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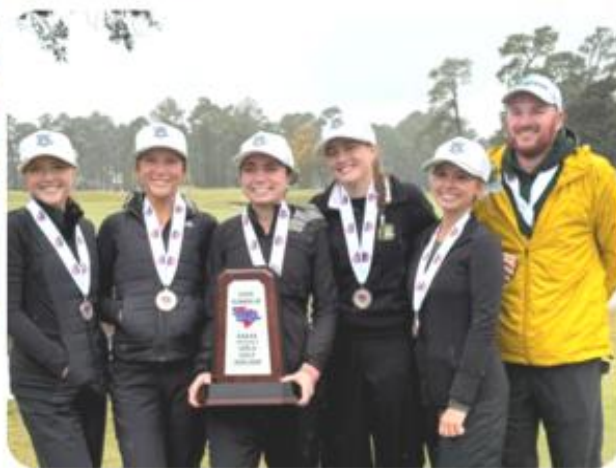
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The Long-Term Toll of Tobacco, Vaping, and Marijuana

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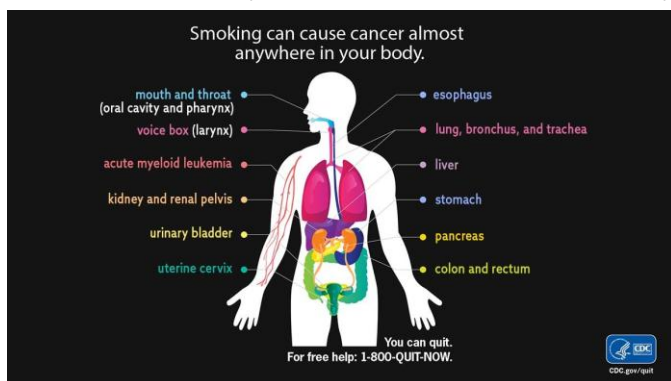
Summer often brings a sense of freedom. Longer days, time outdoors, and social gatherings can make certain habits feel easier to overlook. For some, that includes tobacco use. What may feel casual in the moment can shape health for years to come in ways that are not always immediately visible. Tobacco use leaves a lasting imprint on the body. Years of smoking build a reservoir of risk. Even after quitting, the effects of prior exposure can remain for years. Long-term smokers often lose a significant portion of their life expectancy compared to those who have never smoked. Many others continue living with chronic conditions tied to tobacco use, managing symptoms that affect their daily lives. The lungs are built for efficiency. Air travels through the trachea into branching airways called bronchi and bronchioles, eventually

reaching millions of tiny air sacs known as alveoli. These structures are thin and flexible, surrounded by capillaries that allow oxygen to enter the bloodstream and carbon dioxide to be removed. This exchange happens continuously and without effect when our bodies are functioning properly. Smoking disrupts this process at every level. In healthy individuals who do not smoke, oxygen saturation typically remains between 95 and 100 percent. In smokers, this number can be lower, especially with long-term use or

underlying lung disease. The airways become inflamed and narrowed, making it harder for air to move in and out. The alveoli lose their elasticity and surface area needed for oxygen exchange. Mucus begins to accumulate while the structures responsible for clearing debris from the lungs become damaged. Over time, this leads to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, better known as COPD, where breathing becomes increasingly difficult. The cardiovascular system is also affected in ways that develop quietly over time. The heart



depends on healthy blood vessels to deliver oxygen throughout the body. Nicotine causes these vessels to constrict, raising blood pressure and increasing the workload on the heart. In the same manner, chemicals in tobacco smoke damage the inner lining of blood vessels, contributing to plaque buildup and reduced circulation. These changes increase the likelihood of heart attacks and strokes.



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Tobacco use also exposes nearly every organ to harmful substances carried through the bloodstream. This is why smoking is linked to multiple forms of cancer, including those affecting the mouth, throat, esophagus, pancreas, and bladder. By the time symptoms appear, the disease may already be advanced. Other effects are less discussed but still significant. Smoking weakens bone density, increasing the risk of fractures over time. In addition, smoking reduces blood flow

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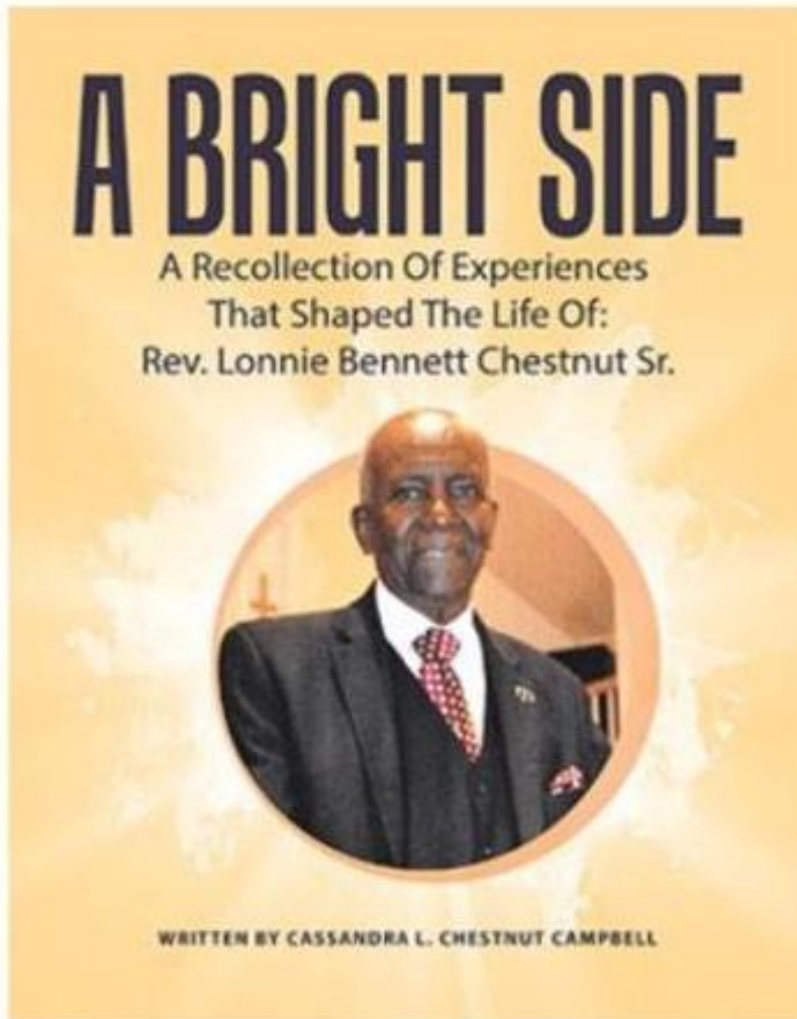
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to tissues and slows healing after injury. Skin may even lose elasticity more quickly, and the body's ability to repair itself becomes less efficient. These changes affect independence, recovery, and overall quality of life. Lastly, the brain is impacted tremendously. Nicotine alters neurotransmitter activity, reinforcing dependence and making quitting more difficult. Over time, reduced oxygen delivery and vascular damage can affect cognitive function, which could contribute to long-term neurological changes. Moreover, the effects of tobacco extend beyond the person smoking. Secondhand smoke carries many of the same harmful chemicals into shared environments. In homes, cars, and social spaces, exposure can become routine. Adults exposed to secondhand smoke face increased risks of respiratory illness and cardiovascular disease. Children are especially vulnerable. Exposure is linked to asthma, frequent respiratory infections, and ear infections. In these situations, one person's habit can influence the health of an entire household.

Further, the rise of electronic cigarettes has changed how nicotine is used, particularly among younger populations. These devices are often perceived as a safer alternative, yet they still deliver nicotine along with other chemicals that can irritate and damage lung tissue. Early nicotine exposure can alter brain development and reinforce addiction. The long-term effects are still being studied, but early findings show clear risks to respiratory and

cardiovascular health. Marijuana use is increasingly common and is viewed differently in the medical realm today. While it is often prescribed for pain relief, nausea, or appetite stimulation, smoking marijuana shares similar respiratory risks with tobacco. The lungs are exposed to heat and chemical irritants, which can lead to bronchitis, chronic cough, and impaired oxygen exchange. Marijuana can also affect heart rate and blood pressure, particularly in individuals with preexisting cardiovascular disease. While vaping and edibles reduce inhalation risks, they are not entirely free of side effects. Long-term use can still contribute to cognitive and lung-related health complications. Education about safe use and understanding the consequences of recreational consumption in communities disproportionately affected by chronic health disparities is paramount.



