny) McCray of Conway, SC, Sherry Jones of Conway, SC, Wanda Graham of Conway, SC, and Abigail Graham of Maryland; as well as his adopted brothers Vantorus Graham of Conway, SC, and Maurice Graham of Columbia, SC; a special sister-in-law, Rosenell Graham of Conway, SC; along with a host of nephews, cousins, and family friends.*

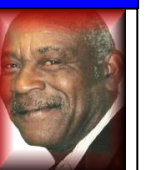


1951 - 2026



Isadore Williams, Jr.

Isadore Williams, Jr., was born on **December 14, 1945**, in Wagener, a town located in Aiken County, South Carolina, to Isadore, Sr. and Eunice Williams. On **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, the sun would set for Isadore for the last time on this earth in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Isadore attended school at A.L. Corbett High School, and attended Chalk Hill Baptist Church in Wagener, South Carolina. As time passed, heartaches came with the passing of his parents, Isadore and Eunice Williams; his son, Troy Williams; his sisters, Ruby Lee Richardson and Shirley Ramsey; his brothers, Willie "Skinny" Williams, Larry Williams, Joe Williams, and Bobby Williams. *Those who are left behind to forever cherish his memories are his beloved wife, Rose Williams; his son, Chris Williams; his daughter, Tarsha (Todd) Busby; five grandchildren, Shawn (DeAundria) Anderson, Tevin (Ebony) Addison, Nya Williams, Chance Williams, and Ja'Quan Williams; three great grandchildren, Elianna Addison, Elivia Addison, and Ansley Williams; his brothers, Sylvester (Doris) Williams, Benjamin (Tobby) Williams, Billy (Juanita) Williams, and Ruben (Betty) Williams; his sisters, Rosa Lee Williams, Carrie Williams, and Peggy Williams; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friend*

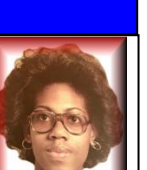


1945 - 2026



Caroline Archey

Caroline Archey was born on **September 17, 1960**. She departed this life on **April 10, 2026**.



1960 - 2026



Evelina Suyapa Aguilar Raudales

Evelina Suyapa Aguilar Raudales of Myrtle Beach and formerly of Honduras was born on **February 3, 1971**. She departed this life on **March 31, 2026**.

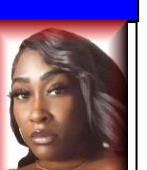


1971 - 2026



Theresa Mishoe

Theresa Latasha Mishoe of Conway, SC, was born on **January 11, 1989**. She departed this life on **Tuesday, April 28, 2026**.



1989 - 2026



Jean Louise Murphy

Jean Louise Murphy, 78, of Galivants Ferry, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on **April 18, 2026**, in Conway, South Carolina. Born on **October 5, 1947**, in Charleston, West Virginia, Jean was the daughter of the late Willie Greer Miller and Helen Marjorie (Bartlett) Miller. Jean shared a beautiful marriage of nearly 50 years with her beloved husband, David R. Murphy. She was a deeply devoted and loving mother to her son, Frederic D. Murphy and his wife, Shannon, of Burrillville, Rhode Island. She was a deeply devoted and loving mother to her son, Frederic D. Murphy and his wife, Shannon, of Burrillville, Rhode Island. He was the center of her world, and their bond was one of unwavering love, pride, and connection. *Jean found immense joy in her role as a grandmother to Torry and Jared Dooley of Cumberland, Rhode Island, Brandon Gaucher, Samantha Murphy, and Patrick Murphy, all of Burrillville, Rhode Island, and as a great-grandmother to Charlie. Spending time with her grandchildren, especially in their younger years, brought her endless happiness. Jean is also survived by her loving siblings, her sister Ann Flingsten and her husband Ken of Arnold, Maryland, her sister Mary Kot and her husband David of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and her brother Bill Miller and his wife Rebecca of Locust Grove, Virginia.*



1947 - 2026



Brenda Lee Brown

Brenda Lee Brown was born on **September 10, 1965**. She departed this life on **April 26, 2026**.



1965 - 2026



Lois DeMarco Costa

Lois DeMarco Costa was born on **January 1, 1947**. She departed this life on **April 19, 2026**.



1947 - 2026



Henry Brunson

Henry Brunson was born on **November 2, 1940**. He departed this life on **April 25, 2026**.



1940 - 2026



Randy Lee Sinclair

Randy Lee Sinclair was born on **October 23, 1975**. He departed this life on **April 3, 2026**



1975 - 2026



Paul Gregory Cove

Paul Gregory Cove was born on **October 24, 1954**. He departed this life on **April 23, 2026**.



