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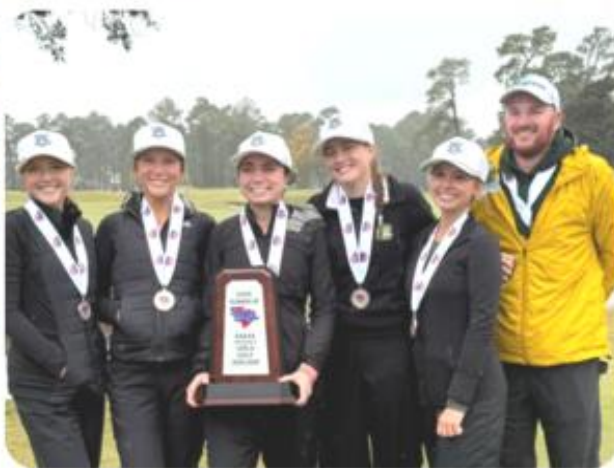


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When Skin Reflects the Body: What Dermatology Reveals About Internal Health

By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor



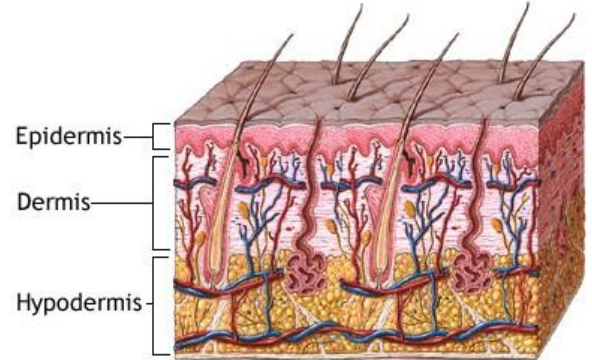
Christian Newman
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The **skin** is often thought of in terms of appearance, but its role in the body extends far beyond that. It is the largest organ, covering nearly 20 square feet in the average adult and accounting for about 15 percent of total body weight. Every day, skin functions as a barrier against bacteria, viruses, chemicals, and ultraviolet radiation while helping regulate temperature, prevent fluid loss, support immune defense, and allow the body to sense touch, pressure, pain, and heat. Understanding the skin starts with understanding how often it changes. Millions of skin cells are shed every minute while new cells are continuously formed beneath the surface. Over time, the entire outer layer of skin is replaced, shaped by aging, environment, nutrition, hormones, and overall health. Because of this

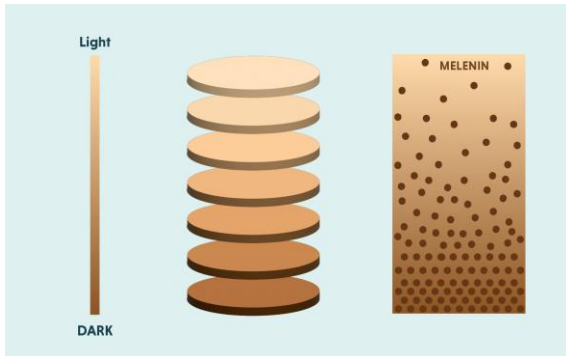
constant turnover, the skin often reflects internal changes earlier than people expect. My understanding of the skin developed during work in family medicine, where skin examinations were part of nearly every visit. Patients would come in for chronic conditions, routine checkups, or unrelated concerns, and the skin often revealed additional findings that required urgent attention. A

changing mole, a persistent rash, unusual pigmentation, or slow wound healing frequently became part of the clinical picture. Gradually, it became clear that the skin is often one of the first areas where underlying disease becomes visible. The skin is made up of three layers that work together as a single system. The outermost layer is the epidermis. It functions as a protective barrier between the body and the external environment. Beneath it lies the dermis, which contains collagen, elastin, blood vessels, sweat glands, oil glands, hair follicles, and nerve endings that provide

strength, flexibility, and sensation. The deepest layer, the hypodermis, consists mainly of fat and connective tissue that cushions the body, stores energy, and helps regulate temperature. One of the skin's most important jobs is maintaining a healthy skin barrier. This barrier helps keep moisture inside the body while preventing bacteria, allergens, and irritants from entering. When it becomes damaged, the skin is more likely to become dry, irritated, and inflamed. Conditions such as eczema are often linked to a weakened skin barrier. Another key component of skin biology is melanin, the



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pigment that gives skin, hair, and eyes their color. Melanin is produced by specialized cells called melanocytes, and nearly everyone has a similar number of these cells. Differences in skin color are determined by how much melanin is produced and how it is distributed throughout the skin. Eumelanin, which is present in greater amounts in darker skin, provides more natural protection from ultraviolet radiation than pheomelanin, the lighter pigment found in higher amounts among individuals with fair skin. This natural protection lowers

the risk of sunburn, but it does not eliminate the effects of ultraviolet exposure or the need for sunscreen. The remarkable diversity of skin color reflects thousands of years of adaptation to different environments around the world. Although everyone shares the same basic skin structure,

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WHITTEMORE RACEPATH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Recycling & Environmental Awareness

By Esther Murphy, Director of Recycling & Corporate Affairs HCSWA



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Each school year the **Horry County Solid Waste Authority (SWA)** offers a variety of school recycling programs and contests to the students and faculty of Horry County Schools. The programs/contests are in place to educate and promote the importance of recycling, reducing waste generation, sustainable practices and the protection of the environment. These programs/contests include the following:

School Wide Programs

- The SWA offers Cafeteria Recycling to all Horry County Schools (HCS). Through this program, all recyclables generated in the cafeteria as well as throughout the school are collected. These items include cardboard, metal, aluminum, plastic and classroom/office paper. Classroom bins provided by the SWA at no cost to HCS.
- Food waste is collected at most HCS with service provided by a private hauler. The material is processed at the SWA Composting Facility.

Tours/Presentations

- The SWA offers free field trips to tour SWA facilities to all HCS classes. In addition, staff are available to conduct in-class presentations to all classes.

Elementary Schools

- **Talkin' Trash Contest** – The Talkin' Trash Contest is entering its 27th year. Through this program elementary schools compete against one another to determine who recycles and diverts the most material from landfill disposal, including food waste. The contest targets 4th grade students; however, the entire school community typically participated in the contest. Three winning schools each month receive \$300, student prizes and media recognition. The three top schools at the end of the contest enjoy a day at a local attraction, i.e., SkyZone in 2026.



SWA Board with 2026 High School Environmental Scholarship Winners



HCS Classes Touring SWA Facilities



**Talkin' Trash Grand Finale Winners
Palmetto Bays Elementary School**

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What Dermatology Reveals About Internal Health

By: *Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor*

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certain skin conditions are more common in Black Americans or present differently because of increased melanin. Recognizing these differences is important because early diagnosis often leads to better outcomes, less permanent skin damage, and more effective treatment. One of the most common concerns is post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation. This occurs when the skin produces excess melanin after inflammation or injury. These dark patches may take months to gradually fade. Because darker skin naturally produces more melanin, any inflammation has a greater chance of discoloration. Treating the underlying skin condition early and avoiding picking or scratching affected areas can significantly reduce the severity of hyperpigmentation. Acne affects people of every race and age, but its long-term effects often differ in darker skin tones. Acne develops when hair follicles become clogged with oil, dead skin cells, and bacteria, leading to inflammation beneath the skin. While the pimples themselves eventually resolve, they frequently leave behind dark spots or permanent scarring if repeatedly picked. Mild acne may improve with gentle cleansers containing benzoyl peroxide or salicylic acid, while more persistent cases often benefit from prescription topical retinoids or other medications prescribed by a healthcare provider. Another frequently diagnosed condition is eczema, also known as atopic dermatitis. Eczema weakens the skin barrier, allowing moisture to escape while making the skin more susceptible to irritation from allergens and environmental triggers.