Quitting tobacco is challenging, and it is important to recognize that. Nicotine affects the brain's reward system, making cravings both physical and behavioral. For many people, stopping is a process that has to unfold over time. Understanding the process can make quitting even more manageable. The early stages of quitting often follow a pattern. Around the third day, physical withdrawal symptoms tend to peak. By the third week, emotional cravings can feel stronger as routines and habits begin to shift. Reaching the third month is a meaningful

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Why Blacks Who Served in the Revolutionary War Were Conflicted

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Two hundred and fifty years ago, our nation made a historic shift from monarchy to democracy. The Founding Fathers boldly declared, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

But it was clear that when they wrote these lofty ideals, Blacks were not included in the words, "We the People." Likewise, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that "All men are created equal" and that they have the God-Given right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But this too did not apply to Blacks. Many who demanded freedom from England and cried, "Give me liberty or give me death," nonetheless kept nearly a quarter of its population in bondage.



Despite these injustices, some Black Americans found hope in the Revolution's promises and joined the fight. They were inspired by the possibility that liberty might one day include them. They chose to fight for whichever side would help them gain their freedom. However, on the Patriot side, most were assigned to support roles such as cooks, guides, wagoners, drummers, and laborers. Nevertheless, a number of them served in combat.

Oscar Marion was a combat soldier. According to legend, Oscar Marion and Francis Marion grew up together on the same plantation in Berkeley County, South Carolina, during the 1730s. While Francis Marion's family owned the plantation, Oscar was enslaved there and was about the same age as Francis. As an adult, Francis Marion became a renowned guerrilla fighter and a celebrated Revolutionary War hero. His cunning tactics earned him the nickname "Swamp Fox" among his enemies.

A soldier by day, chef by night, Oscar fought in the siege of Savannah in 1779, the siege of Charleston in 1780, and the Battle of Eutaw Springs in 1781, and other battles. His work with General Francis Marion and his militia helped the Continental Army beat the British at Yorktown, Virginia.

Jim Capers was yet another combat soldier. Fighting beside Francis Marion, he served in several key Revolutionary War battles—Savannah, Port Royal, Camden, Eutaw Springs, and Biggin Church—including the difficult Siege of Savannah in 1779. Rather than fighting only in big battles, Capers joined guerrilla raids and smaller fights. He was wounded four times: twice on the head, once on the face, and once by a bullet that went through his side and killed the drummer behind him. Despite being severely wounded, he continued to serve until the war ended.

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A Black Spy named Antigua frequently infiltrated British camps to gather intelligence. He worked directly for the South Carolina Governor, becoming a valuable spy for the American forces in South Carolina. Focusing on British troop movements, his courage and skill behind enemy lines directly aided the American cause.

James Armistead Lafayette was perhaps the most well-known Black spy of the American Revolution. Armistead tricked the traitor, General Benedict Arnold, into believing he was a runaway slave seeking refuge with the British. He infiltrated the camps of General Benedict Arnold and later those of General Charles Cornwallis.

His dual role as a double agent was masterfully executed; he fed the British misleading information while providing accurate and vital intelligence to the American forces. One of his most important actions was telling General Marquis de Lafayette about Cornwallis's troop movements and plans. This helped the American and French armies block British reinforcements at Yorktown. After the war, Armistead took the surname "Lafayette" to honor his legendary commander.

James Forten and his family belonged to Philadelphia's small but vibrant community of free Black people during the Revolution. The Revolutionary War gave people the chance to serve at sea, either in the Continental Navy, a state navy, or on a privateer ship. Privateers were privately owned merchant ships converted for war to attack enemy ships. This meant cutting holes for cannons and getting ammunition. James joined a privateer ship at 14. Soon after, Forten went on several successful voyages, but before long, his voyages ended abruptly.

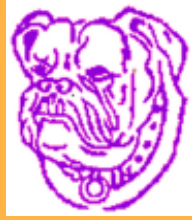


He was captured by the British and spent seven months in harsh conditions aboard a prison ship. He was eventually freed in a prisoner exchange. After returning to Philadelphia, he worked for a family friend's shipping company. There, he quickly mastered the art of making sails. Later, he bought the company, becoming one of Philadelphia's wealthiest citizens. James Forten used his success and influence to champion the abolitionist movement.

Thousands of Black Americans served in the Revolutionary War; however, early in the war, American generals—especially in the South—strongly opposed arming Black men, fearing the consequences of giving weapons to the enslaved. As the war continued and troop shortages worsened, both free blacks and enslaved blacks were recruited. Enslavers often sent their enslaved to fight in their place, fulfilling quotas or collecting enlistment bounties. After the war, a few enslavers honored their promise to free their slaves, but most enslavers simply returned these Black soldiers to bondage. By contrast, the British kept their word, refusing to return Black soldiers to American control. They freed these "Black Loyalists" and sent many of them to Canada and the Caribbean. However, in Canada, Black veterans endured harsh weather conditions, poverty, racial discrimination, and broken promises of land.

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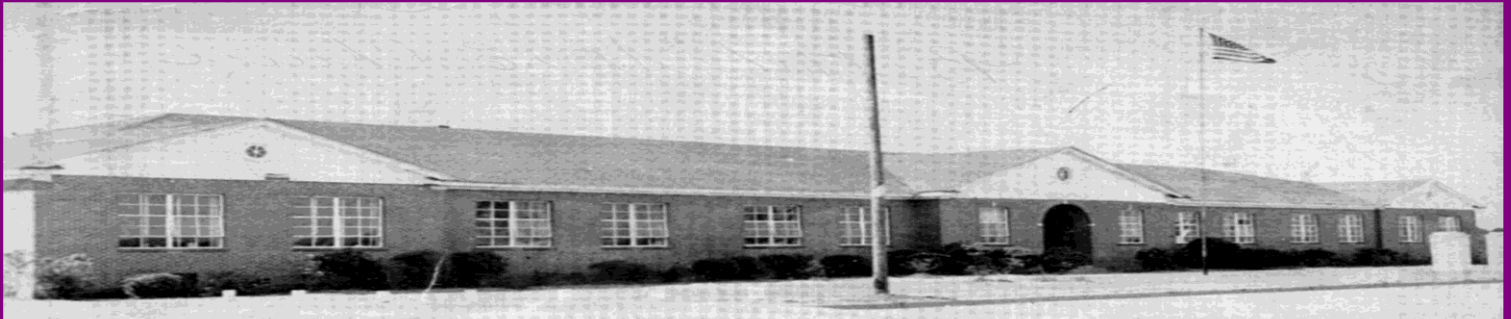
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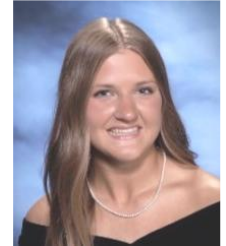
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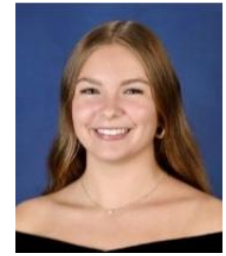
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By Marjorie Coakley McIver



The "I Am..." Workshop was developed through collaborative planning and facilitation by: **Dr. Tabitha Lowery, PhD**; **Ashlyn Pope, MFA**; and **Amber Bacon, MFA**, all professors in the **Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Coastal Carolina University**.