1954 - 2026



Cathy Ann Heverly Staving

Cathy Ann Heverly Staving was born on **March 12, 1957**. She departed this life on **April 3, 2026**.

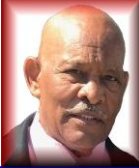


1957 - 2026



George Shular

George was born on **December 3, 1942**, the 9th child of 10 children, born to the late George Willie Shular, Sr., and Sarah Magnolia George Shular. George was deceased by his parents, two sisters. Alice and Loretta, six brothers: Carson, Elwood, Carl, Avance, Bobby, and Billy. He grew up in Hallsboro, NC. He departed this life on **April 22, 2026**. After serving in the armed forces, he met the love of his life, Fran Jordan, who later became Frances Shular, and together they had four children. In 2005, George decided to retire to Conway, SC, to be with family. After retirement, he joined Bethlehem #1 Missionary Baptist Church and became a deacon, then the father of the church, which was his greatest honor. *He leaves a legacy of love and devotion to his wife of 58 years, Frances Shular, two sons, Terry of South Carolina and Kempbis of Connecticut, 2 loving daughters. Sara Yolanda (Andre) Ely and Patron (Michael) Banda; 4 grandchildren. Craig Shular, Shani Ely, Alvin A Butter, Andre Ely Jr., one great-granddaughter Ezrii Shular one brother, Leslie Ezel (Joycia Mae) Shular, one sister-in-law, Eunice (Anderson) Hasty, a host of nieces and nephews; one spiritual mother, Florine Williams of Connecticut and 2 spiritual daughters, Gloria (Anthony) King and Shirley Singleton and a host of other relatives and friends*



1942 - 2026



Earl Floyd

Mr. James Earl Floyd, Sr. was the son of the late Earlee C. Floyd and the late Roseanner Bekkamy Floyd of Longs, SC. Mr. James was born on **August 4, 1949**, in Longs, SC. Mr. James was called into eternal rest on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**. Mr. James was preceded in death by 3 sisters and two brothers. Mr. James attended Finklea High School at in Loris, SC. an early age at the Freemont Missionary Baptist Church. He worked at the NYC Transportation System. *He leaves to cherish his memory, five children; Christina Renee Floyd, James Earl Floyd, Khalian Rodney Floyd, Tronda Green, Terrell Floyd and Kizzie Floyd; one sister, Sadie Phillip, Longs, SC; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, special friend; Dee Dee Tinker, a host of nieces, nephews, and other sorrowing relatives and friends.*



1949 - 2026



Steven Bellamy

Steve Bellamy, currently of Los Angeles, CA., was born on **December 12, 1967**. He was the son of the late Elroy Hardee and Julia Mae Bellamy. He departed this life on **April 19, 2026**.



1967 - 2026



Michael Lee Anderson

Michael Lee Anderson was born to the late Winfred Randall Anderson and the late Annie Mae Rush Anderson on **December 31, 1951**, in Conway, SC. The youngest of the union. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Loydell Anderson, and a nephew, Patrick Levon Sanderson, on February 9, 2023. He departed this life on **April 9, 2026**. Michael was a member of the Cherry Hill MB Church in Conway, SC. He joined under the pastoral leadership of the late Rev. G.W Watson. He graduated from Whittemore High School, Class of 1969 and attended Horry Georgetown Technical College. Michael joined the United States Navy and served his country during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged. Michael was also a Golden Life Member of the NAACP. Returning home, he was employed at the Conway Nursing Center for several years until his health declined. *He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory; his sister, Winifred Ann Anderson of the home; his sister-in-law, Linda C. Anderson, Fayetteville, GA; two of his nephews were close and attentive to the care of their uncle, Christopher and Brian Anderson, his nephews, nieces, and all other relatives and friends.*



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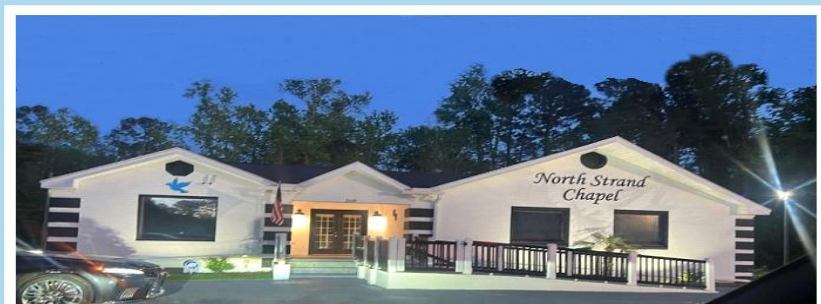
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