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The result is dry, itchy, inflamed skin that can interfere with sleep, work, and everyday activities. In darker skin, it may appear purple, gray, or dark brown. Therefore, it makes it difficult to recognize. Healthy skin begins with consistent daily care rather than expensive products or complicated routines. A gentle cleanser removes dirt, sweat, excess oil, and environmental pollutants while preserving the skin's natural barrier. Applying a moisturizer after bathing helps lock in hydration and supports healthy skin. Harsh scrubbing



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frequent exfoliation and using too many active ingredients at once can irritate the skin and contribute to inflammation or hyperpigmentation. Choosing products that match your skin type and following a simple routine of cleaning, moisturizing, and sun protection provides a strong foundation for long-term skin health. Avoiding harsh fragrances and using prescribed anti-inflammatory creams during flare-ups are also important parts of treatment. The growing influence of social media has created countless skincare trends, although many lack scientific evidence and may irritate the skin more than they help. For many Black men, pseudofolliculitis barbae, commonly referred to as razor bumps, is another common dermatologic concern. Curly hair naturally curves back toward the skin after shaving, causing individual hairs to grow into the surrounding tissue instead of outward. This produces painful bumps, inflammation, and dark spots along the beard and neck.

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What we Don't Know Can Blind Us**What are cataracts?**

A cataract is a cloudy area in the lens of your eye (the clear part of the eye that helps to focus light). Cataracts are very common as you get older. In fact, more than half of all Americans age 80 or older either have cataracts or have had surgery to get rid of cataracts. The good news is that Cataract surgery is safe and corrects vision problems caused by cataracts.

What are the types of cataracts?

Most cataracts are related to age — they happen because of normal changes in your eyes as you get older. But you can get cataracts for other reasons — like after an eye injury or after surgery for another eye problem (like glaucoma).

No matter what type of cataract you have, you'll need surgery to treat it.

What are the symptoms of cataracts?

You might not have any symptoms at first, when cataracts are mild. But as they grow, cataracts can cause changes in your vision. For example, you may notice that:

Your vision is cloudy or blurry; Colors look faded; You can't see well at night; Lamps, sunlight, or headlights seem too bright; You see a halo around lights; You see double (this sometimes goes away as the cataract gets bigger); You have to change the prescription for your glasses or contact lenses often

Talk with your eye doctor if you have any of these symptoms — they could also be signs of other eye problems.

Am I at risk for cataracts? How can I prevent cataracts?

You can take steps to protect your eyes from cataracts:

- Protect your eyes from the sun. Wear sunglasses and a hat with a brim to block the sun.
- Protect your eyes from injury. While doing activities like using power tools or playing certain sports, wear protective eyewear to protect your eyes from getting accidentally injured.
- Quit smoking. If you're ready to quit, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free support.
- Make eye-healthy food choices. Eat plenty of healthy foods — like fruits and vegetables, leafy greens, nuts, and whole grains.

How will my eye doctor check for cataracts? An eye doctor can check for cataracts as part of a dilated eye exam. If you're age 60 or older, get a dilated eye exam every 1 to 2 years. The exam is simple and painless — your doctor will give you some eye drops to dilate (widen) your pupil and then check your eyes for cataracts and other eye problems.

Your risk for cataracts goes up as you get older. You're also at higher risk if you:

- Have certain health problems, like diabetes
- Smoke
- Drink too much alcohol
- Have a family history of cataracts
- Have had an eye injury, eye surgery, or radiation treatment on your upper body
- Have spent a lot of time in the sun
- Take steroids — medicines used to treat some health problems, like arthritis or allergies

If you're worried you might be at risk for cataracts, talk with your doctor. Ask if there's anything you can do to lower your risk.

What causes cataracts?

Most cataracts happen because of normal changes in your eyes as you get older. When you're young, the lens in your eye is clear. Around age 40, the proteins in the lens of your eye start to break down and clump together. This clump makes a cloudy area on your lens — known as a cataract. Over time, the cataract gets worse and makes more of your lens cloudy.

What's the treatment for cataracts?

Surgery is the only way to get rid of a cataract, but you may not need to get surgery right away.



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**Florence Williams**

Growing up, I must have heard the phrase, “God always has a ram-in-the-bush,” a hundred times. As a child, I imagined a ram hidden somewhere in the bushes near my home. I wasn’t sure if this ram was something I should pet or punch. Either way, I was not about to get close enough to find out.

Many Sunday School lessons later, I learned the true meaning of the phrase, “God always has a ram-in-the-bush.” The ram, or should I say baby lamb, symbolizes several attributes of God, including, among other things, peace, meekness, mercy, empathy, and loyalty. I hold dear each of these attributes, but the one that resonates with me the most is - empathy. It speaks

to my belief that God is always on the side of those who are oppressed and persecuted. It speaks to my belief that there is a God who sits high and looks low, ever ready to help his own.

James Russell Lowell, the staunch abolitionist poet, captured this attribute of God beautifully: “Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne, yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown, Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.”

“God always has a ram-in-the bush” is a funny phrase that means nothing to those outside the faith but means a great deal to those who understand the story behind it and its implications. In Genesis 22, God told Abraham to sacrifice his only child, Isaac, on the altar. This was God’s way of testing Abraham’s faith in Him.

So Abraham led Isaac up into the mountains, carrying wood and a knife for the sacrifice. He built an altar, arranged the wood, and had his son lie down upon it. With a heavy heart, Abraham raised the knife, prepared to offer his only son to God. But at that moment, the angel of the Lord called from heaven, “Abraham, *Abraham, do not lay a hand on the boy. You have passed the test!*”

That’s when Abraham looked up, saw the ram, and sacrificed it instead of his son, and God blessed him and his descendants tremendously throughout the years. The moral of the story is God always has a ram-in-the-bush for us, as long as we are obedient to Him and keep the FAITH.

In the face of religious persecution, oppression, genocide, sexism, discrimination, or social and economic injustice—even amid history’s darkest moments like the Holocaust—God always has a ram-in-the-bush for us. However, life comes with challenges, and sometimes there are tests and trials we must endure. When you have exhausted all of your resources, when it looks like that vision He gave you is not going to happen, God will supply that ram-in-the-bush, because He will not give you a vision without the provision.

Florence Williams of Georgetown experienced this firsthand in 1925. During segregation, Black Americans were denied access to white medical facilities. But “There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over and men and women are no longer willing to be plunged into the pool of injustice.” wrote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Across the nation, Black hospitals stood in the gap—not only in response to exclusion but also as powerful symbols of community resilience and self-reliance.

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But in 1926, Florence Williams Hospital was neither open due to exclusion nor self-reliance. That year, Florence had -The Dream. She was a young nurse working in a local hospital when God visited her in a dream.

In the dream, Florence was walking down Church Street, carrying a large bundle of sheets to a nearby house on King Street. ***When she arrived, a white man was sitting behind the desk.*** The man said to her, it is not in this department; it's in the colored. In her dream, the colored department was on the other side of a large partition with three cots. On one of those cots sat a man, a man Florence described as the “Shadow Man.”

As she entered the colored department, the “Shadow Man” said to her, "There is a great work for you to do, but you cannot do it unless I help you." You must always put me as the head, and I will help you do it.

After speaking these words three times, the “Shadow Man” appeared to fade away, according to Florence. Florence pondered the dream's meaning before concluding that God had a great work for her to do. But she never mentioned her dream to anyone.

