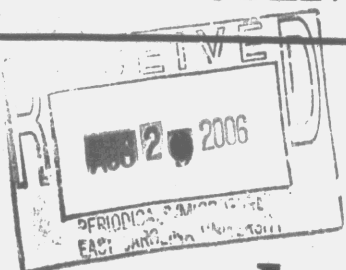


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Edgecombe and Pitt County Home for 26

Rosenwald Schools

By: C. Rudolph Knight
The Rosenwald rural school building program was a major effort to improve the quality of public education for African-Americans in the early 20th century South. The schools are named for Julius Rosenwald, who at the time of the program's inception was the president of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Rosenwald had become friendly with black educator Booker T. Washington and began to make charitable donations to the black secondary schools and colleges that Washington's Tuskegee Institute was helping to establish. Washington asked if a small portion of one \$25,000 gift could be used for elementary school programs and Rosenwald agreed, with one stipulation; give the money to the black communities, he wanted to match funds that the people had raised themselves to fund the schools. A couple of years later, he set up the Rosenwald Fund to continue this work on a larger scale. North Carolina was home to more Rosenwald schools than any other state. All but seven of the state's counties had at least one Rosenwald school, although most are concentrated in the Piedmont and Coastal Plain. Built between 1917 and 1932, these small, wooden structures are in the state's rural counties, and once served as the center of rural black community life. Edgecombe County had 26



Rosenwald schools and were located at various sites across the county. The following Rosenwald schools are listed in order of construction dates:
1921-22, Logboro No. 1 and White's Chapel; 1922-23, Acron Hill, Bellamy, Chinquapin, Kingsboro and Willow Grove; 1923-24, Bryan, Dogtown (Keech), Harry Knight, Lawrence, Logboro No. 2, St. Luke and Tarboro; 1924-25, Coakley, Dixon, Draughn, Lancaster, Leggett, Living Hope, Marks Chapel, Mount Olive and Wimberly; 1925-26, Pittman Grove; and

1926-27, Hickory View and Providence. Each community that sought a school had to provide enough land for playgrounds and agriculture production; two acres was the minimum. Labor, land, and materials furnished locally counted as a cash contribution at current market value. Each community had to guarantee to equip, furnish and maintain schools after they were built.

Rosenwald Fund would only support construction if the school term was at least five

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1949-50 Rosenwald Schools

	Teachers	Grades	Pupils*
Chinquapin	4	1-3	110
Hickory View	3	1-6	110
Kingsboro	3	1-6	110
Lancaster	3	1-6	110
Living Hope	12	1-8	500
Mount Olive	3	1-6	110
Providence	4	1-8	180
Saint Luke	3	1-6	110
Bellamy	3	1-6	150
Dixon	2	1-4	90
Marks Chapel	2	1-4	100
Willow Grove	2	1-3	110
Wimberly	4	1-8	200
Acorn Hill	4	1-8	180
Coakley	2	1-3	100
Lawrence	3	1-6	140
White's Chapel	2	1-3	100

* - prospective number

1,000 or more attend Greenville's first National Night Out

By Corey G. Johnson
The Daily Reflector
Wednesday, August 02, 2006
At least 1,000 people filled Thomas Foreman Park on Tuesday night for Greenville's first National Night Out celebration, police said.
The exact numbers were still being tabulated, but police estimates ranged from 1,000 to more nearly 3,000. The numbers underscore the enthusiasm felt by officers and community members for the initiative, which seeks to build strong ties between police and citizens, organizers said.
"There are people here that I haven't seen in years," said a sweat-drenched Lt. B.M. Highland of the Greenville Police Department. "This has been the most fun in one

night I've had in over 20-some years of police work." More than 50 Greenville police officers and numerous representatives from East Carolina University and Pitt County Memorial Hospital were at the event.
When the children at a dunking booth couldn't hit their mark, they often ran up and pushed it, anyway. Their victims: Capt. Thomas Forrest and Major Kevin Smeltzer. "Oh well, I guess I'm not as young as I used to be," said Smeltzer, his smile glowing underneath the water dripping from his head.
Children and parents wanting to learn about stopping animal cruelty flanked a booth manned by Tim Langley of animal control. "Even some came up and tips," he said.

Councilwoman Rose Glover credited Police Chief William Anderson for backing the event.
"To see the people mingling with the police — that's community policing at its best. It truly is overwhelming," said Glover, who fought back tears. "This event speaks volumes about the new chief and his leadership."
Kip Gaskins, an event coordinator, said he was pleased with how community rallied around the law enforcement initiative. "When we made the phone calls to ask for support, there were no debates and no negotiations," Gaskins said. "If you look in the dictionary for a definition of partnership and unity, a picture of this event should be right there."

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Judge's Night Out. ... District Court Judge Joe Blick who is running for re-election (center) was present for the National Night Out which was sponsored by the Greenville PD, is flanked by Council Members, Chip Little (l) and Ray Craft (r) the event was a tremendous success.

photo Mike Adams

OPINION



By George E. Curry
NNPA Analysis

George W. Bush – or his speechwriters – understands the indignity of slavery and its impact on the United States. I was at the NAACP's national convention last week when Bush said: "For nearly 200 years, our nation failed the test of extending the blessings of liberty to African-Americans. Slavery was legal for nearly a hundred years, and discrimination legal in many places for nearly a hundred years more. Taken together, the record placed a stain on America's founding, a stain that we have not yet wiped clean."

"When people talk about America's founders they mention the likes of

George Bush's Bigotry of High Expectations

Washington and Jefferson and Franklin and Adams. Too often they ignore another group of founders — men and women and children who did not come to America of their free will, but in chains. These founders literally helped build our country. They chopped the wood, they built the homes, they tilled the fields, and they reaped the harvest. They raised children of others, even though their own children had been ripped away and sold to strangers. These founders were denied the most basic birthright, and that's freedom. ... They toppled Jim Crow through simple deeds: boarding a bus, walking along the road, showing up peacefully at courthouses or joining in prayer and song. Despite the sheriff's dogs, and the jailer's scorn, and the hangman's noose, and the assassin's bullets, they prevailed." Sitting there in the Washington, D.C. Convention Center, I remembered hearing Bush utter similar remarks at the National Urban League's 2003 convention in Pittsburgh.

"Recently, on my trip to Africa, I visited Goree Island in Senegal, where for centuries, men and women were delivered and sorted and branded and shipped. It's a haunting place, a reminder of mankind's capacity for cruelty and injustice," he said at the time. "Yet Goree Island is also a reminder of the strength of the human spirit, and the capacity for good to overcome evil. The men and women who boarded slave ships on that island and wound up in America endured the separation of their families, the brutality of their oppressors, and the indifference of laws that regarded them only as articles of commerce. Still, the spirit of Africans in America did not break. All the generations of oppression under the laws of man could not crush the hope of freedom. And by a plan known only to Providence, the stolen sons and daughters of Africa helped to awake the conscience of America. The very people traded into slavery helped to set America free."