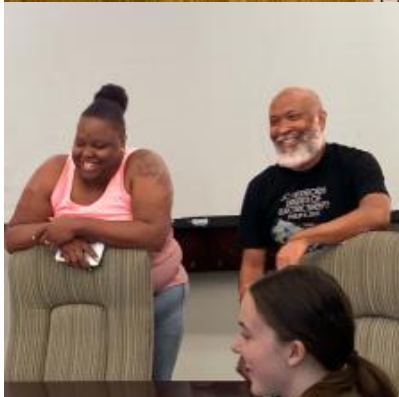
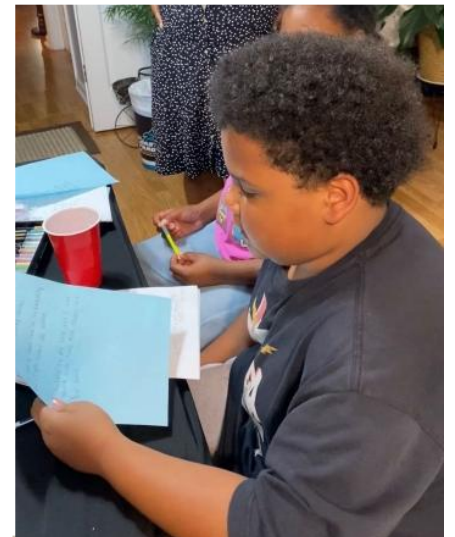
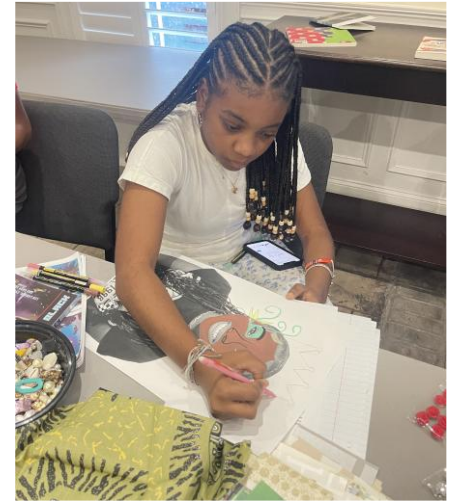
The workshop series, a **3-Part Model for Community Use**, is designed to help middle and high school students transform personal experiences into creative expression through writing, visual art, and poetry. The model is designed to be flexible, replicable, and easy to adapt across classroom and community spaces.

During **Workshop 1**, a pilot initiative entitled **Finding Your Voice** (Writing + Identity + Artwork), students met at the **Lackey Chapel** on CCU's campus and were asked to express their experiences through guided reflection questions and the use of descriptive words.

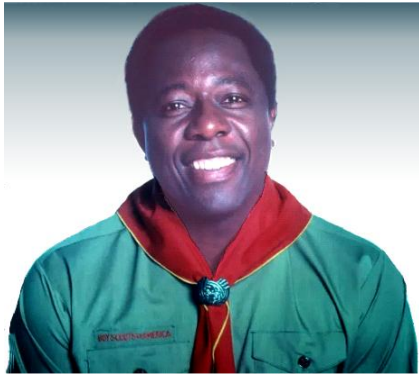
The activities included an introduction to the work of **Gary Jackson**, writer and poet, and the sharing of a section from the book about characters, **Shuri and T'Challa, Into the Heartlands: A Black Panther Graphic Novel**, by **Roseanne Brown**. Students were asked to reflect on an experience from their past and to write their response. They used enlarged photographs of themselves to visualize and personalize their identity by creating a colorful picture collage/journal using a variety of mixed materials to develop themselves as a "superhero identity."

During **Workshop 2**, entitled **Building Persona Poems**, student met with guest poet, **Gary Jackson**, in the **Edwards Building** on CCU's campus. The exercise, **Be Your Own Superhero!** was led by Gary Jackson.

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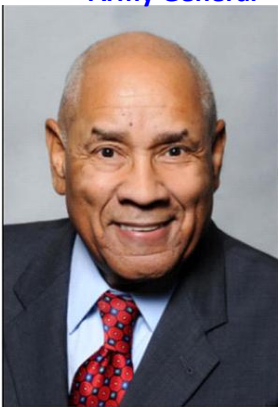
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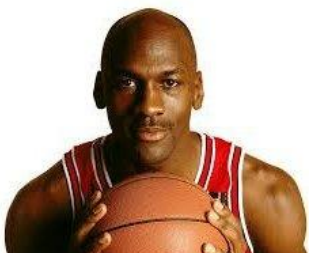


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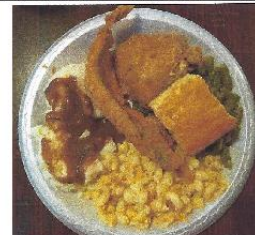
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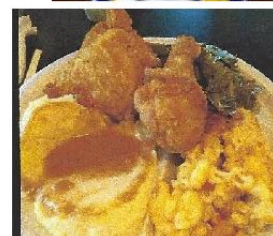
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Pension Denied

While many white veterans faced hurdles in securing their military pensions, for Black veterans, it was particularly frustrating. They often lacked the paperwork needed to prove their service or claim land bounties. Many were denied pensions due to racial discrimination, lack of witnesses, or having their roles labeled as non-combatant.

Even those who served in combat often faced other barriers, especially in the South. Illiteracy and the inability to provide written proof of service led to routine denials. In addition, many records had also been lost or destroyed during the war, making it even harder to prove service. To receive a military pension, veterans or their widows faced a daunting questionnaire that required supporting documents that few Black veterans could provide.

Here are three typical questions that veterans face.

1. "Where were you born?" Knowledge of birth varied significantly for black veterans. Those blacks brought over from Africa knew their African homeland, but enslavers aggressively stripped them of any connection to Africa. Any knowledge of location outside of the confines of their plantation was strictly forbidden. Those born in one state and forcibly relocated to another would likely have no knowledge of their birthplace. Before the abolition of slavery, official government birth certificates for Blacks, free or enslaved, were practically nonexistent.
2. When were you discharged? Most Black veterans never received official discharge papers. Many fought in place of their enslavers and were returned to bondage after the war.
3. Are you legally married? Enslaved individuals were considered property; they lacked the legal capacity to enter into binding contracts like marriage. Their marriages held no legal standing. Spouses and children were routinely separated and sold away. Jim Capers was one of these post-war veterans who struggled for years to receive his pension. Finally, he received it two months before his death. However, it might have been too little, too late. Capers passed away at the age of 111.

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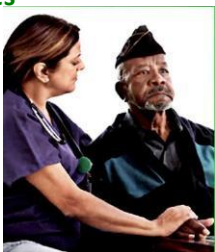


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Companion Services

The Long-Term Toll of Tobacco, Vaping, and Marijuana

By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor

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milestone, as many people begin to feel more stable in their progress. Cravings themselves are temporary, even when they feel intense. Most last only a few minutes, which makes having a plan important. Simple actions can help redirect that moment. Drinking a cold glass of water, eating something crunchy, or brushing your teeth can interrupt the urge. Stepping outside for a walk, spending time with a pet, or changing your environment can also create distance from the smoking habit. Keeping your hands busy through small activities can help replace the physical routine of smoking. Even small changes in daily habits can make a huge difference. Switching from coffee to tea or getting up immediately after a meal instead of sitting, can break associations that trigger cravings. It can also help to stay grounded in the reason for

quitting smoking. Whether it is improving your health, saving a lot of money, or protecting the exposure, having a clear people around you from secondhand purpose provides direction during more difficult moments. Writing these reasons down and revisiting them can reinforce that decision over time. Additionally, support plays a critical role in the quitting process. Nicotine replacement options such as patches, lozenges, and gum can reduce withdrawal symptoms. Prescription medications may also help manage cravings.

Counseling, community programs, and trusted

healthcare providers can offer guidance and accountability. Finding a strategy that fits your routine and your environment increases the likelihood of long-term success. There is still room for improvement at any stage. The body begins to respond after quitting. Breathing can become easier, circulation in the blood improves, and the risk of future complications begins to decrease. While some damage remains, stopping tobacco use changes the direction of long-term health. Tobacco use places a burden on families and communities. Managing chronic illness, attending medical appointments, and coping with long-term health changes extend beyond one individual.



In Black communities, these challenges are shaped by access to care, targeted marketing, and existing health disparities. Addressing tobacco use requires accessible resources, culturally relevant education, and support systems that reflect the needs of our community. Ultimately, the effects of tobacco use build over

time, often without immediate warning. The consequences can be life-altering; however, they are certainly preventable. Choosing to step away from tobacco, or choosing never to start, can shift the course of your health in a meaningful way. The decisions made today influence the years ahead, and protecting that future begins with awareness, action, and support for healthier alternatives. Every cigarette avoided helps preserve both personal and community well-being. For more information. <https://www.lung.org/quit-smoking/smoking-facts/health-effects>.

By Marjorie Coakley McIver



Students were asked to revisit their free writing and note what stood out to them, using strong details of how they overcame something difficult or challenging. Their use of adjectives, metaphors, and similes would help make them appear more like a superhero, with strengths and/or weaknesses, allowing them to know more about themselves and about the world in which they live.