Not long after, the hospital where she worked closed, but the influence of the dream remained in her mind. She realized there must be other work that she could do meaningful work. At the time, she had a spare bedroom in a large rambling house. And she decided that, somehow, she would dedicate her life to helping others. Not telling anyone about her dream or her plans, she vowed to use her spare room to help the sick and afflicted.

One day, quite unexpectedly, Florence encountered an old friend on the street—Dr. Bell. He told her about a young Black boy suffering from lockjaw, and, knowing Florence's skill and compassion as a nurse, asked if she might take the boy in. Florence welcomed him into her home and nursed him back to health. His recovery confirmed what her dream had already shown her: God's purpose for her life was unfolding. This was the



humble beginning of the Florence Williams Hospital.

In the years that followed, ***Florence Williams Hospital located on Duke Street between Wood and King***—blossomed into a vital center of care. The facility expanded to include two wards, 25 beds, an operating room, and a maternity ward, serving hundreds throughout Georgetown. Florence's compassion knew no boundaries; she welcomed patients regardless of their ability to pay. Black doctors and white doctors made calls to her hospital, often performing their surgeries free of charge.

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Educating Students on Recycling & Environmental Awareness

By Esther Murphy, Director of Recycling & Corporate Affairs HCSWA

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Middle Schools

- **POPArt Contest** – The POP (Protect Our Planet) Art Contest has been in place since 2005. This contest encourages middle school students to create a work of art utilizing a pre-determined material that is usually discarded as waste. Past material included, candy wrappers, can tabs, plastic bags, etc. Winners receive an electronic reading device, a medal and media recognition.

High Schools

- **High School Scholarship Program** – The High School Environmental Scholarship program has been in existence since 2005. This program allows high school seniors seeking an environment-based degree to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with higher education expenses. Since its inception, the SWA has awarded \$204,000 in scholarships through this program.
- **Environmental Service Announcement (ESA) PSA Contest** – This will be the inaugural year of the ESA Contest. The purpose of the ESA Contest is to engage high school students in promoting environmental stewardship through creative media. Students would produce an ESA to raise awareness about recycling, waste reduction and sustainability. The winning ESA will be run at various local media outlets and the winners (team of up to four students) will receive a prize package to include electronic reading devices and media coverage.

Recycling Student of the Year

- Students from all HCS are eligible to be named the Recycling Student of the Year, which recognizes their efforts in promoting recycling and environmental awareness at home, school and in their community. Winners receive an electronic reading device, a medal and media recognition.

The SWA also offers tours, presentations and other programs to all residents, community groups, businesses, etc. in Horry County. For more information on programs offered by the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, please visit the **website:**

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Coastal Carolina University Earth Day Event



L-R: 2026 Recycling Student of the Year Ms. Jolie Vu from Scholars Academy; and 2026 POPArt Winner Mr. Edwin Mendoza from NMB Middle School



Green Sea Floyds Senior Center Presentation

The Community Table: Building Together on Sandy Island

By Marjorie C. McIver, WCM Contributor



August 2026

The Gullah Preservation Society, in collaboration with its Coastal Carolina University and community partners, held a special community gathering celebrating the artistry, resilience, foodways, and living traditions of the Gullah Geechee people. The gathering was held on Friday, June 5, 2026, in the beautiful Sandy Island community.

Special guest and community members witnessed the building of a live table-building exhibition by Master Artisan Shimshown Ciphrah; a community indigo vat with Indigo Dye Master, Arianne King Comer; a foraging and tea tasting experience with Herbalist, **Jacque Williams**; Drumming and breathing exercises with John Smalls; Storytelling and guided tours of Sandy Island; and small plates, inspired by Gullah Geechee Foodways, served at Wilma's Cottage, **Ms. Laura Pyatt's Bed and Breakfast**.

Ms. Sarah Deas, an elderly resident on Sandy Island, shared her experiences growing up on the island.

A portion of the experience involved outdoor movement throughout the island. Community members and guests walked to the site of the old school and the church, as well as to the beach, collecting pieces of artifacts and remnants left or washed up on the shore. Reusable water bottles or thermoses were encouraged, aimed at supporting environmentally conscious practices throughout the event.

Coordinators and sponsors of the event were **Shaun Wilson**, Project Manager; Foodways Initiatives; **Zenobia Harper**, Director of the Joyner Institute; **Alli Crandall**, The Athenaeum Press and Digital Initiatives; **Dean Claudia Bonhold**, Edwards College of Humanities & Fine Arts, Coastal Carolina University; **Cheyenne Bellamy**, researcher; and **Freddie Riley**, photographer, videographer.

Aligned with the environmentally conscious practices, on Monday, June 24, 2026, youth from the Reading Roots: Summer Literacy Program & CREATE Youth Initiative traveled to Sandy Island Landing to conduct a cleanup, in search of trash and debris to recycle for a creative project, Makin' Sumtin' Outta Nuttin'. An article on the CREATE Initiative will be featured in the September issue of **The World Community Magazine**, along with the closing of the **Summer Literacy and Jobs Programs**.





Atlantic Beach, S.C. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. marked a historic milestone on **December 15, 2025**, with the chartering of **Upsilon Omega Sigma Chapter**, the fraternity's first alumni chapter established in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, area.

The chartering of Upsilon Omega Sigma reflects the fraternity's continued commitment to expanding its legacy of leadership, community service, and academic excellence while strengthening its presence along the Grand Strand. The new chapter will serve as a hub for professional men dedicated to advancing the fraternity's international principles of **Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service** through civic engagement, mentorship, and community outreach.

The charter members of Upsilon Omega Sigma Chapter are:

Bro. Darryl Stanley Bro. - Jimmy McCullough Bro. - Douglas Richardson Bro. - Markello Dotson Bro. Alfred Scott - Bro. Robert Nelson

As charter members, these brothers played an instrumental role in organizing and establishing the chapter, laying the foundation for future generations of Phi Beta Sigma members in the Myrtle Beach community.

The creation of Upsilon Omega Sigma Chapter represents an important step in the fraternity's ongoing efforts to serve communities throughout South Carolina. Through educational initiatives, youth mentoring, leadership development, and collaborative partnerships, the chapter aims to make a meaningful and lasting impact across the region.

Founded on January 9, 1914, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has maintained a longstanding tradition of fostering leadership, promoting educational achievement, and providing service to communities around the world. The addition of Upsilon Omega Sigma Chapter further strengthens that legacy and expands opportunities for members to positively influence the Myrtle Beach area through purposeful service and brotherhood.

Also pictured, the *ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. Kappa Zeta Zeta Chapter* participated with their *Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Inc. Upsilon Omega Sigma* annual founders Day celebration.



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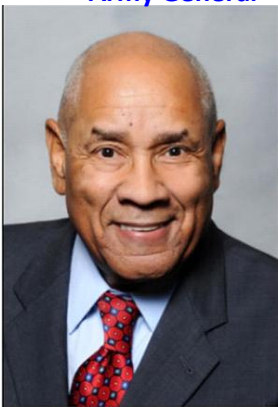
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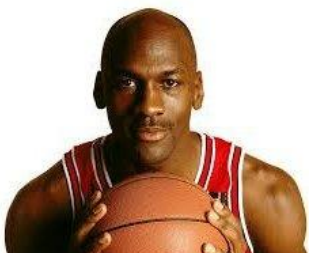


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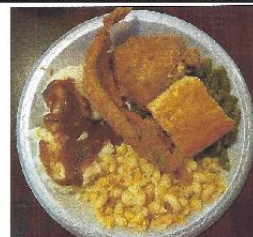
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Bethel AME Church Hosts NAACP Community Forum on Insurance and Wills

By Priscilla Fuller, WCM Contributing Editor



August 2026

The Conway Chapter of the NAACP held a community forum on Saturday, July 18th, at the Bethel AME Church in Conway. The forum centered on providing information to the public regarding life insurance and information regarding wills, powers of attorney, and the process for what is needed when dealing with the Probate Court when someone passes away. The two speakers included **Ms. Ruth Frinch**, who gave the audience valuable information regarding the various types of insurance and the benefits of Term life and whole life insurance.