The problem with Bush is that he uses all the right words while, more often than not, doing the wrong thing. Let's take the landmark University of Michigan affirmative action cases. On Jan. 15, 2003 — Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday — Bush announced his opposition to two Michigan programs, one for undergraduates and one for the law school. Again, there was the studied compassion: "I strongly support diversity of all kinds, including racial diversity in higher education..." Then the real George W. came out: "At their core, the Michigan policies amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards or penalizes perspective students based solely on their race." A Supreme Court dominated by Republican appointees, disagreed. The court upheld the University of Michigan's law school program while striking down a more numbers-oriented undergraduate admission program. Even more disturbing than Bush's duplicity is his

willingness to manipulate or misstate the facts. In announcing his opposition to the Michigan programs, Bush said: "At the undergraduate level, African American students and some Hispanic students and Native American students receive 20 points out of a maximum of 150, not because of any academic achievement or life experience, but solely because they are African American, Hispanic or Native American. "To put this in perspective, a perfect SAT score is worth only 12 points in the Michigan system. Students who accumulate 100 points are generally admitted, so those 20 points awarded solely based on race are often the decisive factor." To be blunt, Bush lied about the Michigan undergraduate point system. It was not restricted to people of color. Bush neglected to note that 20 points were awarded to any disadvantaged student, regardless of his or her color. He did not mention that 20 points were automatically awarded to all scholarship athletes. He ignored the

provision that allows the university's provost the discretion to give 20 points to any student. He also was disingenuous in discussing the SAT points. Yes, a perfect SAT score was worth only 12 points. And that's because the University of Michigan gave greater weight to grades than standardized tests. A straight-A student, for example, was awarded 80 points, more than seven times the weight given for a perfect SAT or ACT score. Even C-students were awarded 40 points under this system. In discussing African-Americans, Bush likes to talk about the bigotry of low expectations. I am more concerned about the bigotry of people for whom we have high expectations.

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The Black Hair Care Tragicomedy



By James Clingman Jr.

The saddest part about this issue is the fact that we could see this one coming. Now that it has hit its mark, right between our eyes, maybe the pain will be severe enough not only to get our attention but also to hold our attention long enough for us to rally our forces and fight back. The Black Hair Care Industry (BHCI) has, once again, become a hot topic among folks other than Koreans.

Now that an investigative documentary has been produced about the industry, obviously shocking Black people once again, maybe some of us will resolve to do something to reclaim at least a portion of that vertical market. After all, the last time I checked, no one is using Black hair care

products except Black folks. The documentary discloses information, none of which was news to BHCI insiders, about the ownership of stores businesses and create wealth for their families. Oh yeah, we still get to look good, and we are quite willing to pay for it, but is looking good better than "doing good" — for yourself? The three questions again come to mind: What? So what? Now what? At this stage, since we have ignored the "so what?" stage, we must deal with the "now what?" What are Black people going to do, if anything, about this situation? On the video, there are calls for boycotts, which could be done simply by buying your products at Black owned stores that get their products through Black owned channels of distribution. Oops, I almost forgot; we don't have very many of those, do we? But, we do have some, so let's start there. We also have a relatively new organization, called BOBSA, the Black Owned Beauty Supply Association (see bobsa.org or call 650 357 0073). Every venture begins with a first step, so our "now what?" step must be taken from where we are, with what we have, and with whoever will go. If Black people are serious about slowing down the Korean Black Hair Care Express and revving up an economic engine of our own in this industry, we had better

get busy buying from one another, expanding the Black channels of distribution we already have, creating investment pools to build warehouses and wholesale facilities, and all the other things it take to become "players" once again. BOBSA is advocating for those changes and more, but it needs help from you, the consumer, on two fronts. BOBSA needs you to become a working member and supporter, and it needs you to commit to redirecting your spending. In addition, if you are serious, you should locate every Black hair care products store in your area and ask the owners to support BOBSA by becoming members. From that effort a nationwide database can be developed and posted on BOBSA's website, and no matter where you are in the country, you can find a Black owned store from which to purchase your products. Now these suggestions are not coming from an expert in the industry; there are folks who know much more about this than I. Call upon them and get their ideas; use them as consultants to help recapture a portion YOUR market. Do everything it takes to hold on to what is probably the last vestige of an industry developed and maintained by Black people. It is, quite frankly, shameful, as I think of the great brothers and sisters I teach about in my Black Entrepreneurship class,

that we have allowed this to happen. Nothing against the Koreans for taking care of their business and beating us out of our own game, but are they really that much smarter than we are? Are they more capable of running this business than we are? Are they that much better at marketing to our people than we? Oh, it's about the money isn't it? It always is. Do they have more money than we? Or, is it that they use their money collectively to help their group a lot more than we do? Now we're getting to meat of this issue, right? We can come up with all the excuses and reasons for being behind in a race that only Black people ran in for years, but we cannot truthfully say that we are consciously disturbed enough, collectively enough in our thinking, and willing to make the sacrifices necessary to do what other groups do to build their wealth. Watch the video and you will see how it's done, just in case you have forgotten. I end with this challenge. Make a commitment and then follow through on that commitment to purchase Black manufactured hair care products from Black owned outlets. Let's write a happy ending to this tragicomedy. One more thought: Don't envy the hair that Brandy wears; buy your own, from your own

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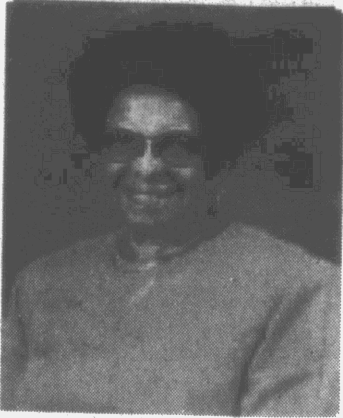
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
Recently, I was asked why I did not attend the march protesting the resistance exerted toward the renaming of East (and the remaining portions of West) Fifth Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Initially, I felt defensive, but, I quickly reiterated my support for the naming of some thoroughfare in Greenville in Dr. King's honor. I further reminded the civic-minded gentleman of a proposal I floated with Mr. Bennie Rountree, Mayor Parrot and Mayor Pro-Tem Council, among other civic and community leaders. First of all, like most Greenville citizens, I resent the bickering between well-intended protesters on both sides. But, to coin a phrase, "I have a dream" about what I think would be a fitting tribute to Dr. King's legacy in Greenville. Think for a moment about Dr. King's work and its purpose to bring about an end to racial discrimination and to bring about peace in the world. Now, imagine enjoying a peaceful moment to oneself in a place dedicated to the harmonious co-existence of Americans and we, together,

created a monument fitting of the slain civil rights leader. My dream, if you will, would come alive in the form of the "King Memorial Gardens" located on the banks of the Tar River. The Tar, symbolic in itself of King's cry for justice to roll down like a mighty stream; the Town Commons, which once was home to Greenville's segregated black citizens, is where many Greenvillians currently go to enjoy nature, to relax, to introspect, to socialize and to read. This monument would be made of marble and encrypted with a message for all who love peace. In my dream, this will be a place that fosters peace, tranquility, introspection and most of all, it will promote love and respect for each other. I support the renaming efforts, but in my dream, I found peace. Come and share in it with me. Sincerely,
Jeffrey E. Savage Pitt County Commissioner 1992-2000

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

The 46 Things Every Teen Should Know.....

Don't be a slob. Put things where they belong.
Don't put things off. When you finish it early, you don't have to cram.
Don't take yourself so seriously. A sense of humor is one of the best assets you can have.
Say "No" to drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol. Never be slave to any chemical.
Don't drink and drive or get into a car with someone who has.
Live the golden rule — treat others as you want to be treated.
Do the best you can.
Anything worth doing is worth doing right.