Prior to engaging in Workshop 3, students convened at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Coakley McIver to prepare for the final workshop. They used their prewrites to brainstorm, outline, and organize their ideas for their final poem.

During **Workshop 3**, the students turned their writing into poetry by shaping the poem and integrating it into a picture collage for their final presentation and subsequent publication.

The aims of the program were to emphasize expression over correctness, emphasize the student as their own agent, to encourage vivid language, maintain a supportive environment, model participation, and to help students notice and develop strength in their writing. Sponsors of the program were: **Zenobia Harper, Director, Joyner Institute of Gullah and African Diaspora Studies, CCU, Marjorie Coakley McIver, Community Liaison and Coordinator of the Summer Literacy Program and Co-Coordinator (with Harper) of CREATE Youth Initiative, Alli Crandell, Atheneum Press, CCU, and the English Department at CCU.** Logistical support was provided by **Dean Claudia Bornholdt, Professor of Language and Intercultural Studies, Thomas W. and Robin W Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts, CCU.**



For many people, aging can be a little scary. With so many unknowns surrounding the coming years, it's no surprise that men and women are anxious about aging — especially when it comes to their health.

What if we told you there was a way to prepare for the potential health changes that may arise as you age? In this blog, we discuss the most common male health problems men experience from their 30s to their 60s. By preparing for what may come, you can work towards a healthier *you*, both now and in the future.

Male Health Problems in Your 30s

Although your health should be a priority long before you hit the big 3-0, this is when more serious health ailments begin to present themselves in most men. Unfortunately, many men think they are “too young” to begin experiencing certain health problems and do not take the time to prepare for what may come. To remain proactive — in your 30s and beyond — keep these potential health concerns in mind.

Heart Health: Your heart is a muscle that needs to be exercised in order to remain healthy. Taking care of your heart includes aerobic exercises such as walking, jogging, or biking, and also eating healthy.

Cholesterol is more likely to increase and cause problems in your 30s, especially as your metabolism begins to slow down. Staying at a lower weight and maintaining a healthy diet with lots of dark leafy green vegetables, good fats such as nuts and seeds, and grass-fed organic meats will keep your cholesterol low and heart strong.

Male Infertility: Sperm levels and their quality can begin decreasing as early as the mid-30s. As men age, the body is less able to filter out old or damaged sperm. For men who are wanting to have children, this is a concern, since the DNA in these damaged sperm have the potential to affect the genes of your future children. Therefore, if you'd like to have kids a little later in life, consider banking sperm for future use.

Loss of Bone and Muscle Mass: You may also start to notice a slight decline in your muscle and bone mass as you get through your 30s. It's now more important than ever to exercise and get enough calcium and Vitamin D in your diet to keep your bones strong. In addition, if you have a habit of smoking, now is a great time to quit as smoking can contribute to loss of bone density.

Testicular Cancer: Believe it or not, testicular cancer is the most common form of cancer for men in their 30s, according to the National Institute of Health. Your 30s are a great time to get screened for testicular cancer and stay on top of prevention. Symptoms might include an aching in the groin, lumps in one or both testicles, pain in the testicles or scrotum, and breast area tenderness. If you experience any of the above symptoms, be sure to make an appointment with a urologist for a check-up.

Prostate Cancer: Unlike testicular cancer, prostate cancer isn't generally a big concern for men in their 30s. However, being aware of any developing symptoms (as well as early detection) can make a difference when treating prostate cancer. Have your doctor perform a Prostate-Specific Antigen test to screen for this men's health condition.

Male Health Problems in Your 40s

As you approach middle age, it's important to keep up with proper habits in order to maintain a healthy body. While genes play a role in our wellbeing as we age, the importance of diet and exercise should not be overlooked. Below are the five men's health problems that can occur in your 40s.

Decrease in Testosterone: A decrease in testosterone can affect everything from bone density to sex drive. While lower levels of testosterone is normal at this age, if it's affecting your wellbeing or sex life in any way, see your doctor.

Stress: Stress is inevitable in your 40s. By this time, you are likely to be working hard in your career, supporting a family, and maybe even taking care of aging parents.

Flexibility: Perhaps losing flexibility doesn't sound like a big deal, until you consider the fact that decreased flexibility can shorten your muscles and cause stiffness. If you work in an environment where you spend most of your day sitting, then this is especially true. To stay flexible, move around every hour — even if it's just a short walk around the office.



Enlarged Prostate: Symptoms of an enlarged prostate include the need to urinate frequently or painful urination. Prostate enlargement can be affected by many factors, but the most prevalent among them are poor diet and lack of exercise. Focus on improving your diet to boost urological health and prevent male health issues. Staying away from consuming foods treated with growth hormones (such as meats and dairy), and increasing your intake of fruits, vegetables, and good fats support a healthy prostate.

Metabolism: It's common knowledge in the men's health industry that your metabolism tends to slow down as you age. A slow metabolism can lead to weight gain, and in turn, make it difficult to lose the weight. To prevent your metabolism from slowing down, build muscle through strength training, stay hydrated, and eat as healthy as possible. Also, try adding spicy foods or small amounts of caffeine to your diet to give your metabolism a bit of a jumpstart.

Male Health Problems in Your 50s

If you're a man in your 50s, take a look at these top five male health problems. You may be surprised at what men's health risks you are vulnerable to at this time and get inspired to make some changes to your lifestyle.

Loss of Muscle Mass: Losing muscle mass begins in your 30s and continues well into your 50s. At this point, you might notice frequent joint pain, lack of flexibility, or back pain. Discuss an appropriate workout routine with your doctor;

Prostate Cancer: Unfortunately, your risk for prostate cancer continues to increase as you age. However, prostate cancer that is caught early is treatable and has high rates of survival. Throughout your 50s, it's important to know the symptoms of prostate cancer and visit your doctor regularly to ensure that your prostate is healthy. Symptoms of prostate cancer include frequent or painful urination, blood in the urine, inability to urinate, or aching pain in the groin or back area. Without a doubt, regular visits with a urologist is the best way to stay on top of the symptoms of prostate cancer.

Dehydration: As you age, your body is made up of less water and so you tend to be less thirsty. Drinking less water can lead to dehydration, urinary issues, and overheating. Avoid dehydration by keeping water with you regardless of where you go. Slowly sip on fluids throughout the day as the easiest way to prevent dehydration.

Colorectal Cancer: Men in their 50s are also at a greater risk for developing colorectal cancer, which is why colonoscopies are recommended for anyone over the age of 50. A colonoscopy lets doctors take a look at the inside of your colon to make sure there are no cancerous polyps (growths that begin on the inner lining of your colon) and other internal issues.

Heart Health: Another common issue to watch for is your heart health declining as you reach your 50s. If you suffer from high blood pressure or high cholesterol, you must be more attentive to your health than ever before. Diet and exercise can benefit heart health immensely! Focus on plant-based proteins — such as lentils and nuts — rather than red meat. Walking for just 20 minutes a day can significantly reduce your overall risk of heart disease and stroke.

Male Health Problems in Your 60s

In your 60s, you need to be aware of a few health ailments that could be affecting your daily life. With retirement just around the corner, stay healthy in order to guarantee you will enjoy those relaxing years without major concerns.

Arthritis: As you get older you come to know joint pain fairly well. Our joints are involved in nearly every movement we make, so it can be very difficult to ignore the pain. This pain is typically caused by inflammation, and inflammation in our joints usually gets worse as we age.

Bone Loss: While we know bone loss continues as you age, so does your risk for osteoporosis. Although women are more likely than men to get osteoporosis, bone loss is a male health issue that should never be ignored! Discuss taking a calcium supplement with your doctor and the amount you should take; most men in their 60s need over 1,000 mg a day to maintain their bone health. Exercising and strength building are other simple ways to prevent osteoporosis as well.



Conversations With HC Schools Superintendent



Mr. Clifford Jones

On **May 11, 2026**, Bethel AME church in Conway, SC, **Rev. Monty Royster, Pastor**, welcomed a visit by **Mr. Clifford Jones**, Horry County Schools Superintendent and **Mrs. Janet Graham**, Horry County School Board Member, to engage in what was described as a Community Conversation. The visit was further described as an opportunity for the community to come together, share perspectives, and chart the course for a collective future.