Ms. LaShawn Floyd spoke about the process within the probate process and what is needed when a loved one dies. She gave specific examples of things that need to be in place prior to someone passing to ensure the process is in place. Both speakers did a question-and-answer segment at the end with the audience, which was invaluable. **Ms. Carmella Hemingway**, President of the Conway NAACP, presided over the forum. She informed the audience of other activities that the local NAACP would be having over the next few months. She also urged people to register to vote and encourage our families and friends. Refreshments were provided.



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What Dermatology Reveals About Internal Health

By: Christian Newman, WC Magazine Health Editor

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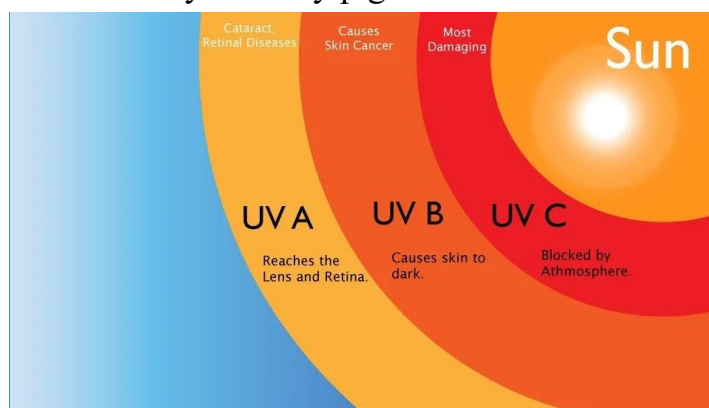
Christian Newman
*WC Magazine
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toward the skin after shaving, causing individual hairs to grow into the surrounding tissue instead of outward. This produces painful bumps, inflammation, and dark spots along the beard and neck. Shaving in the direction of hair growth, avoiding very close shaves, using electric clippers, and allowing a short amount of hair to remain above the skin can greatly reduce irritation. Hair health is also an important part of dermatology. Traction alopecia develops after years of constant tension on the hair follicles from tight braids, ponytails, locs, or weaves. Early recognition is important because hair often regrows once the

tension is removed. If the pulling continues for years, however, permanent damage to the hair follicles can occur. Many other skin conditions also present differently in richly pigmented skin. Psoriasis,

an autoimmune condition that accelerates skin cell turnover, often appears violet, gray, or dark brown. Vitiligo, which results from the loss of pigment-producing cells, is often more noticeable because of the contrast between affected and unaffected skin. For many years, medical textbooks and education resources relied primarily on photographs of lighter skin tones. As a result, some skin conditions were more difficult to

recognize in patients with darker skin, contributing to delays in treatment. Fortunately, dermatology education has become more inclusive, providing healthcare professionals with better training on how diseases appear across different skin tones and improving care for diverse patient populations. Moreover, understanding how sunlight affects the skin is an important part of maintaining healthy skin throughout one's life. Sunlight is essential for life, but repeated exposure to ultraviolet radiation can gradually change over time. Sunlight contains three types of ultraviolet rays: UVA, UVB, and UVC. Fortunately, UVC rays are almost completely absorbed by the Earth's atmosphere and do not normally reach the surface. UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin and contribute to premature aging by breaking down collagen and elastin. UVB rays primarily affect the outer layers of the skin and are the leading cause of sunburn. Both UVA and UVB damage the DNA within skin cells and increase the risk of skin cancer over time. Dermatologists recommended that everyone, regardless of skin tone, use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30 during prolonged outdoor activities. There are two primary types of sunscreens. Chemical sunscreens absorb ultraviolet radiation before it damages the skin. Mineral sunscreens, also called physical sunscreens, sit on the surface of the skin and reflect ultraviolet rays away from the skin. Mineral sunscreens are often recommended for individuals with sensitive skin and are now available in tinted formulations that blend more naturally with darker skin tones. Whichever product is chosen, sunscreen should be applied generously about 15 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours.



Above Info Courtesy of the Medical Center of Marin

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The Reading Roots Summer Literacy group was invited to and attended the 20th Anniversary Celebration of The Myrtle Beach Colored School Museum on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

Family, community members, and some who served on the original committee to restore the building and gather artifacts and memorabilia housed in the school, gave first-hand accounts of the school, the first students who attended, and the teachers who taught there. They heard from Dr. Colisha Frazier, granddaughter of the oldest living student that attended the school, who lives in the home next door (the original school building).

Following a reception, the group toured the school, locating displays of many of the heroes they are researching and learning about during the summer program: the book, **Lovely One**, by US Supreme Court Justice, **Ketanji Brown Jackson**; **Hidden Figures** by Margot Lee Shetterly; The **Underground Railroad** (Harriet Tubman); **The LOOK** by **Michelle Obama**; and displays about **Barack Obama**, the 44th President of the United States; The youth were excited to see many of the artifacts that were created by blacks throughout history, as well as local heroes, artists, entrepreneurs, professionals, and inventors, among others.



After visiting the Myrtle Beach Colored School, the group traveled to **Charlie's Place**, heard the stories of its history, and toured the rooms where entertainers slept during their visits. The group read a wall mount about the **Green Book**, by **Victor Hugo Green**, which they have read and used as a resource guide for their travels along the Gullah Geechee Corridor.

Mary "Cookie" Canty Goings, Director of Neighborhood Services, Myrtle Beach, and her staff organized the event.





Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church Hosts Buffalo Soldiers Families Appreciation Celebration

By Brenda S. Bankhead, US Army Retired, Program Chairperson

On Saturday, July 18, 2026, Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church in Longs, South Carolina, proudly hosted its inaugural **Buffalo Soldiers Families Appreciation Celebration**, honoring the extraordinary legacy of five Buffalo Soldiers from the local communities. The honorees were Technician Fifth Grade Daniel Bellamy, Technician Fourth Grade Floyd Bellamy, Sr., Private Luke Chestnut, Corporal Fred Hickman, and Private First-Class Frank Moore, Jr.

More than 200 people attended this historic celebration, including 60 members of the Southern Frontiers of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club (NABSTMC). Participants traveled from chapters in Raleigh, Fayetteville, and Wilmington, North Carolina, as well as Columbia, Charleston, and Florence, South Carolina. The Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers were led by Southern Frontiers Ambassador Cedrick Harris of the Orlando, Florida, chapter.

A highlight of the celebration was the special recognition of the families of the five honored Buffalo Soldiers. During the ceremony, heartfelt appreciation was expressed for the sacrifices made not only by these courageous men but also by the families who supported them through their military service. These soldiers faithfully served our nation with courage, dignity, and unwavering commitment while enduring the hardships of discrimination, segregation, and racial injustice both at home and abroad. Despite these obstacles, they remained steadfast in their duty, served with honor, and made lasting contributions to the history of the United States.

The legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers is one of courage, perseverance, and an unyielding spirit. They defended a nation that did not always extend to them the freedoms and equality they fought to protect. Nevertheless, they served with distinction, broke barriers, and paved the way for future generations of African American men and women in military service.

