

# Russian influence in W-S elections?



# K-Cup winners

• See Opinion/Forum pages on A6&7 •

• See Sports on page B1 •

# THE CHRONICLE

Volume 44, Number 26

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

THURSDAY, March 1, 2018

## Celebration honors legends

BY TEVIN STINSON  
THE CHRONICLE

In celebration of Black History Month, more than 100 residents came together last week to honor the life and legacy of two of Forsyth County's finest, the late Maize S. Woodruff and late Walter Marshall.

During the celebration, held at Forsyth Technical Community College's (FTCC) Maize S. Woodruff Center on Thursday, Feb. 22, relatives of Woodruff were on



Judge Denise Hartsfield delivers the keynote address during the Maize S. Woodruff Black History Month Event on Thursday, Feb. 22.

hand to witness dozens give thanks and show their appreciation.

After the keynote

address and catered lunch, donations were collected for the Maize S. Woodruff Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is designed to give one FTCC student a \$250 scholarship each semester. One requirement for the scholarship is to be active in the community. The fund was formed last year.

Last year's recipient of the scholarship, Vernell Springs, who will graduate from FTCC in May, said Maize S. Woodruff

See Legends on A8



Last week more than 100 residents came together to celebrate the legacy of the late Maize S. Woodruff and Walter Marshall.



Attendees listen to Bishop Sir Walter Mack Jr. at a funeral for Beaufort Bailey on Monday at Greater Church.

## 'He worked tirelessly for those who had no voice'

### Community remembers Beaufort Bailey

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The community came out to honor former school board member and County Commissioner Beaufort Bailey at a funeral service held Monday at Greater Church.

Bailey passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the age of 84. Many elected officials said he constantly offered them his advice, even after he no longer held office himself.

"He loved three things: he loved his family, he



Beaufort Bailey's son Rev. Dr. Nikita Joel Bailey speaks during his father's funeral service.

loved politics and he loved Winston-Salem State University," said State Sen. Ed Hanes, who considered Bailey a father figure in his life.

Bailey was born in Walnut Cove and moved to Winston-Salem at age 14, where he graduated from Atkins High School and Winston-Salem Teachers

College (which is now Winston-Salem State University or WSSU).

After teaching seventh grade for 11 years, he started working at WSSU. Bailey said he ran for school board in 1972 after Wayne Corpening, a former Wachovia Bank executive who would later become mayor, suggested it, telling him that the school board needed a black voice. Bailey failed to win a seat on his first try, but two years later, he became the first African-American school board candidate to win a countywide election. He lost the seat in 1978, but was re-elected to the board in 1982 and 1986.

"He worked tirelessly for those who had no voice,"

See Bailey on A8



Beaufort Bailey is pictured in this tapestry that hung at Greater Church on Monday.

## Did Russians try to suppress the black vote?

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

There is no question, based on recent federal court decisions, that Republican state lawmakers, through illegal racial gerrymandering, and unconstitutional voter restriction, have attempted to suppress the African-American vote in recent high profile elections.

But thanks to major federal indictments handed down by Special Counsel Robert Mueller per his investigation into alleged Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election to ensure the election of Donald Trump, we now know Russian operatives in this country worked diligently to suppress the black vote that was expected to go to Democrat Hillary Clinton, so that her Republican opponent, Trump could win.

And there is evidence that some of those black voter suppression efforts took place right here in North Carolina — all to cripple Clinton's campaign to maximize the black vote.

The indictments against 13 Russian operatives detail efforts to use everything from social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram to "create thematic group pages," which included the Black Lives Matter movement "with group names including Blacktivist."

From page 18 of the 37-page federal indictment, "In or around the latter half of 2016, Defendants and their co-conspirators, through their organization-controlled personas, began to encourage U.S. minority groups not to vote in the 2016 U.S. presidential election or to vote for a third-party U.S. presidential candidate [who was Jill Stein]."

The indictment continued, "on or about October 16, 2016, Defendants and their co-conspirators use the organization-controlled Instagram account 'Woke Blacks' to post the following message, '[A] particular hype and hatred for Trump is misleading the people and forcing Blacks to vote for Killary. We cannot resort to the lesser of two evils. Then we'd surely be better off without voting AT ALL.'"

The indictment then went to detail that on Nov. 3, 2016 an ad was taken out to promote a post on the Instagram account "Blacktivist" that read in part, "Choose peace and vote for Jill stein. Trust me, it's not a wasted vote."

To pay for political ads, the defendants established various Russian bank accounts and credit cards, and also paid for political ads with Paypal accounts. Some of those

See Russians on A8



James

003\*007\*\*\*\*\*FIRM CARRILOT 0181A\*\*C007  
CHILDRENS OUTREACH  
FORSYTH CNTY PUB LIB  
660 W 5TH ST  
WINSTON SALEM, NC 27101-2755 60



Michaux

## Dean of black lawmakers, Rep. Michaux, says goodbye

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

After 39½ years in the N.C. legislature, Durham Rep. H. M. "Mickey" Michaux Jr. announced recently that he would not be running for re-election.

Given that Michaux, 87, has won 20 straight elections, his announcement gave some of the state's top leaders pause.

"For decades, Mickey Michaux

has fought for justice in North Carolina, and is a legend in the fight for civil rights," said Gov. Roy Cooper. "Your presence will be missed in the N.C. General Assembly."

Even a former Democratic governor, Beverly Perdue, had to take to Facebook to say "Goodbye" to the legendary black lawmaker.

"Job well done, my friend," she

See Goodbye on A8

We Rent U-Haul Trucks!  
Professional self-storage.  
MOVE IN SPECIAL \$25  
of first month

ASSURED STORAGE  
of Winston-Salem, LLC

(336) 924-7000  
www.assuredstoragews.com  
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-3pm  
Gate Hours: 9am-10pm  
4191 Bethania Station Road • Winston-Salem