Mrs. Janet Graham



Male Health Problems Starting in Your 30s and Beyond

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Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH): Benign prostatic hyperplasia simply means an enlarged prostate in men. Although this is not cancer, it's still a men's health issue that can affect urination. You may feel like you need to urinate often, but then not be able to urinate at all or produce a weak stream. You may also experience trouble starting and stopping urination. While BPH doesn't lead to cancer, your doctor may want to perform some tests to see if you are suffering from any other underlying causes.

Heart Disease

Sadly, heart disease is the leading cause of death in men and women in the United States. If you are still smoking at this age, it's not too late to stop. Having an honest conversation with your doctor can help you get started. Additionally, eating healthier and exercising for 30 minutes a day will decrease your risk of heart attack, stroke, and high blood pressure.

Incontinence

The risk of incontinence, or loss of bladder control, is more likely to occur in your 60s. Symptoms include the "leaking" of urine whenever you laugh, cough, or sneeze (stress incontinence) or uncontrollable urges to urinate (urge incontinence). Fortunately, incontinence is a male health problem that is preventable and is easily remedied with exercises, provided other issues are not concurrent.

How to Stay Proactive Against Male Health Problems

Enjoy good health in every stage of your life by using our Men's Health Guide. With each decade of life throwing a new set of potential health problems at you, it's important you know what to expect and how to prepare for it. This way, you can discover what it takes to be healthy!

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The 6888th Battalion



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The Army gave the 6888th Battalion six months, expecting and even wanting them to fail, and believing that they couldn't do it because they were black women. Without many clues or directions, those women put their brains together, using what they were best at, to figure out how to deliver all of those packages in half the time they were given. They were the only all black female Battalion to be sent overseas during WWII. The women came into the army preparing for marching, fighting or whatever else may be assigned to them during the war.

Even though it was just mail delivery, they were still sent out in dangerous positions to deliver the mail to the soldiers, because during the war even delivering mail was dangerous. Three of the women even lost their lives and the army did not even transport their remains back to the U.S. for a burial. The other women had to raise money and bury the three bodies in France.

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Congratulations to Mr. Dee'on Bellamy

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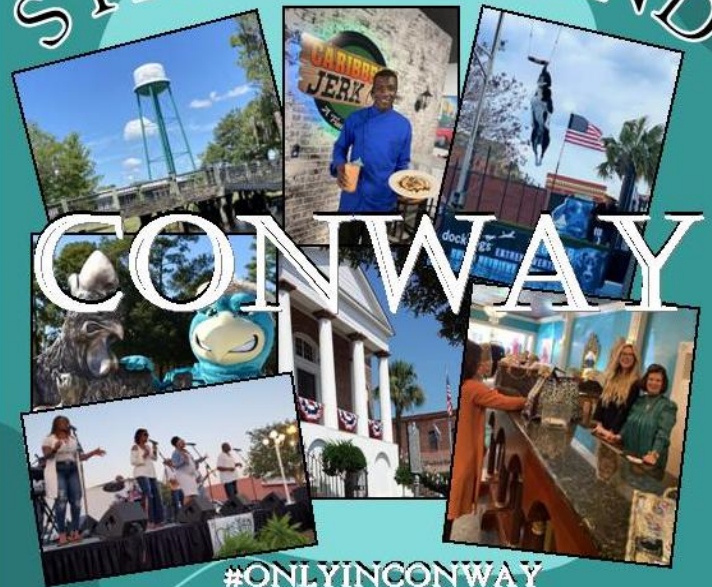
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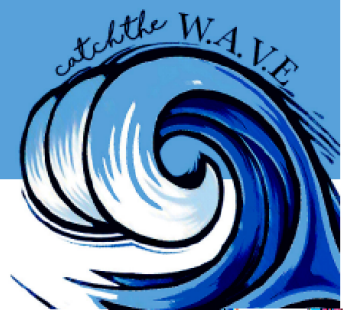
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“The ‘Caught Green Handed’ recognition is presented monthly to a Horry County resident caught in the act of recycling” stated [Esther Murphy](#), Director of Recycling and Corporate Affairs for the Solid Waste Authority. “It’s the Solid Waste Authority’s 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.” **Mr. Antley and his son, Gunner**, regular recyclers at the **Red Bluff Recycling Center**, was surprised and honored to receive this recognition.

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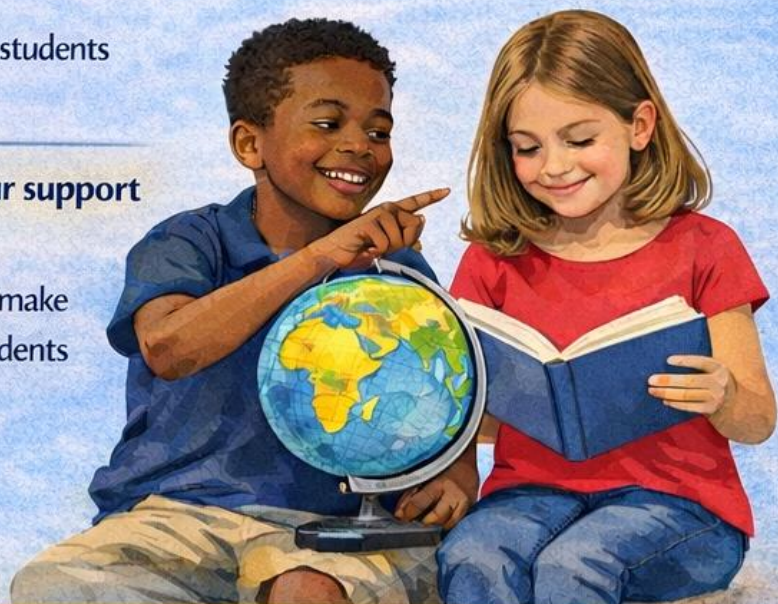
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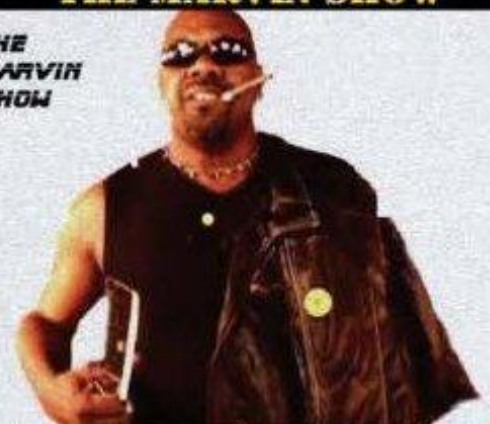
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Nellie Mae Hardy

Nellie Mae Hardy was born on **February 19, 1935**, to proud, honorable parents, Arthur Franklin and Lula Belle Corbitt. She departed this life on **May 14, 2026**. Nellie attended Myrtle Beach Colored School during her primary years. She graduated from Whittemore High School in Conway, South Carolina. Nell was the proud mother of two sons, Richard James and Willie Corbitt, and a loving mother-in-law to Sandra Corbitt, wife of Willie Corbitt. Through her family, she was blessed with beloved grandchildren, Daveoone (Kevin), Willie Jr. (Shannon), Steven, and Ashley. Later in life, she found even greater joy in being cherished by her seven great-grandchildren, Nekira, Nala, Elijah, Nia, Benjamin, Rhylee, and Ella, each of whom brought immense happiness and pride into her life. *Nell was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Arthur Franklin and Lula Belle Corbitt; her sisters, Evelyn Cooper and Ida Mae Nesbitt; and her special niece, Thelma Keith. She also leaves behind a loving legacy through a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews who will continue to honor and cherish her memory.*