As a church and community, Chesterfield Missionary Baptist Church remains committed to preserving the remarkable history of the Buffalo Soldiers and ensuring that future generations understand, appreciate, and honor their sacrifices, service, and enduring contributions to our nation.

To the families of Technician Fifth Grade Daniel Bellamy, Technician Fourth Grade Floyd Bellamy, Sr., Private Luke Chestnut, Corporal Fred Hickman, and Private First-Class Frank Moore, Jr., we extend our deepest gratitude. Their legacy continues to inspire us to lead with integrity, serve with courage, and remain united in faith, service, and purpose. As we honor their memory and celebrate their lives, we reaffirm our commitment that their sacrifices and contributions will never be forgotten.

Brenda S. Bankhead, US Army Retired, Program Chairperson
Photos Courtesy of Eugene Stanley



CLEAC Recognizes Horry and Georgetown County Officers

CLEAC continues to recognize local Law Enforcement representatives for their contributions and excellence throughout their communities. On Thursday, July 16, 2026, CLEAC presented the awards of *"Officer of the Month"* to Corporal Christina Suliman of the Horry County Sheriff's Office and Officer Kyle Lundgren of the North Myrtle Beach Police Department.



L-R: Tom Fox, Chief Deputy Sheriff of Horry County Sheriff's Office and CLEAC Member, Presents Awards to Cpl. Christina Suliman and Officer Kyle Lundgren.

Georgetown County Sheriff Receives Sheriff of the Year Award

Horry County **Sheriff Phillip E.**

Thompson was honored to present the SC Sheriff's Association 2026 Sheriff of the Year award to **Sheriff Carter**

Weaver of Georgetown County. Sheriff Thompson nominated Sheriff Weaver for the prestigious honor, which was voted by his fellow Sheriffs across the state. Congratulations Sheriff Weaver on the award.



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MUI Hub of Charleston Award

The Goose Creek Branch NAACP Celebrated Community Leaders at the 2026 Advocacy Scholarship Luncheon



Samya A. Muhammad
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The Goose Creek Branch NAACP hosted the 2026 Andrea Glover-Mathews Advocacy Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Mt. Zion AME Church in Goose Creek, South Carolina. The event was held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and brought together community members, leaders, educators, and supporters. The theme of the luncheon was “Rooted in Purpose, Rising in Excellence,” which reflected the organization’s focus on education, service, leadership, and community empowerment. The afternoon included awards, scholarship presentations, a raffle, entertainment, and opportunities for guests to celebrate community accomplishments.

One of the highlights of the event was the recognition of individuals and organizations that made a positive impact in the community. The MUI Hub of Charleston was recognized with the Community Advocate Award by the Goose Creek Branch NAACP. The award honored its commitment to academic success, personal growth, and the well-being of students. Its dedication to service, helping young people succeed and creating opportunities for future generations.

The luncheon also celebrated the legacy of Andrea Glover-Mathews and her dedication to education and advocacy. The Goose Creek Branch NAACP Education Committee used the event to highlight the importance of supporting students and investing in their futures. Scholarship presentations were an important part of the program because they provided students with encouragement and financial support as they continued their education. The event showed how education and advocacy could work together to create stronger communities.

The program featured Octavia Mitchell of News 2, as the mistress of the program, and Kidd Shanard of Showtime Entertainment who provided music throughout the evening. Guests also had the opportunity to participate in a raffle and enjoy fellowship with other members of the community. The event created a positive atmosphere where people could recognize the achievements of others while celebrating the importance of service and education.





On July 2 & 4, 2026, Mother Mary Ervin Moore, former Counselor at Whittemore High School and graduate of Butler High School (BHS) (Class of 1947) in Hartsville, SC, took the spotlight being recognized in a very special way. For the past 35 years or more BHS has been changed to Butler Heritage Foundation with a mission to ***“.....Preserve the legacy of Butler High School by establishing a Community and Cultural Center and by providing and supporting diverse programs for all.”***

At the Banquet on July 2, Mother Moore was recognized and awarded a plaque for her commitment in Education and leadership. She was also honored to be the Grand Marshall in the July 4 Parade.

The World Community Magazine extends maximum congratulations to Mother Mary Ervin Moore.



A Platinum Milestone for the WHS Class of 1956

By Antoinette Vaught Williams



August 2026



The Whittemore High Class of 1956 celebrated their 70th Reunion on **July 18, 2026**. The event was hosted by Rosalyn DeWitt (daughter of class member Willa Johnson Dewitt and Toni Vaught (daughter of class member Ralph (Palmer) Vaught. Six members of the class were in attendance *Betty Singleton Davis, Leatha Huggins Carson, Marie Campbell (Miss Whittemore), Willa Johnson Dewitt and Mary Owens McCray*. Ms. Campbell traveled from Washington, DC to attend along with her caregiver. Additional class members not in attendance: Thomas Chancy, Lula Bell Dewitt, Roosevelt Carr, Charles Smalls and Luella Johnson. Thank you to Betty Davis for maintaining contact and providing contact information for her classmates.



**Marie Campbell
Miss Whittemore**



Willa Johnson DeWitt



Mary Owens McCray



Betty Singleton Davis



Leatha Huggins Carson



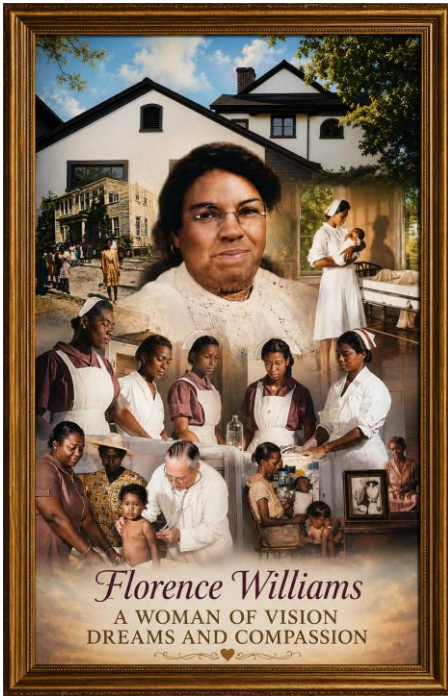
Ralph J. Vaught, Jr.



L-R: Marie Campbell, Ralph Vaught, Willa Johnson DeWitt, Mary Owens McCray, Betty Singleton Davis, and (Seated) Leatha Huggins Carson.



The World Community Magazine Extends Maximum Congratulations to the Coordinators and all Who Made this Occasion Possible for us to Witness.

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As America went through the difficult days of the Great Depression, families suffered tremendously. At a time when few roads were paved, few bridges existed, and the nearest hospitals were 70 miles away in Charleston or Florence, the Florence Williams Hospital was a God-sent. From 1926 to 1954, God kept her hospital afloat because she put Him first in her life. Nevertheless, the bills piled up. And in a moment of frustration, Florence pleaded with God, "Lord, help me please! I'm doing what you led me to do, but I'm drowning in debt."

God lovingly answered her prayer with canned goods from nearby churches, such as Bethel AME and Duncan Memorial Church. He answered with deferred payments from patients who could afford to pay; and last but not least, he answered her prayer with generous financial donations from millionaires like Bernard Baruch, of Hobcaw Barony, and Anne Huntington of Brookgreen Gardens.