Be nice to your enemies. You have to learn to get along with people, even the ones you don't like.
Don't talk back to your parents. Be able to speak up and express your opinions, but show respect to parents, teachers, and elders.
Take care of your body. Eat a healthy diet, get your exercise and sleep, and work at staying healthy.
Speak the truth so that others can trust your words.
Take time to practice.
Anything worth learning takes practice.
Don't give up without trying.
You miss every opportunity you never take.
Save sex for marriage. It's a mistake to experiment with sex before you are committed.
If you choose to have sex, don't have sex without taking precautions.
Learn to save your money, or you won't have money when you need it.
Pick your friends wisely. You are known by the friends you hang around with.
Let me know where you are, so I don't worry. If you change your plans, let me know.
Be careful when you drive. A

car is a lethal weapon when not used safely.
Do your chores responsibly, on time, and without being asked.
Don't have anything to do with hitchhiking. Don't take or give rides to strangers.
Take time to know your God.
Attend services at your church or temple on a regular basis.
Know when to stop pushing when your parents say "No".
Ask for what you want, but don't become a nuisance.
Limit your time with television.
Study hard. Doing well in school and going to college are the best ways to get ahead.
Borrow and lend responsibly.
Don't borrow without asking and return things promptly.
Be confident in who you are.
Take pride in what you accomplish and don't put yourself down for mistakes.
When you are old enough to vote, vote proudly. Be a responsible citizen.
Have a positive attitude about life. Don't be complainer or moody.
Take care of your pet or don't have one.
Use the phone responsibly and keep your calls a

reasonable length.
Learn appropriate table manners and social graces.
Don't cheat. Play by the rules or don't play at all.
If you want to be successful, look the part. Good grooming and appropriate dress are important.
Don't take things that don't belong to you. Stealing is not acceptable. Earn the money to buy the things you want.
When you need your parents' help, plan for it early. Parents are not last minute servants.
Be polite. Being courteous means being concerned about the feelings and sensitivities of others.
Be on time for stated curfews and call early when there is any problem with meeting your commitments.
Don't put down other people.
If you must gossip, keep positive gossip.
Don't handle your frustrations or anger with cursing, swearing, or taking God's name in vain.
Listen to or read instructions before you try to do anything.

Keep your room clean and orderly.
Take care of your possessions. When you lose your own things, don't expect another to be bought for you.
Don't litter or abuse Mother Nature. Do your part for the environment.
If you have a sibling, you two should get along. Stop fighting and work things out by talking.
Set a good example for your brother and/or sister. When you are older, you're expected to be a model.

Wearing Hats....

Here are the rules about hats.....

A gentleman, regardless of his age, is expected to take off his hat in theaters, schools, airports, trains, inside buildings, in homes, and in church.
A gentleman may wear his hat at indoor sporting events such as hockey games or wrestling

matches, even while bowling.
A gentleman may keep his hat on in spaces which are indoors but serve "outdoor" functions (i.e. a shopping mall concourse, train station, platform or glass sheltered bus stops).
A gentleman may keep his head covered indoors if the traditions of his religion require it.
A lady may keep her hat on indoors (even in churches, restaurants and private homes) provided she is dressed up in formal daytime clothes.
Ladies may wear hats during dressy evening events. These hats are more elegant.
The exceptions for women are:
a. A lady may not wear a hat indoors at her own home.
b. A lady may not wear a baseball cap indoors.
*** This is because baseball caps are considered unisex and women wearing them must abide by the same rules that apply to men.



Suejette A. Jones

Christianity and Money

From the Apostle's Paul's warning that "love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" to churches' critical

Reflections

response to the spending excesses of American televangelists. Christians have tended to view money with a suspicious eye. There is a general feeling among experienced church people that the way churches have handled money needs some work. One professor of church administration says, "It is not simply a questions about raising money. The way churches have thought about money needs to be theologised. And at the same time it needs to be subjected to greater responsibility and general accounting practices." One particular church lost its building as payment for back taxes and penalties. The federal government charged the church with failing to withhold income taxes of employees from 1987 to 1993. The church maintained the payments were gifts, not wages, and therefore not subject to taxes. A federal court sided with the government, and the church now has no home. Such disputes could be avoided, if only churches would embrace a more businesslike mindset and apply basic money management strategies to their operations. Year after year, many churches fail to pay their property taxes when due and consequently have to be advertised year after year. Such is a classic example of poor money management

strategies. One fallacy found in churches is that they trust one person to handle the financial affairs. Churches need checks and balances so there is not one person who is in the position of being able to take money with no one else knowing. There should be a division of financial responsibility among the minister, a treasurer, and deacons or other elected church leaders. Also, a fact sheet of collections and disbursements should be distributed periodically among the church members. It is the duty of the church to let the members know how their contributions are managed. Some clergy and churches do not see money and budgets and auditing as having any religious or spiritual content. And that is a bad theology. Whatever problems do exist, it's likely that churches won't deal with them effectively until they can learn to talk about money and let their members know where and how their money is being spent. And right now, even that appears to be significant hurdle. There is a widespread reluctance on the part of the church leaders to talk about money. Money seems to be the last taboo.
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(Respectfully submitted by:
Mother Suejette Jones)



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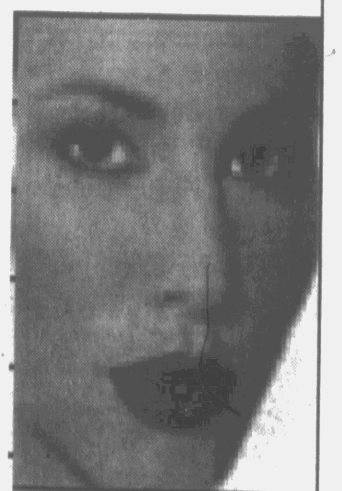
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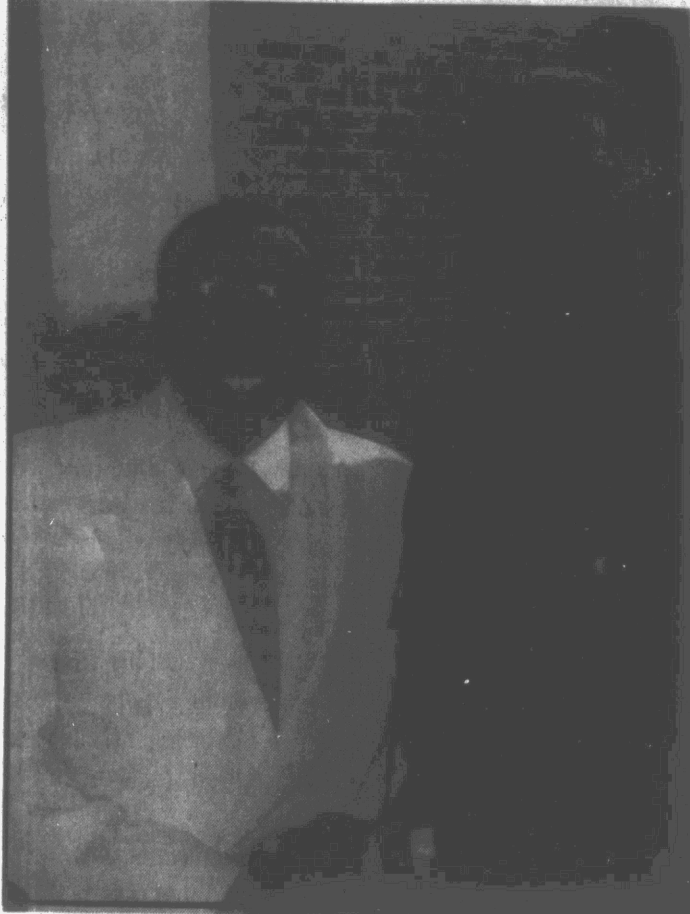
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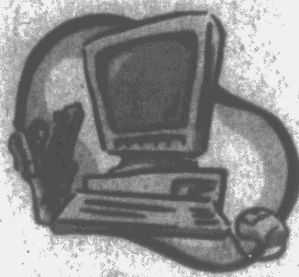


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Coakley area, but has not been used as a school since 1947. Today it is hard to imagine its roots alive with the sounds of an average of 126 pupils in its first year of operation. An earlier school on this site was in such poor condition in 1925 that it was valued at \$25. Accordingly, application was made to the Julius Rosenwald Fund for \$700, which together with about \$500 from local black residents, helped build this two-room frame school. The two classrooms form a rectangular mass with a gable roof. A front hipped roof pavilion overhangs one entrance and encloses a second. Surprisingly, inside one of the pavilion's small front rooms are many original school desks. Typical plain exterior finish

consists of unpainted weatherboards walls with exposed rafter eaves. All but one of the several large nine pane over nine pane sash windows are missing. Most of the Rosenwald schools were discontinued in the mid-1950s with the consolidation of the one-teacher and two-teacher schools into county elementary schools.