1935- 2026



Ozie Bell Chestnut Randall

Ozie Bell Chestnut Randall was born on **July 1, 1931**, to the late Rev. Charles Summer Chestnut and Lula Chestnut. She peacefully entered into eternal rest on **May 29, 2026**. Ozie Bell received her education in the Horry County School System. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and sisters, her son, Alfred Randall, and her daughter, Lou Mae Bellamy. *She leaves to cherish her sweet memories two devoted daughters, Celestine (Lenwood) Crawford, Dottie (Raford) Cox of Little River, South Carolina; two devoted sons, James Aris (Minnie) Randall and Leern Weldon Randall all of Little River, South Carolina; a daughter-in-law, Costella Randall of Little River, South Carolina; her nieces whom she loved like daughters, Ernestine Gause and Ruby Patrick of Little River, South Carolina; one nephew who was raised as her brother, Rev. Lonnie B. Chestnut of Conway, South Carolina; on god-niece, Helen Oakley of Little River, South Carolina; nine grandchildren, Celissa Stevenson, Larissa Bellamy, Lamont Randall, Canella Long, Melody Bellamy, James Myron Bellamy, Latasha Randall Johnson, Larina Crawford, and Shamira Williams, all of Little River, South Carolina; many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.*



1931 - 2026



Nancy Sterlina Austin

Mrs. Nancy "Nana" Dennison Austin passed away peacefully after a brief illness on **May 3, 2026**. She was the daughter of the late Arrington "Spank" Dennison and Annie Lee Vinning. She was born on **June 3, 1940**, and raised in Myrtle Beach SC. She married Charles Austin on February 28, 1965. She was a faithful and devoted member of Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Austin. Nancy was a loving mother and doting Nana. *Her legacy will be cherished fondly by her five children, Wilbur Dennison, Terry Dennison (Pam Mazyck), Priscilla Ann Pickett, Wanda (Jerome) Randall, and Pamela (Matthias) Grissett; "chosen sister" Martha (Hamp) Pitts; nine grandchildren, Arrington (Porrsha) Dennison, Narada Pickett, Terry (Ashley) Dennison Jr., Danzel Dennison, Chelsey Curry, Corey Dennison, Emery Warren Dennison, Austin Randall, and Adam Randall; four great-grandchildren, Queasean Vereen, Amber Sanders, Jayla Pickett, and Kingston Dennison; Also, to cherish her memory are many relatives, friends, and neighbors.*



1940 - 2026



Michael Scott Hall

Michael Scott Hall II, affectionately known as "Mikey", peacefully departed this life and entered eternal rest on Friday, **May 15, 2026**. He now rests peacefully in his Heavenly Father's arms. Mikey was born to Michael Scott Hall and Jacqueline Diane Hall on **October 3, 1990**, in Conway, South Carolina. Mikey transitioned into the Horry County Public School system and graduated from Saint James High in 2008. In early life, Mikey became a gifted athlete. While at Saint James High School, Mikey earned top honors, winning Most Outstanding Player in 2007 and making the WPDE All Hoop Zone Team in 2008. Mikey continued his post-high school education at Brunswick Community College. Alongside loving Jesus, Mikey cherished his time being with his family. Mikey had a love for music. He helped lead worship at Low Country Community Church by playing drums on the Praise and Worship teams. One of his favorite songs to play was "Lord You are Good" by Israel Houghton. He was preceded in death by an aunt, Isadora Mack, and an uncle, Robert Russell. *Those left to share everlasting memories of Mikey are his parents, Michael Scott Hall and Jacqueline Diane Hall; his fiancée, Jennifer Butler; his future father-in-law, Lawrence Butler; his future mother-in-law, Diane Ryan; six aunts, Deborah Lynn Gibbs (Chris Bey) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Maxine Rutledge (Taze), Inez Holiness, Jane Russell, Marie Mack of Raleigh, North Carolina; and a host of family members and friends.*



1990 - 2026



Larry Lee Campbell

Larry Campbell, age 71 years old, of Longs, SC (North Myrtle Beach Area), passed away peacefully on **June 2, 2026**. He was born in Charleston, WV. He was the son of the late Falford and Marie Campbell on **September 10, 1954**. Larry graduated from Nitro High School in Nitro, WV. Larry worked as a Chemical Operator for DuPont Chemical Company in Belle, WV.. He could tell a story with so much passion and enthusiasm. He had a generous soul that was full of life and he enjoyed his daughter's numerous farm animals. *Larry is survived by his wife, Carla Pyles Campbell; daughter, Brittany Campbell Lowe (Daniel), grandsons, Zayne, Landyn; and granddaughter, Audrey Lowe of Charleston, WV. He has only one living sibling his twin brother, Gary Campbell (Teresa) of Lincolnton, NC, sister in law Kara Pyles Russell of Lexington Park, MD and brother in law, Harlan R. Pyles (Dawn) of Oak Island, NC, and his nephews: Richard E. Campbell, Jr. (Kate), Casey Russell (Jessica), and nieces: Jennifer Pratt (Brian), Catherine Walker (Zane), Annie Monroe, Katie Begley, Amber Begley and many great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his older brother, Richard E. Campbell.*



1954 - 2026



Adrian Levi Burgess

Adrian Levi Burgess was born on **October 2, 1957**. He departed this life on **May 12, 2026**.



1957 - 2026



Jessica McGee

Jessica McGee was born on **March 4, 1977**. She departed this life on **May 28, 2026**.



1977 - 2026



Judy West

Judy West was born on **August, 1938**. She departed this life on **May 22, 2026**.



1938 - 2026



Needham Vereen

Needham Vereen was born on **March 12, 1939**. Needham departed this life on **May 19, 2026**.



1939 - 2026



Domonic Marchese

Domonic Marchese of Latham, NY, was born on **July 28, 1999**. **Dominic** departed this life on **May 19, 2026**.



1999 - 2026

Earl Glenn, Jr.

With no birthdate available, **Earl Glenn, Jr.** departed this life on **May 17, 2026**.



2026

Jacqueline Blackshir

Jacqueline Blackshir of Havelock, NC, was born on **September 21, 1957**. She departed this life on **May 14, 2026**.



1957 - 2026

Karry Helen Houston

Karry Helen Houston of Little River was born on **December 26, 1967**. She departed this life on **May 13, 2026**.



1967 - 2026

Christine Czarnecki-Jones

Christine Czarnecki-Jones of Longs, SC, was born on in **1945**. She departed this life on **May 7, 2026**.



1945 - 2026

Charles Bennett

Charles Bennett was born on **December 30, 1954**. He departed this life on **May 2, 2026**.



1954 - 2026

Daniell Smith

As no birth date is available, **Ms. Daniell A. Smith** of 3300 Holly Loop departed this life on **May 25, 2026**.

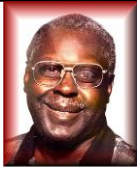


2026



Luther Mack Graham Jr.

Mr. Luther Mack Graham Jr., lovingly known to many as "Luther," peacefully departed this life on **May 20, 2026**. Born on **September 24, 1938**, he was the beloved son of the late Rev. Luther M. Graham and Bessie L. Watts Graham. Luther received his education through the Horry County school system, attending Myrtle Beach Colored School and later Whittemore High School. He was the last surviving sibling of a large and loving family. Luther was preceded in death by six siblings: Sidney Graham, Christine Abraham, Bessie Turner, Cecil Graham, Catherine Garner, and Evelyn Britton. In 1969, Luther married the love of his life, Ira Mae Smalls. *He leaves to cherish his precious memories his devoted wife, Ira Mae Graham; his loving children, Maryanne Eaddy, Leona Lewis-Powell, Loretta Lewis, Veronica Graham and Timothy Palmer; and four generations of grandchildren who brought immense pride and happiness to his life. He also leaves to mourn his passing one sister-in-law, Mosella Smalls; one brother-in-law, O'Neal Smalls; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were touched by his kindness, humor, and presence. The family extends special acknowledgment and heartfelt gratitude to his two special grandsons, Corey Eaddy and Quayshawn Graham, for their love, care, and dedication shown to him throughout the years.*



1938 - 2026



Kharin Williams

Kharin Williams was born on **October 2, 1984**. She departed this life on **May 27 2026**.



1984 - 2026

Irene May Jenkins

Irene May Jenkins was born on **May 23, 1928**. She departed this life on **May 25, 2026**.



1928 - 2026

Bernice Scruggs

Bernice Scruggs, age 97, of 1016 Limpkin Drive, Conway, S.C. was born on **April 14, 1929**. She departed this life on **May 5, 2026**.