Florence gave back to her community by taking time out of her busy schedule to teach nursing skills to inspiring young nurses. For nearly 30 years, her hospital, only the third hospital in the history of Georgetown, was a ram-in-the bush for thousands of needy people. Her hospital welcomed poor people when no one else would, never turning anyone away, regardless of their ability to pay. *She also treated wounded Civilian Conservation Corp workers.*



As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of the Florence Williams Hospital, a historical marker will be unveiled this fall. A group of citizens, including yours truly, are honoring her legacy of giving by launching scholarships for promising high school students who are pursuing a career in nursing and healthcare. Serving both Black and white communities of Georgetown, the Florence Williams Hospital may have been the only integrated hospital in the state during the segregation era. Despite strict laws forbidding such integration, Florence continued to put God first and He kept her hospital afloat for anyone who needed care.

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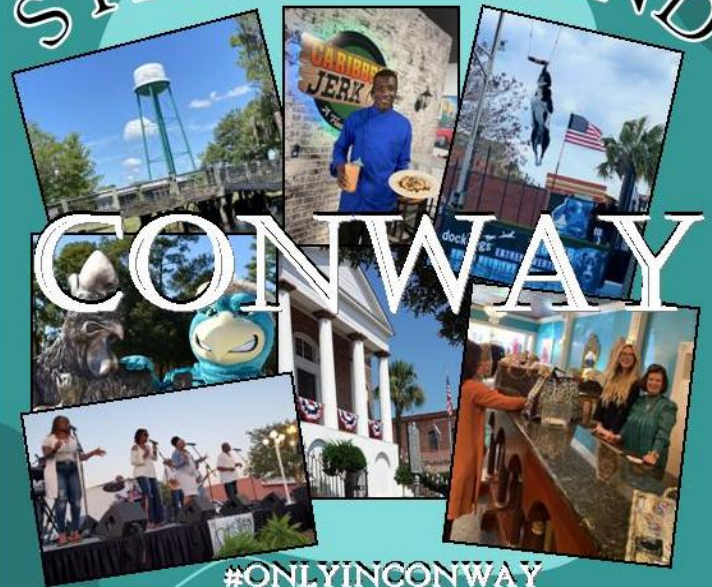
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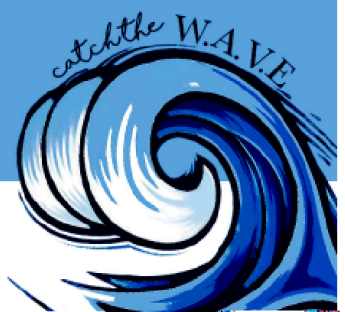
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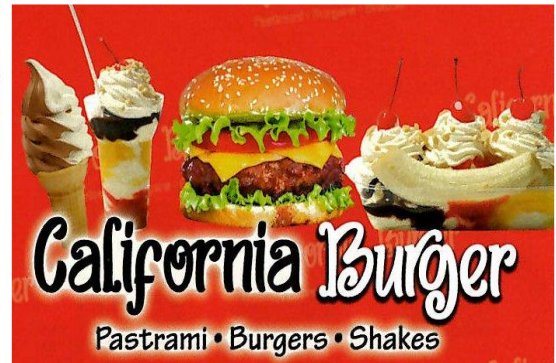
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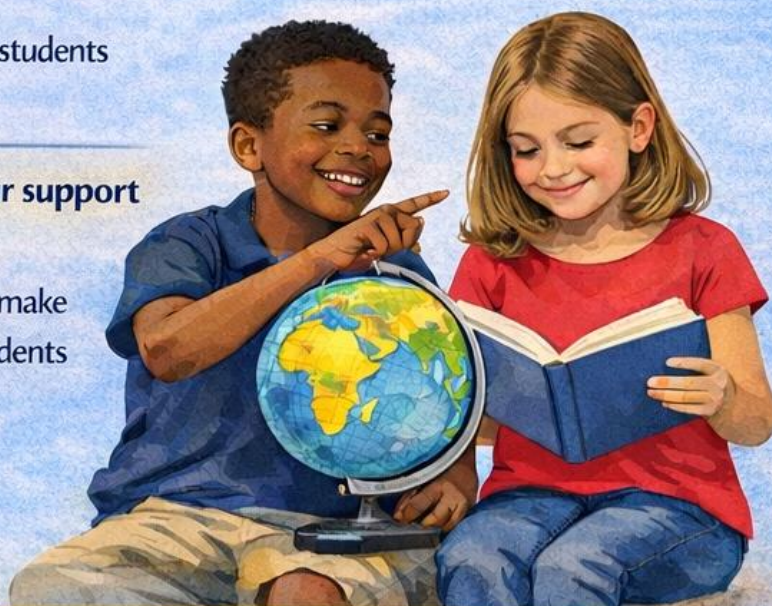
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“CAUGHT GREEN HANDED”



The Horry County Solid Waste Authority recently recognized Conway area resident **Scott Wellman**, as the “Caught Green Handed” recipients for the month of **June 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.” **Mr. Wellman**, a regular recycler at the **Toddville Recycling Center**, was surprised and honored to receive this recognition.

*Scott Wellman, June 2026
Caught Green Handed Recipient*

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What we Don't Know Can Blind Us*Cont'd from Page 8*

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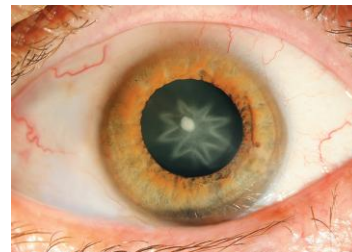
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Talk about your options with your eye doctor. Most people don't need to rush into surgery. Waiting to have surgery usually won't harm your eyes or make surgery more difficult later. Use these tips:

- Tell your doctor if cataracts are getting in the way of your everyday activities
- See your doctor for regular check-ups
- Ask your doctor about the benefits and risks of cataract surgery
- Encourage family members to get checked for cataracts since they can run in families

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When Skin Reflects the Body: What Dermatology Reveals About Internal Health

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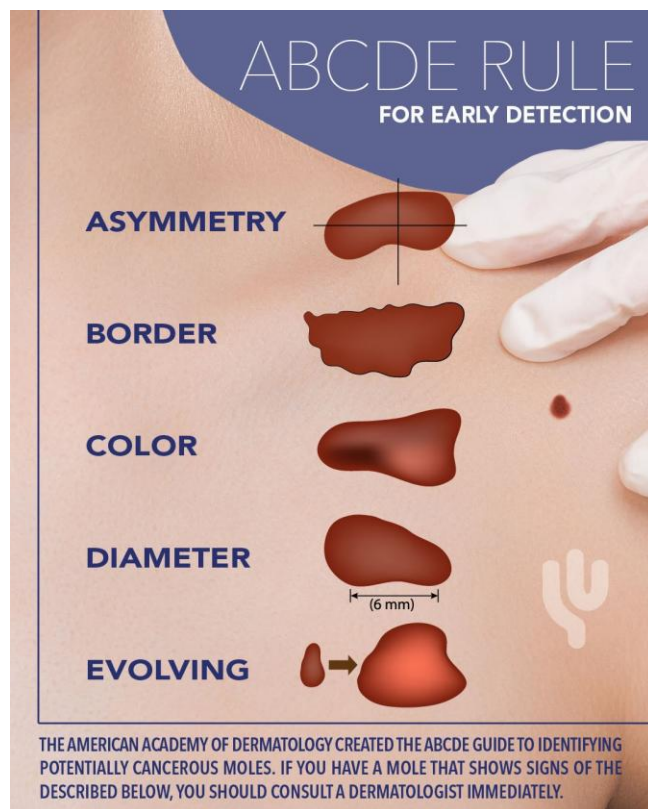
One concern many people have is whether sunscreen prevents the body from making vitamin D. While sunscreen may reduce some vitamin D production, it rarely blocks it completely under normal use. Black Americans are also more likely to have lower vitamin D levels because higher amounts of melanin naturally reduce vitamin D production from sunlight. As we age, the skin naturally changes. Beginning in early adulthood, collagen production gradually declines, and elastin fibers lose some of their flexibility. The skin becomes thinner, drier, and less elastic, allowing fine lines and wrinkles to develop over time. Years of ultraviolet exposure can accelerate this process, making daily