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Greenville	2	1919-1920
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Here's the church, here's the steeple ... Wells Chapel marks building's progress

By Paul Dunn
The Daily Reflector
Friday, July 28, 2006

White on gray, a monochrome
A pristine church steeple floating
Parishioners clapping, hugging,
pride evident on their faces.
Wednesday morning a
glistening steeple to its throne
Church of God in Christ. The
began taking shape in April on a
and should be ready for its first
The sparkling new building will
current facility at 1401 Martin
to church members for the past
“We’re going to miss that (the
move with time and the future,
Rev. Austin Parker, Wells’
pastor for 12 years. “We’re
growing, and we needed more
facilities, off-street parking and
an area for our young people.”
Farrior & Sons Construction
Superintendent Mike Folen
orchestrated the coronation. It
was his first, he said.
The steeple came with
manufacturer’s installation
instructions. Folen followed them

"It's amazing that they can send you instructions on something like this (securing a steeple) and everything goes smoothly," Folen said Wednesday, shortly after he'd guided the steeple into place. "When you're doing something outside the realm of your expertise, you have to install according to the manufacturer's recommendations."

Folen said the building's specially built trusses could accommodate a steeple weighing up to 5,000 pounds should future church members decide they want a larger one. For now, though, they're overjoyed with the one they have.

National Night Out front page. . .

The hospital donated \$1,500 for food and gave free screenings for people wanting to know their blood sugar levels. Sam's Club kicked in \$1,000 for food and supplies. Minges Bottling Group provided refreshments. Target, the national sponsor of the event, provided gifts cards to those who attended. For those seeking jobs, recruiters for the police department and the military were on hand. Pitt Community College and East Carolina University representatives answered questions about attending college. The NAACP, the Family Violence Center, American Red Cross and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office were also present. Kiss 101.9 out of New Bern, broadcast from the event and handed out prizes. Leftover food was donated to the community shelter.

West Greenville residents, Janice Bryant, 39, and Kelley Alford, 27, said the event did a lot to allay community distrust of police.

"By the kids getting to know the police in a good way, I think it will help to motivate The towns of Winterville and Ayden also held events.


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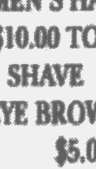


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Frederick Douglass and the 4th of July

By: Dr. Maulana Karenga

Somewhere beyond the barbecuing, the beach and backyard parties, the fireworks, the proforma flag-flying and perfunctory parades, are the original meaning and motivating ideas of celebrating of the independence and creation of a country that would protect and promote the God-given inalienable rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." After all, the Declaration of Independence advocated and promised it. But even before the independence of the country, there were contradictions. For those seeking freedom for themselves were enslaving us; those proclaiming the right to life were enslaving us; those proclaiming the right to life were committing genocide against Native Americans; and those advocating equality rejected the principles and practice when applied to us, Native Americans and even their own women. They had not encountered the Latino and Asian yet, but the pattern of oppression had been put in place and would continue in various forms and fashions to this day.

It is because of this continuing contradiction that African Americans and others similarly situated have mixed feelings about the Fourth of July. It's not that we don't welcome, like others, another day to rest and recreate ourselves. Nor is it that we don't want to concede to good life some of us live here because of the struggle of our people and others. It is, above all, because we experience in our daily lives a continuing contradiction between the self-congratulatory claims of the country and its everyday practices, and because of a deep historical and ongoing sense that whatever independence was achieved in 1776, it didn't include us. And so, even when we deny or don't know it, we still stands with Frederick Douglass at Rochester, NY in 1852 as he gives his classic lecture, "The Meaning of July 4th for the Negro." And with him, we are asking ourselves and the ruling race-class of this country, "what have I or the people I represent have to do with your national Independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and natural rights, embodied in the Declaration of Independence, extended to us? And am I therefore, called upon to bring our humble offering to the national altar and to confess the benefits and express devout gratitude for the blessings resulting from your independence?" Douglass' questions are both real and rhetorical. For we know the answers already, as he and they did. As he says, "would to God, both for your sakes and ours that an affirmative answer could be truthfully returned to these questions....But such is not the case." Douglass lists several things that prevent him from seeing the Fourth as a day of celebration for him and his people. Among those are "a said sense of the disparity between us"; "the immeasurable distance between us"; the fact that "the blessings" and "the rich inheritance of justice, liberty, prosperity, and independence bequeathed by your fathers, is



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HEALING THE RACIAL DIVIDE IN GREENVILLE:

Renaming 5th Street for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Rev. Ozie Lee Hall, Jr.

Last year Southern Christian Leadership Conference's North Carolina State President Bennie Rountree set off a controversy by calling for the Black community to boycott the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Unity" Breakfast that is supported by the City of Greenville, East Carolina University, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and the Pitt County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rountree got fed up with what many considered the hypocrisy of the event and decided to revive the more than seventeen year struggle to name an entire street in the City of Greenville in honor of Dr. King.

East Carolina University's Chancellor Steve Ballard responded by appointing a MLK Street Naming Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee hired a Consultant and conducted feel good forums to allow citizens to discuss feelings about naming an entire street and to receive suggestions from the community on how to resolve the issue. The Ad Hoc Committee was Co-Chaired by Dr. Don Endsley, an ECU Vice Chancellor and Greenville City Councilwoman, Hon. Rose H. Glover. The Ad Hoc Committee issued a report that identified three alternative resolutions, including (1) complete the renaming of all of 5th Street with signage denoting "Formerly Historic Fifth Street," (2) rename 10th Street/Stantonsburg Road including the proposed 10th Street connector, or (3) name the proposed 264 Bypass.

The Consultant report noted that naming all of 5th Street to honor Dr. King was the "most discussed option by all forums" and a straw poll favored 5th Street.

It further noted the major opposition to the most popular alternative is "strong resistance of some White owners to having to say their address is Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive." Some community leaders say the effort to rename all of 5th Street should continue and that the other options of 10th Street and the future 264 Bypass are too remote to be seriously considered and present other insurmountable barriers. Some also point out that these other options have been proposed by Whites who have already vehemently opposed renaming East 5th Street.

A preliminary survey by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Memorial Committee indicates that many people in the East 5th Street area support the name change but many fear to publicly support it because of fear of reprisals from Confederate Flag waving White Supremacist.

Over seventeen years ago the late Rev. Alonzo Mills and Mr. Rountree began a campaign to name a Greenville City street in honor of Dr. King. Several options were explored but there was opposition by Whites to renaming any street for a Black outside of the Black community. Ultimately West 5th Street from Memorial Drive to Washington Street was renamed in honor of Dr. King but Black leaders vowed to revisit the struggle in the future in more favorable times. It was believed that over time Whites who opposed the street renaming would have a change of heart as Dr. King's message of love and brotherhood settled in to their hearts and minds. It was believed that over time even the most bigoted White racist would transform their thinking and would be proud to have a whole street honoring Dr. King.

Over the past year a coalition of Blacks and Whites organized by Mr. Keith Cooper and Mr. Joshua Fisher under the banner of the MLK Completion Committee have worked to heal the racial divide in Greenville

and have conducted two peaceful permitted marches down East 5th Street to show a united front between the Black and White communities. During the second march held on July 29, 2006, a known White Supremacist was first observed along the marching route and

Active White Supremacy hate groups like the National Alliance, the Council of Conservative Citizens, the World Church of Christ, Neo-Nazi's, Skinheads, and others have members that have already been convicted of hate crimes in other areas of the State and Nation. Rev. Hall says these

says this is terrorism against U.S. Citizens by White Supremacy hate groups who, generations later, still support a failed terrorist Confederate government. The Confederate Flag is a foreign flag of a terrorist rebel government who committed acts of terror against the United States. One of the

East 5th Street area residents opposed the Missouri Compromise Act of 1820 that would have limited the expansion of slavery. Many White Churches split from their Northern Congregations in the 1850's over the issue of slavery and taught doctrines to support slavery and White Supremacy.