1929 - 2026



Eleanor Corbitt Smalls

Mrs. Eleanor Corbitt Smalls was born on **July 24, 1937**, to the late David and Leila Corbitt. She departed this life leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, kindness, and devotion to family and friends. She departed this life on **May 14, 2026**. Eleanor, affectionately known as "Nell" was united in holy matrimony to the late Theodore Smalls, Sr. From this loving union, they were blessed with one son, Theodore Smalls, Jr. Eleanor was educated in the Horry County School System and graduated from Whittemore High School in 1956. *She leaves to cherish her loving memory: one son, Theodore Smalls, Jr. of Bronx, New York; six beloved grandchildren, Theodore "Teddy" Smalls III, Lovely Smalls, Daniela Smalls, Nevaeh Smalls, Leanna Smalls, and Kyng Smith. Eleanor deeply loved and cared for her sisters. She leaves behind five devoted sisters: Ms. Sally Moody of Burgess, Ms. Janie Myers of Burgess, Ms. Della Corbitt of Bronx, New York, Mrs. Annie (Bishop Rutledge) of Burgess and Elizabeth Corbitt. She was preceded in death by four sisters: Ms. Leila Gordon, Ms. Mary Alice Baker, Ms. Rosa Alston, and Ms. Susie Carr. She also leaves to cherish her memory three brothers-in-law, Nathaniel Alston and Matthew Carr of the Burgess community, William Small of Harlem New York and a host of nieces and nephews.*



1937 - 2026



Stephen Clark Banta

Stephen Clark Banta was born on **July 14, 1971**. He departed this life on **May 8, 2026**.



1971 - 2026

Baby Jaxson Elijah Mack

Baby Jaxson Elijah Mack was born **April 23, 2026** and departed on **April 23, 2026**. He was the infant son of Bria and Jacolgan Mack. *He also leaves to cherish memories: Grand parents Tracy and Greg Dewitt Jackie Anderson and James Mack Great-Grand Parents Alice Adderton Graham William and Harriett Dewitt Annie Rowell A host of Aunts, Uncle and relatives.*



2026 - 2026



Daisy Rogers McDuffie

Mrs. Daisy Dean Rogers McDuffie passed away peacefully on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**, at home in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late James "Boy" Rogers, Sr. and Carrie Wilson Rogers. She was born on **February 22, 1922** in Conway, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Dock Cleveland McDuffie, Jr., her son Malcolm Bernard McDuffie. Daisy began her formal education in the Conway public schools in Horry County, South Carolina. After graduating from **Whitemore School in Conway in 1940**, Daisy enrolled in South Carolina State University. As part of her degree preparation, Daisy completed student teaching at the Penn Center on St. Helena Island, Beaufort, SC. She graduated in 1944 with a degree in elementary education. Daisy married her college sweetheart Dock Cleveland McDuffie, Jr., on June 27, 1945 (class of 1943). To this union, three sons were born: Roger Kent McDuffie, Dock Cleveland McDuffie, III, and Malcolm Bernard McDuffie. *She is survived by her sons Roger Kent McDuffie (Mary) of Charlotte, North Carolina and Dock Cleveland McDuffie, III, (Faye) of York, South Carolina. Six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and her extended Rock Hill church and community family.*



1922 - 2026



Winston Hemingway

Winston Leon Hemingway, born **December 22, 1950**, in Conway, South Carolina, passed away on **February 3, 2026**, leaving behind a legacy of service, family, and quiet strength. He was the beloved son of Winston Leon Hemingway Sr. and Mary Allen Hemingway, both of whom preceded him in death. Winston married Eleanor Nichols, with whom he fathered three children: Thaddeus L. (LaVerne), Keysha M. (deceased), and Anthony M. Hemingway (Steven). He cherished his daughter-in-law LaVerne and son-in-law Steven. His grandchildren include Tyrell (Selene), Eli, Joshua, and Grace; Amber with Lyndon and Bella; Elijah (Hannah) and Joshua; and Jaylen and Liyah. He was blessed with seven additional children: Stephanie N. Richardson (Denzel), Averin Reed, Israel McCloud, Trey, Marcus, Daysha, and Jayda Hemingway. Through his son-in-law Denzel, Winston was blessed with three grandchildren: Chassity, Desmond, and Destiny Richardson. Later in life, Winston found love again and married Katherine Nielson on May 21, 2010, in Provo, Utah, and they were later sealed in the Provo Temple. Together, they raised Jayda, and although Randy was his stepson, Winston always considered him his son. *Winston is survived by his loving wife Katherine, his daughter Jayda, his other children and his grandchildren, who will carry forward his memory with pride and affection. He is preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Kesha, whose absence he felt deeply.*



1950 - 2026



Molly Ward

Molly Ward a native of Conway, SC, died **May 17, 2026**, in Washington DC. She was born on **April 4, 1938**. Ms. Ward, who was residing in Washington, DC, was the mother of Ms. Brenda Wilson.



1938 - 2026



Ellis "Pokey" Cox

Ellis "Pokey" Cox was born on **March 1, 1951**. He departed this life on **May 23, 2026**



1951 - 2026



Coleman L. Washington

Coleman L. Washington of 1659 Racepath street in Myrtle Beach, was born on **September 2, 1952**. He departed this life on **May 22, 2026**.



1952 - 2026



Jimmy "Gene" Floyd

Jimmy "Gene" Floyd passed away on **Monday, May 11, 2026**, in Conway, South Carolina. He was the youngest child of the late Eugene and Getha Lee Floyd of Conway. He is now reunited with his parents; his siblings, Janie, Edward, Nathaniel, Katie, and Joan; and his first wife, Lucy Marie Gainey Floyd. Jimmy was born on **September 19, 1948**. He graduated with honors from Whitemore High School in 1966. He later graduated from Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina, in 1970. While there, he participated in basketball, track, and baseball, and was a member of the Block M Club. He also pursued advanced education, earning both a master's degree in education and an Educational Specialist degree from the University of South Carolina. He had a staunch career in education and coaching in Horry County. His memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Veronica Gerald Floyd, children: Eric, Angela (Joey), Pamela (Ali), Jamaal (Jasmine), Tami (Daughter-in-law), and bonus daughters, Keonna and Ivi, and bonus grandchildren. *He leaves behind grandchildren: Jamir, Sasha, Devin, Mariah, Maliyah, and Jordan. Also, brothers-in-law: Robert (Wilhelmina) Gainey, Willie Frank (Brenda) Gerald; sisters-in-law: Fredericka Smith Floyd, Mary Woods Gainey, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends*



1948 - 2026



Wanda Vereen Legette

Wanda Gail Vereen Legette departed this life on **Friday May 15, 2026**, at McLeod Hospital, Loris SC. She was born on **February 10, 1962**, to the late Franklin and Rosa Lee Vereen and stepdaughter of the late Ophelia Johnson Vereen. Wanda was the youngest of five girls in which one, Elly Mac Vereen as an infant preceded her to the grave. Wanda attended Horry County Schools and graduated from Conway High School in 1980. Wanda was joined in holy matrimony to Willie Legette in 1979 and to this union, two children were born, Willie Franklin Legette and Elizabeth Grace Legette. *Wanda leaves to cherish her memories: the father of her children, Willie Lergette of Aynor, SC; her son, Willie Franklin Legette of Kershaw, SC; her daughter, Elizabeth Grace Legette of Charleston, WV; her granddaughter, Egypt Hall of Charleston, WV; three sisters, Rosazel V. (Ronald) Spain and Brenda L Brown, all of Aynor, SC. Phyllis A. Vereen of Conway, SC; three aunts, Agnes Odessa Legette of Galivants Ferry, SC; Vonter Daily of Baltimore, MD and Vera Mae Vereen of Conway, SC. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other sorrowing relatives.*



1962 - 2026



Terry Wilson

Terry Wilson was born the tenth child of the late James and Ollie Wilson in Washington, District of Columbia on **July 16, 1950**. She is preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Theodora Johnson, Betty Belamy, JT, Mark and Raymond Wilson. In-laws, Jack and Lillie Wilson, Carl and Charles Wilson. She departed this life on **May 28, 2026**. Terry was fondly called Debbie; a nickname given her by her father. She attended the public schools in Washington, D.C. and graduated from Frank W. Ballou High School. After graduation, Terry worked for the district government and lastly for an advertisement firm. Jack and Terry met in the mid 1970's and raised Everett together as an only child. Terry had an amazing gift of making everyone feel loved, special and like family. She would always call to personally sing "Happy Birthday" to everyone as well as send cards for every occasions. She found happiness in decorating for all holidays. Her laugh and energy could fill a room with joy. One of her son's favorite memories with her was when he was able to take her riding in his 1973 Dodge Dart. Terry would not only sing for birthdays, but any time she could, known as the 'songbird' of our family.