sun protection one of the most effective ways to preserve long-term skin health. Skin cancer remains one of the most common cancers in the United States. Although melanoma occurs less

frequently in Black Americans, it is often diagnosed at later stages because it may be overlooked or mistaken for other skin conditions. In darker skin tones, melanoma is more likely to develop on the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, and beneath the fingernails or toenails. *The ABCDE rule can help identify suspicious lesions. Watch for asymmetry, irregular borders, multiple colors, a diameter larger than six millimeters, and evolution, meaning any mole that changes in size, shape, or appearance.* Access to dermatologic care remains a challenge for many individuals and families. Financial barriers, insurance coverage, transportation, and long wait times can delay evaluation by a dermatologist. When specialist care is not immediately available, a primary care provider is often an excellent place to start. Early evaluation often prevents minor concerns from

becoming more serious and more expensive to treat.

The skin changes throughout every stage of life, responding to genetics, hormones, nutrition, environmental exposures, and overall health. Ultimately, healthy skin tells a story about the body's overall health, often providing the first clues that something deeper deserves attention. Understanding those signals allows us to recognize problems earlier, seek care when needed, and appreciate the remarkable organ that protects us every day. For more information and skin health routines: <https://www.aad.org/public/everyday-care/skin-care-basics/care>.



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Cleveland Powell

Mr. Cleveland H. Powell was born to Essie Libson and Hubert Powell of Conway, SC, on **August 13, 1942**. He departed this life on **Monday, July 20, 2026**, peacefully at NHC of Garden City, SC. He was educated in the Horry County School system.



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Mr. Powell is preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Alston and George (Peggy) Johnson; two sisters, Gail Ann Powell and Betty Ann Simmons. *He leaves to cherish and loving memories his wife, Ivory Lee Powell, of holy matrimony for sixty-three years; three children. Terrence G Powell of Conway, SC, Gregory L. Powell (Yakil) of Sandiego, CA and one beautiful daughter, Stacey D. Powell of Conway, SC; five grandchildren, Lache (Ahmad) Fairwell of Fayetteville, NC, Devin Powell, Myron (Jessica) Powell, Javier Higgins and Micaiah Grice, all of Conway, SC; a host of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews; four brothers, David L. Deberry, Tryone Libson of Conway, SC, Jessie (Jacqueline) Deberry of Elgin, SC and Frederick Powell of Missouri; one sister, Barbara Ann Longs of Conway, SC; three close friends to leave memories, Mr. Tim Myers, Macey Onley and Danny Onley; a host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, family and friends.*



James Ronnie Carter

On the morning of **July 11, 2026**, **James Ronnie Carter**, affectionately known to his loved ones and friends as "Ronnie", peacefully took his final rest at NHC Healthcare in Garden City, SC. Born at Conway Hospital on **October 19, 1959**, to Sadie Mae



1959 - 2026

Carter and the late Joe Carter Jr. Following his graduation from Myrtle Beach High School in 1978, Ronnie entered the US Army. Ronnie committed the greater part of his life to his wife, Beverly Gowans Carter of Conway, SC, and her three children, Cosenia Gowans, Arthur Phillips Jr., and Antonio Gowans, and took great pride in raising their granddaughter, Oriana Martinez-Gowans. Through every hardship, Ronnie kept his faith in the Lord, relying on prayer and the steady support of his family to guide him through. He was preceded in death by his sister Shirley Carter Frappy (Nick). *In addition to his wife Beverly, he is survived by his mother, Sadie Mae Carter; his three children, Tarik Cooper of Florida, Bryan Jordan and Juwana Harshaw of Conway, SC; and his eight cherished grandchildren. He also leaves behind his siblings, Dale "Robin" Carter (Pearlie) and Joe "Stafford" Carter (Willa) of Myrtle Beach, SC.*



Edith Mae Parker

Edith Mae Parker was born on **July 20, 1943**, to the union of Earl and Eva Davis in Bucksport, SC. On **Tuesday, July 1st, 2026**, Edith departed this life and embraced eternal rest surrounded by her family. Edith received her education in the Horry County



1943 - 2026

School System. Edith is preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Eva Davis; 3 brothers, Earl Davis, Elbert Davis, and Thomas Davis; 2 sisters, Gussie Lee and Betty Stevens; one grandson, Emanuel Parker, and one daughter, Celeste Parker. *Edith leaves to cherish her precious memories, 9 children, Jackie Campbell of Ohio, Gwendolyn Davis, Linda Swinton, Carolyn Rhue (Lonnie), Georgia (Thomas) Hemingway, all of Conway, Flettie (Canute) Adams, of Ga, Howard (Raynise) Parker, Jeremiah Parker and William (Candice) Parker of Conway SC, 3 step children, Janet Myers, of Tampa, FL, Sarah Evans of Myrtle Beach, SC, Jamie Givens of Conway, SC, 6 siblings, Robert (Nora) Davis, John (Rosetta) Davis, Isaac (Sheila) Davis, of Conway SC, Mary (Harold) Lawhorn, Delores Davis-Poles, of Rochester New York, Della Doctor, of Miami FL, brother in law, Sammy Stevens, of Conway, 48 grandchildren, (5 raised as children) Quincy Davis, Cortreal Swinton, Bradley Swinton, Nikki Swinton and Shantell Davis, 50 great grandchildren, 7 great great grandchildren, a very special friend Johnny Dewitt and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family and dear friends who will always cherish her memory.*



Keyeen Scott

Mr. Keyeen "Swazo" Scott was born on **May 23, 1980**, in Newark, New Jersey, to Joann Scott and Frederick Parker. On **July 16, 2026**, he peacefully transitioned from this life, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, love, and unforgettable memories. Keyeen



1980 - 2026

received his education in Newark, New Jersey, and proudly graduated from West Side High School. Keyeen was preceded in death by his brother, Freddie Parker Jr.; his beloved first cousin, Rashawn Parker, who was raised alongside him as a brother; and his grandmothers, Shirley Scott and Gloria Parker. *He leaves to cherish his precious memories his loving aunt, Veronica Parker, who faithfully nurtured and cared for him as a mother figure throughout his life, and his uncle, Lenwood Parker of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He is also survived by his aunts Sharonda Parker of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Phyllis Sanders; Tina (Joe) Plaza of Newark, New Jersey; Ida (Pete) Ripoly; and Tammy (Darrel) Riggins of Brooksville, South Carolina. His uncles include Johnny Parker of Newark, New Jersey, and Jamen (Sandra) Singleton of Loris, South Carolina. He also leaves his beloved grandfather, Pastor Freddie Parker, and his wife, Gloria Parker, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, along with a host of loving first and second cousins, extended family members, and countless friends who will forever treasure the memories they shared with him.*



Noah Isaiah Darby

Noah Isaiah Darby was born on **June 26, 2002**. He departed this life on **July 5, 2026**.



2002 - 2026



Martha Burroughs

Martha Burroughs was born on **July 2, 1949**. She departed this life on **July 23, 2026**.