Memorial is under construction on the Capital Mall in Washington, D.C. Dr. King stands with George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln as one of the greatest men America has ever produced.

ECU Geography Professor, Dr. Derek Alderman did a study of street renaming of streets named to honor Dr. King around the nation. Dr. Alderman's research showed no evidence that renaming a street to honor Dr. King results in a loss of property value or any other decline attributable to the street renaming. Dr. Alderman's research dispels all the myths about the negative effects touted by White Supremacist they claim will result if a street is named in honor of Dr. King.

The City of Greenville's recently approved West Greenville Revitalization Plan, is already underway. The current section of West 5th Street that is already renamed to honor Dr. King is already having dilapidated housing torn down to make way for new houses, streetscapes, and a major face lift. Fifth Street (5th Street) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive is already a major thoroughfare. It contains entrances to Pitt County Memorial Hospital, the new ECU School of Nursing, it will be a major entrance to the new Cardiac Center. It contains the Pitt County Office Complex for Pitt County Government, Pitt County Schools, and Pitt County Social Services. The new Greenville City Hall, a major entrance to East Carolina University's main campus, and other significant landmarks exist along the street.

Naming all of 5th Street in honor of Dr. King, from the City limit to 10th Street, will connect all the major institutions located in the City of Greenville and will connect a historically White and historically Black community. This is in essence Dr. King's dream.

In the 1980's a controversial book came out called "The Bell Curve." Many people were offended because the book claimed that Blacks IQ's were lower than Whites, and Whites were lower than Asians. One thing the book did point out is that Blacks IQ's are just as high as Whites and all other groups when they are not subjected to racism, exploitation, and economic oppression.

The history of racism in Pitt County, the City of Greenville, and the East 5th Street area is well documented and can be researched in the North Carolina Collection at the Joyner Library at East Carolina University. Many senior citizens, Black and White, have told me stories about the history of racism in Pitt County, says Rev. Hall.

Rev. Hall says that "true healing will only take place after a frank and open discussion of the facts. We are not discussing this issue to create antagonism. We pray that healing will come about and we can rename all of 5th Street in honor of Dr. King with broad support from all the citizens of this community." Rev. Hall says "the poverty, ignorance, and disease that plague the Black community is the result of years of oppression and lack of hope."

Rev. Hall says that "preachers have a responsibility to transform this community into a community of brotherhood." He quotes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who, speaking to preachers, said "we have the ears of more people than anybody else in the community week after week. If we would commit ourselves."



then the racially mixed group of marchers was confronted by a group of White men who derided the marchers and shouted epithets as a Confederate Battle Flag hung from the balcony of 703 East 5th Street. One 21 year old White male and member of Pi Kappa Psi Fraternity acknowledged the Confederate Flag is a symbol of "Racism."

The Daily Reflector denounced the use of intimidation by this group of Whites in an Editorial and some residents denounced the acts of this group and noted their fears of becoming the victims of retaliation. Some community leaders have discussed filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to ask the federal government to protect White East 5th Street area residents who support changing the name of the street from reprisals by White Supremacist. One marcher said that "it is a sad day when Whites try to terrorize other Whites in our own neighborhood. We won't be deterred by these bigots. This is like the civil war all over again."

Rev. Ozie Lee Hall, Jr., and Mr. Keith Cooper requested the Pitt County Board of Commissioners remove the Confederate Monument located at the Pitt County Court House earlier this year. They claimed it is a rally point for White Supremacy hate groups that are currently active in Greenville, is intimidating to Blacks, and offends Whites of conscious. The Confederate Monument contains the Official Seal of the Confederate States of America as if the Confederacy was still the active government in Pitt County. It bears the Latin inscription "Deo Vindice" which means "God will vindicate." The Monument stands as a beacon to White Supremacist and attempts to justify their ancestors fight to keep Blacks in slavery during the civil war.

groups are a significant threat to progress in the City of Greenville and Pitt County and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and government officials should be concerned about their activities in this community.

Rev. Hall says that White Supremacy groups connected to the Confederate Monument have been actively involved in the suppression of Black progress dating back several generations. Rev. Hall says the Greenville Parents Association, a recent group of White parents, who oppose their children attending school in the Black community of West Greenville have members whose ancestors are connected to the Monument. He says their Attorney, Charles McLawhorn, Jr., has family connections to the placement of Monument in 1914. Rev. Hall says there is still a strong element in Pitt County and the City of Greenville who are actively anti-Black. He says that "although past generations of racist are dying out many young Whites are following the foot steps of their parents and are being attracted to the Conservative teaching of White Supremacy hate groups."

The recent intimidation and terror tactic by White Supremacist on July 29th on East 5th Street underscores the racial divide in Greenville, says Hall. The Greenville Police Department and East Carolina University have been requested to investigate the use of intimidation and terror tactics by White Supremacist in the East 5th Street areas. Rev. Hall says that many good people who live in that area support the renaming of East 5th Street in honor of Dr. King because they understand the man and the principles for which he stood and died. Hall says many of East 5th Street area residents fear speaking out in support of changing the street name because they fear retaliation by White Supremacist. Rev. Hall

conditions imposed by the Federal government after the civil war for North Carolina being readmitted into the Union was their pledge of loyalty to the United States of America. On July 29th when that group of White men displayed that Confederate Battle Flag it was like making a declaration of war against Blacks and all Whites who support Blacks citizenship rights. It sent a message of intimidation to Whites in the community who would dare support naming a street in the White community in honor of a Black man. The organizers of the Confederate Flag display at 703 East 5th Street had to have known that news media would be covering the march. Rev. Hall says the flag display was intended to call White Supremacist to action to oppose the street renaming. Hall says a prominent local White Supremacy leader was seen in the area just before the flag display.

Pitt County and the City of Greenville's Black and White communities must rally together and say racist terrorism will not be tolerated in this community, says Rev. Hall. Our City and County have made substantial progress but has a long way to go. One thing it can do now is take a stand to close the racial divide.

The renaming of all of 5th Street from the City limit to 10th Street and the relocation of the Confederate Monument will make an important statement to the world that racial intimidation will not be tolerated in Greenville or Pitt County.

To understand the racial divide in Pitt County and the City of Greenville it is important to have a history lesson. 5th Street officially became a City street in 1774, nearly two years before the U.S. Constitution was signed in 1776. Many White residents in the areas opposed Blacks being made U.S. Citizens at the founding of the Nation. Many

Many East 5th Street area residents supported the secession and the Civil War to maintain slavery. Much of the local economy was built on the backs of Black slave laborers. Many family fortunes of property owners in the East 5th Street area and throughout Pitt County today trace back to wealth accumulated from slave labor and the oppression of Blacks, many of whose descendants now live in poverty.

Many East 5th Street area residents opposed Reconstruction laws after the Civil War that gave freedoms to Blacks, including the right to vote. Blacks were oppressed and terrorized after the Civil War and in 1914 the Confederate Monument was erected at the Pitt County Court House at a time when Blacks were suppressed from voting. The Monument has served as a rally point for organized White Supremacy groups since it was erected in 1914.

Many East 5th Street area residents opposed the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark school desegregation case of *Brown vs. Board of Education*. Many White citizens in Greenville resisted implementation of the decision through the 1960's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. In 1984 U.S. Senator Jesse Helms received 1947 votes from residents in the East 5th Street area in a race against Governor Jim Hunt for the U.S. Senate after Helms attempted to block the King National Holiday law that was proposed by Congressman John Conyers. Pools showed the Helms opposition to the King National Holiday law improved his standing among White voters. Senator Helms argued that Dr. King was Communist inspired but Dr. King had long ago answered that question by saying that he was inspired by a man named "Jesus." Dr. King won a Nobel Peace Prize for his work and the U.S. government created a National Holiday to honor the man. A National

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Voting Rights Act passes one hurdle....