1950 - 2026



Tarant Levon Gaghum

Tarant Lavon Gaghum, affectionately known as "T", departed this life on **May 30, 2026**. He was born on **July 27, 1975**. Tarant was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Daisy Bell Waring and Lila Mae Gaghum, and his beloved aunts, Renee Gaghum and Martha Alvenell "Sister" Bellamy and his biological father L.C. Bellamy and his sister Cindy Wilson. *He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted and heartbroken wife, Hilary Gaghum, whom he married on January 1, 2021. His children, whom he loved dearly, Isabella Gaghum of Conway, South Carolina, and Alex Gaghum of Conway, South Carolina; his mother and father, Connie and Allen Wilson of Conway, South Carolina. He is also survived by his loving siblings: Jessica McCray-Cheatham (Ronisha), Larry Gaghum (Marchetta), Jazzmin Dixon, and A.J. Wilson (Shanice). His memory will continue to live on through his cherished stepsons, Alex West (Cassandra), Alonzo Trent and Avery Duncan; his nephews, Curtis Wilson, Patrick Wilson, D.J. Pratt and Jayden Taylor and niece Alaynah Wilson; his grandchildren, Victoria and Alex Sanchez; along with a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were touched by his generosity and love.*



1975 - 2026



Mary Ann Harriott

Mary Ann Harriott was born on **March 21, 1951**, in Conway, South Carolina, to the late Benjamin Franklin Johnson and Margaret Johnson. **On May 27, 2026**, she peacefully entered eternal rest, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, service, and devotion. Mary was raised in the Oak Grove Community, affectionately known as the "905" section of Conway. Mary attended Horry County Schools and proudly graduated from Whittemore High School in 1969. Determined to further her education, she later earned degrees in Criminal Justice and Culinary Arts. Above all else, Mary cherished her family. She was a loving wife, devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her family was her greatest joy, and she poured her love into every generation. Mary was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Jamie Alfreda Harriott; her brother, Benjamin Johnson Jr.; and her sister, Helen Patricia Deas. *She leaves to cherish her precious memory her loving and devoted husband of fifty-seven years, James Edward Harriott; three daughters, Michele (Lorenzo) Singleton, Margaret Latonya Harriott, and Paige (Julius) Harriott; thirteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends; her special friend, Jesse Hamilton ("Sis"); and two devoted sisters-in-law, Mary (George) Parmely and Kimberly Green.*



1951 - 2026



Betty Faulk Fore

On Sunday, **May 17, 2026**, **Betty** peacefully transitioned to her eternal heavenly home. Born on **November 4, 1949**, in Conway, Betty was the cherished daughter of the late Simon and Daisy Faulk. Betty was a proud graduate of **Whittemore High School, Class of 1968**. On March 6, 1969, Betty married the love of her life, **Thomas Lee Fore**. Together, they built a beautiful union for 56 blessed years. *She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, Thomas Lee Fore; her loving children, Shawn T. Fore of Conway, Kwama I. Fore (Nicole) or Little River, and April Fore Brimfield (ferry) of Atlanta; her beloved grandchildren, Ashleigh T. Johnson, Shawn T. Fore Jr., and Tahlia Simone Fore; her sister, Fannie Fore (late Nathaniel) of Fayetteville; her brothers, Jimmy T. Faulk and Eugene Faulk (Lillie); and her sister, Thelma Faulk Skinner (Late LeVan), all of Conway, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, church family and loved ones.*



1949 - 2026



William Matthew Gause

William Matthew Gause was born to the late Roy Gause and Elnita Wilson Gause on **April 10, 1950**. He departed this life on **May 08, 2026**. He was preceded in death by nine brothers and four sisters. He grew up in the Brooksville area of Little River, SC. He went to Chestnut High School in Little River, SC. He married Priscilla Beaty Gause. *He leaves to cherish his fond memories: Willie Earl beaty (Melinda), Loraine Gause (Timothy), four grandsons: Phil, Byshawn, Preston, and Malcolm; one granddaughter, Nina, one great-granddaughter, Chyna; one great-grandson, Chance; one sister; Gladys Woodburn; one brother, Vance Gause; one Aunt; Shirley Adams, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.*



1950 - 2026



Carlton Davis

The final Whistle Blew on Sunday, **April 12, 2026**, and **Carlton Davis** peacefully took his awaiting journey to be with the Lord. Born on **April 12, 1960**, in the Burgess Community, Carlton was the last son "gifted" to the late Mary and Paul Davis. His grandparents: Easter and Joke Small. Carlton's brothers: Ed James, Raymond, and Arthur preceded him in death, along with sisters: Paula Lee, Rose Lee Davis, and Mary Lou Myers, Nephew. Monté Holmes, and sister-in-law, Mary Ella Davis. He attended the elementary and middle schools in the Burgess Community; he last attended Socastee High School in 1977. He became a father to Carla Praytor, Columbia, SC, and a grandfather to Sharnae and Sarai Praytor, Columbia, SC. *The fondest of Carlton's memories are left to his daughter, Carla, his grandchildren of Columbia, SC; sisters Eva Mae Davis, Juanita Davis, Ann Myers, and Wilhelmina Holmes, all of the Burgess Community; brothers-in-Law, George Myers and Carlton Holmes, Burgess Community; sisters-in-Law, Shirley Billings, Mullins, SC, and Ida Howard, Burgess Community. There is also one Aunt, Eula Mae Gibbs of The Burgess Community, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family.*



1960 - 2026



Carol A. Castle

With profound sadness and deep love, we announce the passing of **Carol A. Sherman Castle**, who departed this life on **May 27, 2026** at the age of 72. She was the beloved daughter of late Fredrick W. Sherman and Anna E. Weed. She was also a mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend. Carols kindness, strength, and beautiful spirit touched everyone fortunate enough to know her. Born on **April 7, 1954**, in Bristol CT, Carol lived a life filled with compassion, grace, and unwavering love for her family. She had a heart that welcomed everyone, a smile that brought comfort, and a soul that radiated warmth wherever she went. She is survived by her loving partner Rick Tracey, her brother Fred Sherman and Sandi of Bristol and her son Raymond Donovan and Kelee of Torrington. *She also leaves behind her grandchildren Jonathan Donovan, Jessica Duprey, Jaclyn Prouse, Joseph Donovan, Emily Donovan, Andrew Donovan, Nicholas Donovan, Kathrine Donovan, Brittany Lacasse, Breann Box, Dylan Box and many great grandchildren and dear friends who will miss her beyond words. She is predeceased, not only by her parents but also her by her late Husband Richard Castle, daughter Julie A Donovan Box, and her Beloved Dog Oreo.*



1954 - 2026



Kenneth Taylor

Kenneth Taylor of 3402 Longwood Lane, Conway, S.C. died **April 30, 2026**, following an illness. He was born on **July 12, 1956**. *Left to cherish his memory, his only son Chris, daughter in law Caitlin, granddaughters Maggie and Macy, and brothers Kevin and Kamron. Ken was a loving father, a proud pops, a loyal brother, a joyful friend, and made everyone feel like family.* He was a movie nerd, loved the Las Vegas Raiders, and cherished life, laughter, and a good steak. There is no one that could ever replace him and he will be missed sorely, but his memory lives on through his family, friends, and the community he built! Love you, Pops!



1956 - 2026





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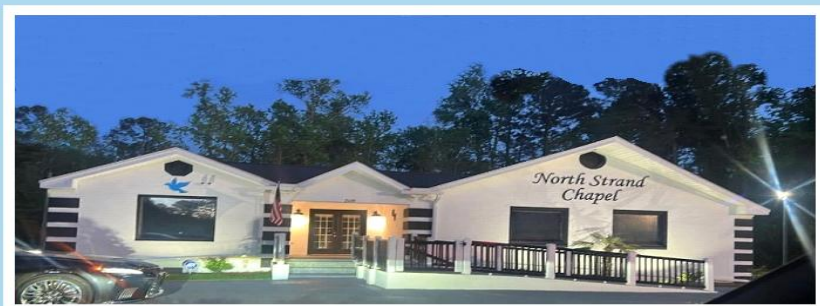
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