1949 - 2026



Hattie Mae Fore

Hattie Mae Fore of Aynor was born on **January 8, 1948**. She departed this life on **July 24, 2026**. *She is survived by Shawn Fore, Charles Fore, Jr and Tracy Mitchell along with one sister, Francine Parker and 2 brothers-Frank Parker and Isreal Parker*



1948 - 2026



Lorenzo Rodriguis Smalls

Lorenzo Rodriguez Smalls age 48, passed away in Conway, SC on **July 23rd 2026** where he was born and raised with a deep love for basketball to Dale Graham and Inez Smalls. He is



1978 - 2026

proceeded in death by both parents and son. He is survived by his siblings, Shepard Holmes of Texas, Vennessa Smalls of NC, Jerry Smalls of Tennessee and Beatrice Orr of Myrtle Beach. *He leaves his children who will grow to keep his memory alive, daughter's Shanazia Jones, Malia Ja'nae Tucker and son Bryson Tucker and grandchildren (names) all of Conway, SC*

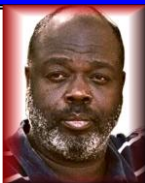


Jai Da'Win Wortherly

Jai Da'Win Wortherly was born on **January 8, 1978**. He departed this life on **June 18, 2026**



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1978- 2026

Eddie J. Scott

Eddie J. Scott of Old railroad Road in Conway, SC, was born on **May 7, 1953**. He departed this life on **July 22, 2026**.



1953- 2026

Jerome Rommie Burroughs

Jerome "Romie" Burroughs, a man full of love, life, and laughter has taken his final rest. Born on **August 26, 1961** in Conway, SC.. He departed this life on **July 22, 2026**. He was a beloved brother, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend who found joy in the simplest aspects of life. *His spirit lives on through three children, one grandchild, two sisters, one brother, a host of nieces and nephews.*



1961- 2026



Hattie Mae Fore

Hattie Mae Fore of Aynor was born on **January 8, 1928**. She departed this life on **July 24, 2026**. *She is survived by Shawn Fore, Charles Fore, Jr and Tracy Mitchell along with one sister, Francine Parker and 2 brothers-Frank Parker and Isreal Parker.*



1928 - 2026



Steven Keith Kennedy

Steven Keith Kennedy was born on **January 10, 1991**. He departed this life on **June 29, 2026**.



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1991 - 2026

Mary Ann Vereen

Mary Ann Vereen was born on **November 16, 1959**. She departed this life on **July 22, 2026**.



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1959 - 2026

Luella M. Johnson

Luella McJeannis Alston Johnson made her transition from earth to Heaven on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026** at Compass Post Acute Rehabilitation Center, Conway, SC. She was born in Conway, SC, to the late Lonnie C. and Iowa A. (Davis) Alston on **May 7, 1938**



1938 - 2026

Luella, also known as "McJeannis" and "Jean," graduated from Whittemore High School Class of 1956, in Conway, SC, and continued her education at Allen University in Columbia, SC, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Canton, Ohio, where they made their home. This Woman of God truly loved the Lord and was dedicated to serving Him. She was an avid speaker and sought-after workshop, seminar, and conference presenter. She received many awards and honors for her Christian service, including U.S. President George H. W. Bush, Former Congressman Ralph Regula and Former Ohio Governor George Voinovich. *McJeannis is preceded in death by her parents, Lonnie C. and Iowa A. Alston, two sisters, Elmira Conner and Nancy Alexander, and four brothers, Maj. Lonnie N. Alston, Raymond B. Alston, Lt. Col. Pontha D. Alston, and Rev. Herbert H. Alston. She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Persephone (Larry) Hall of Southington, CT, Roland (Lorella) Johnson of Parkland, FL, four grandchildren, Alaina L. Monts of Brooklyn, NY, Isaac G. Monts of Southington, CT, Tiffany (Derek) Shy of Columbus, Ohio, and Miya R. Johnson of Tampa, FL. She also leaves her Godson, Eric T. (Dorinda) Adams of Spring, TX, and a host of other relatives and friends.*



Miss Shantavious Gerell Manner, known as "Shawn", was born on **December 6, 1981** in Conway, S.C. and departed on **July 5, 2026**. Shawn is the daughter of Tammie Allen Manner and the late Gerald Manner. SHAWN was also preceded in death by her paternal



1981- 2026

Great Grandmother Mrs. Lottie Dixon and maternal Grandfather David Allen, all of Conway, S.C. *SHAWN leaves to cherish her fond memories of her loving mother Tammie Allen Manner. Three beautiful children, Omontre' McCleod (Janecia), Omaree McCleod and Ga'Miracle Manner all of Conway, S.C. Two precious grandbabies, Nova who is one year old and Omontre' Jr. who is ten months old. She also leaves to cherish her memory her maternal Grandmother, Jerline Allen, whom she affectionately called "Mom". Six aunts: Crystal Dixon, Lynn Dixon, Melinda Benford, Shirlene Dukes (Richard), Elizabeth Felder (MC), Davena Hill (Steven Sr.), Sade' Steele; all of Conway, S.C. and Monica Brown (Freddy) of Boston, Ma. One special cousin Markela Allen, and a host of cousins, family and friends.*



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Elizabeth Ann Lance Thornton

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Thornton, born on **April 30, 1945** in Conway, South Carolina, passed away peacefully on **July 21, 2026**. Elizabeth was a devoted and caring member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Conway. She found joy and



1945 - 2026

purpose in attending church while also helping on the Trustee Committee and teaching Sunday School. She loved her church family very much. From joining the military, where she became a 1st Lieutenant, to being a part of the Customs Border Patrol, the FBI, and also teaching high school at Finkley High School. She retired from Homeland Security. Elizabeth was committed to the service and care of others. After traveling extensively, Elizabeth returned to Conway, where she and her sister helped to care for their mother, Helen, and their brother, Joe Nathan. She always had a warm, caring heart and a blessed spirit. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Thornton; her parents, Mr. George Lance and Mrs. Helen H. Lance; as well as her brothers, John Henry Lance, George Lance Jr., and Joe Nathan Lance. *She leaves to cherish her memory, her only sister, Martha Lance Causey; along with a host of nieces, one nephew, and many cousins; as well as extended family and friends, who will all miss her dearly.*



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Kathy Ann Chestnut

Kathy Ann Chestnut of the Poplar Community in Longs, SC was born on **February 24, 1951**. She departed this life on **July 17, 2026**.



1951 2026



Durvin Tyson Jones

Durvin Tyson Jones was born on **April 27, 1986**. He departed this life on **July 14, 2026**.



1986 - 2026



Jannie Mae Isom

Jannie Mae Isom of Atlantic Beach, SC, was born on **September 2, 1943**. She departed this life on **July 1, 2026**.



1943 - 2026





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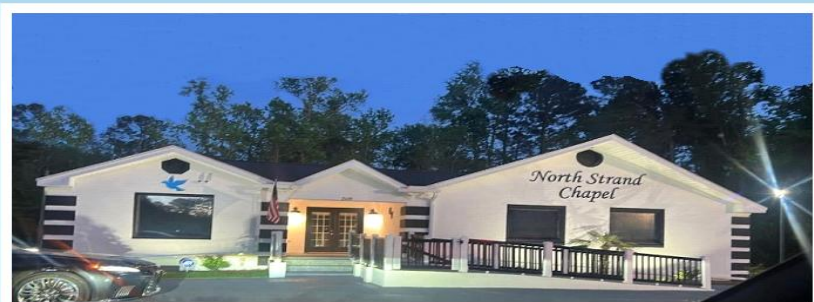
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