By: Stephen K. Cooper
Special to the AFRO

Fierce opposition from southern conservatives failed to stop the US House last week from renewing the Voting Rights Act, but a second battle looms in the Senate where law-makers from southern states have one more chance to derail the legislation. The House voted 390-33 to pass the Fannie Lou Hammer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006. The Senate must now consider the bill, which the White House has promised to sign into law. Civil rights veteran and US Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) said House lawmakers defeated Republican amendments to gut the essence of the VRA that if successful, would

have killed the bill and led the nation back into its dark past of racial discrimination. "Yes, we have made some progress. We are no longer met with bullwhips, fire hoses, and violence when we attempt to register and

vote," Lewis said during debate on the House floor on July 13. "But the sad fact, is the said truth is discrimination still exists. And that is why we still need the Voting Rights Act." In a day of impassioned speeches from dozens of lawmakers,

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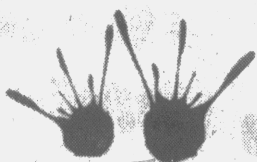
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November 13-December 3
Priority Registration for Spring 2007
(telephone and web)

The Economic and Community Development Division at Pitt Community College is located at the PCC Greenville Center, 3107 S. Memorial Drive. Registration for classes takes place at this location.

Registration dates for Continuing Education courses are on-going, so please refer to the website at www.pittcc.edu/coned/ for a complete and up-to-date listing. If there is something you are interested in that is not offered, please let us know and we will try to offer it in the future.

How to Register
In-Person Registration – Go to the Greenville Center (Old MacThrift Building) at 3107 Memorial Drive to register. You may pay by check, credit card (VISA or MasterCard) or money order. Make all checks payable to Pitt Community College. Register by fax – Complete the Registration Form and fax it to 252-321-4433.

Registration Fees
Fees are influenced by actions of the General Assembly and are subject to change. Fees for community service and self-supporting classes vary. Continuing Education courses are subject to change of date, time, and location. Some of our classes offer a discount for senior citizens 65 and older.

3rd Party Billing
If your company/department plans to pay your fees, your company/department will need to furnish a signed statement to that effect on company letterhead. The statement may be faxed to the college.

Cancellation/Postponement of Courses
Insufficient enrollment may force a course to be cancelled or postponed. Please note that fees are not transferable to another course once the course has started.

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Upcoming Continuing Education Classes

The following classes are being offered Fall 2006 through the Continuing Education Division at Pitt Community College. To register, please call 493-7388 or go to the Greenville Center located at 3107 S. Memorial Drive. For a complete schedule of classes, go to www.pittcc.edu/coned/.

Automotive Classes:

Driver Improvement

Hours: 8 Cost: \$45 SEF

Pitt County Safe Communities Coalition in conjunction with Pitt Community College offer the AAA approved Driver Improvement course. This course covers a variety of topics for all drivers. The course is offered over a two (2) night period on Wed. & Thurs. nights or in an all day setting on Saturdays. The 2-day session is from 6-10 pm each night. The Saturday class is from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required, 3 days prior to the beginning of class. *NOTE: Completion of this course in no way guarantees any privileges or rights under applicable NC laws.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29547	08/19/06	08/19/06	Sat	8am-5pm	GHL-218
29548	08/23/06	08/24/06	W, TH	6pm-10pm	GHL-218
29549	08/26/06	08/26/06	Sat	8am-5pm	GHL-218

Motorcycle Safety: Basic Rider's Course

Hours: 22 Cost: \$125 SEF

This 22-hour course is part of the NC Motorcycle Safety Program. In this class, riders will learn the basics of operating a motorcycle. The course is held on Friday evening, all-day Saturday & all-day Sunday. 100% attendance of all scheduled class hours is mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS. Participants must wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, boots over the ankles, full fingered gloves and eye protection (sunglasses or prescription eyewear is permissible). Helmets are available, but individuals are encouraged to bring their own if they have them. Motorcycles are furnished by PCC. Participants are not permitted to ride their own motorcycles during the Basic Rider's Course. Participants must be 16 years of age, but are not required to hold a driver's license to participate in the class. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to forego the driving portion of the NC DMV test for gaining their motorcycle endorsement. Pre-registration, at least 3 days prior to beginning of class is REQUIRED.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
27372	8/18/06	8/20/06	F, S, Sun	6-10pm/8a-6p	GHL-146

OBD Auto Emissions Control

Hours: 8 Cost: \$55 OE

The eight-hour course is designed to prepare auto technicians and service personnel as OBD Emissions Inspectors. For initial certification, students must attend eight (8) hours of training. Pre-registration & payment and textbook are required (Textbook is \$20). For further information, please call the ECD office @ 252-493-7388.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29595	08/24/06	08/24/06	TH	2pm-10:30pm	VEW-49

Bioworks:

Bioworks: Process Technician Training

Hours: 128 Cost: \$70 OE

Bioworks is an introductory course designed to provide basic preparation for entry level process technician jobs in Bioprocess manufacturing, Pharmaceutical manufacturing, and Chemical manufacturing. This course will focus on safety awareness, quality, measurements, chemistry, process manufacturing, process control, microbiology, and biochemistry. A book is required and must be purchased at the book store.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
23598	08/15/06	12/07/06	T, Th	6pm-10pm	TEC 314

Computer Classes:

Digital Photography - Introduction

Hours: 30 Cost: \$60 OE

Do you want to preserve your memories for years to come? Do you have a digital camera but are not confident in using it? Do you want to share your pictures easily, quickly and cheaply but don't know how? Because digital imaging is relatively new, this technology can be confusing. It can be hard to put all the pieces together and understand computers, color, pixels and printing all at the same time. Introduction to Digital Imaging will introduce you to digital image file management. You'll learn how to edit and crop out unwanted portions of your photos, resize them, adjust their colors, add special effects, print at the highest possible quality, email digital photos to friends and family, and use them to create cards or electronic photo albums.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29659	8/15/06	9/14/06	T-TH	1pm-4pm	GS109

Computers for Absolute Beginners

Hours: 30 Cost: \$60 OE

This class provides an introduction to computers and computing. Topics covered include hardware and software applications. Databases, graphics, the Internet, operating systems, spreadsheets and word processing software will be introduced. Maintaining a PC with software and hardware updates will be covered as well. An in-depth look at using and understanding the operating systems basics will be covered. Adding printers, digital cameras and other hardware will be taught. Upon completion of the class you'll have an understanding how to use and maintain your own PC.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29660	8/15/06	9/14/06	T-TH	6pm-9pm	GS109

Home Networking Workshop

Hours: 12 Cost: \$55 OE

Just bought a wireless router? Want to print from your laptop? Home Networking is moving beyond linking PCs in the home to the linking of all sorts of electronic devices: PCs, TVs, stereos and even refrigerators are now becoming common devices that we want networked in our home. Home networking is moving out of the fad phase and into the everyday common place phase. This class will give you the knowledge to understand the devices needed to network your home and give you some piece of mind in showing you security measures you can take to keep your network safe!

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29661	8/21/06	8/24/06	MTTh	1pm-4pm	GS110

How to Use Windows XP

Hours: 24 Cost: \$60 OE

This hands-on class is designed for either the new Windows XP user or a current user switching to XP. Windows XP has a new look and feel and this course will help the user understand XP's new desktop and menu system. Hands-on exercises will allow students to explore Windows XP including: the desktop, menus, online help, my computer, windows explorer, Internet Explorer, and control panel. Students will also learn the fundamental concepts for creating and working with files, folders, and shortcuts as well as the basics of managing the resources on the PC.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29656	8/14/06	9/11/06	M-W	9am-12n	GS109

Microsoft PowerPoint Fundamentals

Hours: 18 Cost: \$55 OE

Microsoft PowerPoint is a presentation program that allows you to make on-screen presentations, overhead transparencies, as well as speaker notes and handouts for the audience. You can dress up your presentation with a professional look: add sound, music, special effects and automated slide shows. This class is excellent for anyone who makes presentations to audiences, such as teachers, sales people, managers, realtors, etc. Class will introduce creating a presentation, modifying a presentation, enhancing a presentation, and enhancing text, graphics and charts. You will also create hyperlinks, work with embedded and linked objects, and create slide shows.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29662	8/21/06	9/13/06	M-W	6pm-9pm	GS110

Microsoft Word Fundamentals

Hours: 30 Cost: \$60 OE

Microsoft Word is an excellent program for all of your word processing needs. Learn how to create professional documents such as letters, memos, resumes, reports, as well as a host of other things. Learn to take advantage of helpful features like spelling and grammar check, cutting, copying, and pasting items, as well as creating professional looking formats for your work. This class is great for anyone in an administrative role, or for anyone who has to create letters, memos, and reports. Class will cover getting started with Word, editing and proofing documents, formatting a document, working with tables, formatting pages, adding graphics to documents, creating a web page using Word, using mail merge to create form letters and mailing lists. This class will also prepare individuals for the MOUS Word certification exam.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29658	8/14/06	9/18/06	M-W	9am-12n	GS110

Web Design for You!

Hours: 30 Cost: \$60 OE

This course will cover the basics of HTML to create your own web pages. This easy-to-learn language does not require previous programming experience. You will be introduced to inserting graphic images and setting up hyperlinks. You will gain an understanding of how to make your pages accessible on the Internet and web page design is introduced. Learning and using FTP clients will be covered to fully implement your web pages to a remote server.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29657	8/14/06	9/18/06	M-W	6pm-9pm	GS109

Nursing Assistant:

Nursing Assistant I

Hours: 144 Cost: \$87.25 OE

Nursing Assistant I is a 144-hour course which prepares graduates to provide personal care and perform basic nursing skills. It includes classroom, lab, and clinical learning experiences. Students desiring to enroll in this class must meet admission requirements and have a HS diploma or GED. The successful graduate will be certified through the Division of Facility Services in Raleigh, NC. A State Nursing Assistant I Test must be passed with 80% to become certified with the Division of Facility Services. Employment opportunities may include employment at Long-term Care Facilities, Home-Health Agencies, and occasionally at the Hospital level.

*Pre-requisites are Required.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
27587	8/23/06	12/7/06	WTh	8:30a-12:30p	GS115
27585	8/23/06	12/7/06	WTh	1:00p-5:00p	GS115
27586	8/23/06	12/7/06	WTh	6:00p-10:00p	GS115

Home Companion Aide

Hours: 75 Cost: \$66.25 OE

Home Companion Aide is a 75-hour basic introductory course for individuals needing to prepare themselves to work with the elderly, disabled, handicapped or any incapacitated person that needs someone for family aide to assist them in general areas of nutrition, home management, and personal care. This course does not require that the student have a HS diploma or GED. This is not a certification course and involves no clinical rotation.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
27588	8/25/06	10/27/06	Fri	8:00a-5:00p	GS115

Small Business Center:

Notary Public

Hours: 6 Cost: \$55 OE

This course covers information necessary for persons wanting to apply for notary public commissions. Prior to being appointed, first-time appointees must successfully complete this course as one of the state requirements. A textbook is required and must be purchased at the PCC Bookstore prior to class.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29346	8/24/06	8/24/06	Th	9am-4pm	GS 104

Small Business Bookkeeping

Hours: 12 Cost: \$55 SBC

Even if you have an accountant, it's important to understand the basics of bookkeeping. How do you set up your books properly? How should you prepare for your accountant? What's the difference between assets, liabilities, equity, and expenses? What do you need to know about debits and credits? This seminar will help the "non-accountant" business owner.

ID	Start	End	Days	Time	Location
29380	8/29/06	9/7/06	TTh	6pm-9pm	GS 104

From the Desk of: The State President of the NAACP

Minority Voice August 1 - 18, 2006 pg11



State Convention Close to Home

At a recent press conference in Goldsboro, NC, *The Minority Voice Newspaper* caught up with the state president, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber. Dr. Barber had this to say: "We come here today to announce the gathering of the 63rd convention of the North Carolina NAACP State Conference of Branches during the 97th year of the NAACP's storied history. This momentous event shall take place October 12-14 here in the city of Goldsboro, in the county of Wayne, on the site of the Goldsboro-Raleigh District Assembly. The gavel will sound at 10:00 a.m., and the convention will open to do the work of Civil Rights. We are also coming on the 70th anniversary of the Youth and College Division of the NAACP, when in 1936, the youth demanded their place and part right in the middle of segregation, to be engaged in the works of civil rights and justice.

On Thursday, we will open with Religious Emphasis day and send a call out to NAACPERS and clergy throughout the state to converge on Goldsboro. Thursday night a public mass meeting and worship service will be open to everyone.

All persons interested in the cause of justice are welcome and can either register as a delegate, member, or an observer.

Our purpose at this convention is to continue to move forward, to come and do the work of strategy and planning around civil rights

issues so that we can continually be there in the debates, at the grassroots in the process to insure fairness and equality.

We gather to teach and train so that we can take action, so that we can demand action on the relevant Civil Rights issues of our time

In the area of Public Education, we are convening to teach and train so that we can take and demand actions regarding:

- Ensuring resource equity
- Challenge and change the continuing legacy of re-segregation
- Increasing teacher quality
- Promoting parent and family engagement
- Enhancing early childhood and literacy initiatives

On Friday, during the convention at 5:00pm, the entire convention will gather for an education action press conference, to draw attention to the sad legacy of re-segregation and inequality in education that allows us to foster systems that engage in what we believe is legalized child abuse and what Judge Manning calls educational genocide. This convention will make it clear that the North Carolina NAACP will never sound retreat when it comes to our children's welfare and we will use every resource, every coalition, and every method at our disposal to fight for equity and to close the achievement gaps.

In the area of Economics, we are convening to teach and train so that we can take and demand action:

- Ensuring economic reciprocity with business (we will present the national report card on businesses)

- Ensuring access to living wages and discrimination-free employment and workers rights to organize through labor unions
- Ensuring fair and equitable home ownership policies and practices
- Promoting community wealth building through savings and investment
- Promoting entrepreneurship

In the area of Healthcare, we are convening to teach and train so that we can take and demand action:

- Ensuring access to high-quality, affordable healthcare
- Reducing obesity disparities and related diseases — heart disease, hypertension
- Eliminating disparities in HIV/AIDS
- Eliminate policies, practices and behaviors leading to disparities in contraction and treatment of HIV/AIDS
- Reducing disparities in respiratory diseases
- Promoting the development of good mental health practices and programs
- Eliminate policies and practices that lead to disparities

In the area of Housing, we are convening to teach and train so that we can take and demand action:

- Providing and guaranteeing opportunity for fair, descent, and affordable Housing

In the area of Criminal Justice, we are convening to teach and train so that we can take and demand action:

- Eliminating capricious racial profiling practices
- Ensuring fair and equitable trials and sentences
- Ensuring felony re-entry
- Promoting a moratorium of the death penalty

In the area of Civic Engagement, we are convening to teach and train so that we can take and demand action:

- Ensuring voter empowerment (we will present our 2006 legislative report card)
- Ensuring voters' constitutional rights are protected
- Monitoring redistricting and census
- Promoting ballot initiatives to address social justice issues

We convene because the empirical data and public policy information says yes we have over the years advanced the cause of civil rights but we still have much work to do.

Whenever the NAACP has stood up for justice it has always made America, North Carolina, and our communities better.

We are convening to focus on the challenges of Civil Rights and to breathe fresh vigor into the cause of justice for all people, especially minorities throughout North Carolina.

Let it be clear the NAACP is not a social club, not a social service organization we are a multi racial civil rights organization with a clear mission and purpose."

Note: The NAACP State 63rd Convention will be held October 12-14th. It will be hosted by the Goldsboro Wayne County Branch.



IMPORTANT Back to School Information



2006-2007 Open House

Pitt County Schools will hold a system-wide open house on August 24. The first day of school for students is August 28.

Open House Schedule:

K-8 Schools 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
6-8 Schools 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
9-12 Schools 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

High School Freshman Orientation

• Ayden-Grifton	August 22	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
• D. H. Conley	August 23	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
• Farmville Central	August 24	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
• J. H. Rose	August 22	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
• North Pitt	August 21	5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
• South Central	August 22	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact your child's school.

REMINDERS

August 17 -First Day for Staff

August 28—First Day of School for Students

It is important to register your child for kindergarten now, if you have not done so already!

School Supply Lists

The 2006-2007 School Supply lists are now available. You can access them by visiting our website at www.pitt.k12.nc.us. They are also on display at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, Office Depot and Staples.



IMPORTANT HOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION

FALL ATHLETICS

Beginning Dates

Optional Mini-Football Camp	August 16-17
Football	August 21
Cheerleading	August 22
Volleyball	August 29

Any student interested in Football, Volleyball or Cheerleading must have all the necessary forms filled out and turned into the school by the first day of practice. Students participating in the OPTIONAL Mini-Football Camp must have their forms completed by the first day of camp on August 16, 2006.

Please contact the school at 355-7071 to inquire about these forms.

Buffalo Soldiers congregate in Greensboro

by Melde Rutledge
Carolina Peacemaker
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Buffalo Soldiers from across the nation assembled in Greensboro from July 24-29 to take part in their 140th annual reunion in Greensboro—being held in North Carolina for the first time. From July 24-29, various events was scheduled during the gathering, including a parade downtown, and a ceremony for the late Buffalo Soldier and Greensboro native, William McBryar. About 500 people took part in the reunion, headquartered at the Koury Convention Center. The origin of the Buffalo Soldiers dates back 240 years. In July 1866, U.S. Congress passed legislation launching two cavalry and four infantry regiments (later consolidated to two) whose enlistment was to be made up of African Americans. These new mounted regiments—the majority of whom served in all black units in the Union Army during the Civil War—were the 9th and 10th Cavalries. They were later nicknamed "Buffalo Soldiers" by the Cheyenne and Comanche

Native Americans. According to the International Museum of the Horse, many Native Americans dubbed the 9th and 10th Cavalries as Buffalo Soldiers in respect for the troopers' bravery and valor. "We had each other's back," said Henri LeGendre, who became a Buffalo Soldier in 1942. "Never let it be said that a Buffalo soldier ran away from a fight and left your comrade stranded." Earnest Collier was stationed in the Philippines for 10 years as a Buffalo Soldier—following in the footsteps of his father. Collier recollected the crash course troopers received in learning how to ride a horse. "Four o'clock in the morning, they get you up and go to the stables," he recalled. Albert Curley, who became a Buffalo Soldier in 1940, also remembers the experience of mounting a horse for the first time. "If the horse threw you, they made you get back on the horse again until you learned to ride it," he explained. Curley is also treasurer for the Ninth & Tenth Cavalry Association and served in World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War.

Until the early 1890s, the 9th and 10th Cavalries constituted 20 percent of all cavalry forces on the American frontier. The 9th and 10th Cavalries' accomplishment in subduing Mexican revolutionaries, hostile Native Americans, outlaws, comancheros and rustlers was as invaluable as it was unrecognized. "First of all, you got to remember that white folks controlled the press," LeGendre said about the recognition of Buffalo Soldiers. "White folks only like to publish what blacks do as crime. "Those of us who were educated, they didn't put that on the front page," he added. LeGendre left the military as a corporal and now resides in Charlotte. Buffalo Soldiers campaigned over some of the most rugged and inhospitable country in North America. Some of the troops' adversaries included Geronimo, Sitting Bull, Billy the Kid, and Pancho Villa. Less recognized, but just as significant, the Buffalo Soldiers explored and mapped immense regions of the southwest and strung hundreds of miles of telegraph lines.

The Buffalo Soldiers consistently received some of the worst assignments the Army had to offer. They also faced fierce prejudice to both the colors of their Union uniforms and their skin by many of the citizens of the post-war frontier towns. "Fighting racial segregation was the big thing to me," said LeGendre, who was stationed at Fort Clark, located in Texas. In June 1943, LeGendre left Fort Clark, on his way to Greensboro. He was going to take part in a U.S. Army-sponsored program at N.C. A&T State University. When his train stopped in Atlanta, LeGendre happened to drink from a "white's only" water fountain. "And I got locked up for six hours until my train left," he said. Despite their hardships, the troopers of the 9th and 10th Cavalries developed into two of the most distinguished fighting units in the Army. "I don't call it prejudice," said Albert Curley, who became a Buffalo Soldier in 1940. "I call it jealousy. "Whites were jealous of what the Negroes could do." The 9th and 10th Cavalries disbanded in 1944.

At least twenty Buffalo Soldiers have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, including McBryar. McBryar served with H. Troop, 10th Cavalry, from January 1887 to April 2, 1895. He received the Medal of Honor for his bravery against the Apaches in Arizona. McBryar's ceremony was on July 26, across from the old post office on East Market Street. A marker will ultimately be placed on the site. This is the first time the city has officially recognized McBryar's accomplishments. A parade took place on July 29 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning at Smith Street, down Greene Street and ending on Washington Street.



Buffalo Soldier, Floyd Brown stopped for our camera while visiting his nephew, Charles Sayles while on his way to Greensboro.

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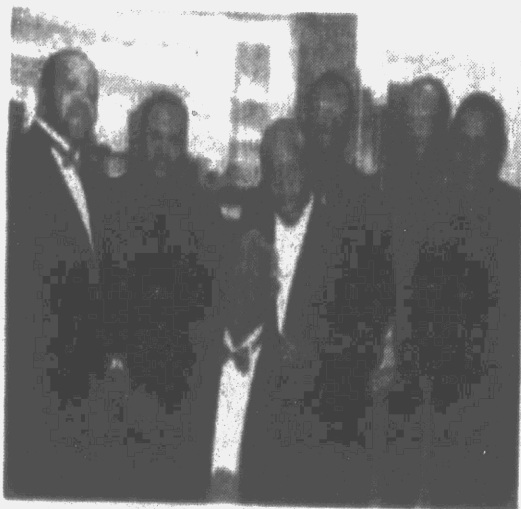
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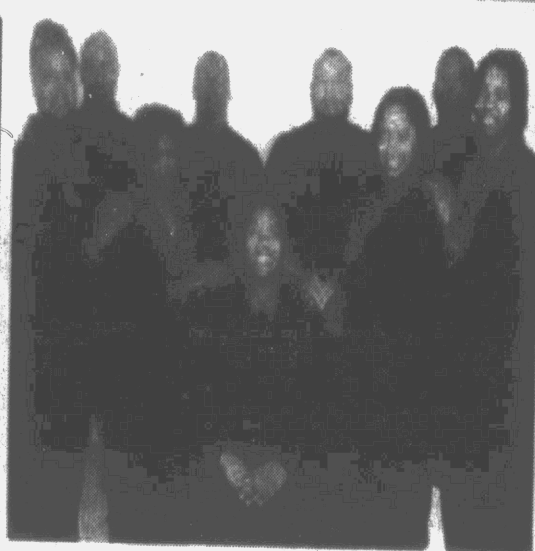
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