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Obituaries

BROOKLYN NY — Nathaniel Gerrod Leary, 48, died on December 31, 2017. Funeral Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 6 p.m., at Gilliam Memorial Mortuary. Visitation 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Arrangements by Gilliam Memorial Mortuary, Windsor.

GOLDSBORO — Celia Mae Coburn Hoggard, 87, died on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Funeral Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1 p.m., at Hoggard Family Cemetery, 324 Hwy 11 North, Windsor. Arrangements by Evergreen Funeral Service, Goldsboro.

AHOSKIE NC — Lether P Webb Askew, 85, died on January 10, 2017. Funeral Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 2 p.m., at Carpenter Shop Church, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Aulander.

GATES — Johnnie F. Taylor, Sr., 70, died on January 8, 2017. Funeral Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 11 a.m., at New Piney Wood Chapel, Drum Hill. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

KELFORD — Betty Ruth Morris Rascoe, 61, died on January 12, 2017. Funeral Monday, January 16, 2017 at 1 p.m., at First Baptist Church of Kelford. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc.

LEWISTON — Gwendolyn Bond Vega-Lili, died on January 9, 2017. Funeral Saturday, January 14, 2017 at Noon, at Spring Hill Baptist Church. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

WINDSOR NC — Lillie Jane Bond, 94, died on January 8, 2017. Funeral January 8, 2017 at 11 am, at Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Windsor. Arrangements by Wilder's Chapel of Windsor.

Email all obituaries to mleicester@ncweeklies.com.



Bobby Gene Byrd

LEXINGTON - Bobby G. Byrd, 74, of Lexington, Nebraska, died Friday, December 30, 2016, at Lexington Regional Health Center in Lexington.

He was born August 15, 1942, in Windsor, North Carolina, to Ernest and Rachel (Mizelle) Byrd. Bobby graduated high school from Windsor, NC, in 1961. He then went onto further his education at NC State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree.

Bobby was married to Vickie Hill in North Carolina. Two children were blessed to this marriage; Rachel and Jon. The marriage ended in divorce. He found love again and married Becky (Charley) Hiatt on August 16, 1985, in Anderson, Indiana. He lovingly welcomed Becky's daughters, Allison and Melissa to the family.

Bobby spent his entire career of 49 years as a USDA Meat Inspector. He worked in North Carolina, Indiana, and retired in 2010 from Tyson Fresh Meats in Lexington, Nebraska.

He was a member of the Church of Christ in Lexington. He was also a past member of the Lion's Club.

He enjoyed reading sports books, doing yard work, refurbishing their 1910 home, word search books, and being outdoors. His greatest joy came from being with the grandchildren, and talking about family history. Of note, he did have a special, dry sense of humor, one of which will always be remembered.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Becky of Lexington, Nebraska; son, Jon (Angela) Byrd of Alexandria, Indiana; daughter, Rachel (Jim) Mayfield of York, Nebraska; Becky's daughters, Allison (DeAnn) DeFord of Orange, California, and Melissa (Sidney) Gruber of Jacksonville, NC; one sister, Janet (Eugene) Price of Windsor, NC; eight grandchildren. Brandon Hughes, Drea' DeFord, Owen Gruber, Lily Mayfield, Ivy DeFord, Lucas Byrd, Abigail Byrd, and Matthew Byrd; as well as extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

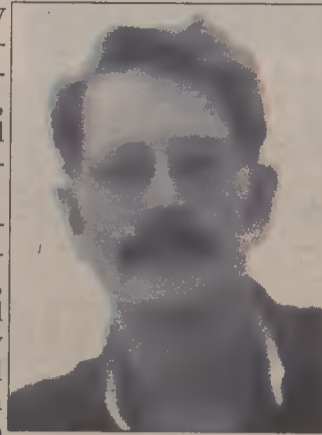
Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Reynolds-Love Chapel in Lexington.

Bobby's body will then be cremated with inurnment held later this summer in Indiana.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children Hospital, Dawson County Relay for Life, or the Donor's Choice.

Reynolds-Love Funeral Home in Lexington is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences with the family by visiting: reynoldslovefuneralhome.com.

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Out&About

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Out and About lists current events sponsored by nonprofit groups in Bertie County. Please send listings to the Bertie Ledger-Advance at P.O. Box 69, Windsor, NC, 27983, bring them by the office at 109 South King St., fax them to (252) 794-2835 or e-mail them to lbeachboard@ncweeklies.com. All event listings must be submitted by 10 a.m. each Monday.

January 21

The Bertie County Branch of the NAACP has canceled its Annual Jubilee Day Celebration scheduled for Saturday, Jan 21 at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Windsor. This service will be rescheduled for a later date. Contact Program Chairperson, Ann Carney at 631-664-4262.

January 24

Notice is hereby given to the public and the news media that the Bertie County Board of Education meeting previously scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 has been rescheduled because of inclement weather to Tuesday, Jan. 24. The meeting will begin with a closed session at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office Complex, 715 US Hwy 13 N, Windsor. The open session portion of the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Bertie County Democratic Party meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24 at the PPI Building in Windsor.

January 25

Donna Pruet, aka The Balloon Lady, will return to Sallie Harrell Jenkins Memorial Library at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. She will present a program about reading that features her own balloon sculptures. The Sallie Harrell Jenkins Memorial Library is located at 302 Broad St., Aulander. For more information, contact the library at 252-345-4461.

February 6

The Bertie County Commissioners will hold their regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. Monday Feb. 6 in the Commissioners room at the Bertie County Courthouse on Dundee Street.

February 7

Martin Community College's next Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program has been rescheduled to begin on Feb. 7. Classes are conducted from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, and every other weekend during the day. Successful completers may then sit for the state's BLET State Comprehensive Examination. Those interested in applying must complete a packet of information and forms no later than Feb. 6. The application packets may be downloaded from the MCC website or obtained in person or by mail from Wayland Mitchell at wmitchell@martincc.edu or at 252-789-0267.

The town of Powellsville Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Powellsville Town Hall.

February 9

The town of Windsor Commissioners will hold their regular scheduled meeting at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 at Windsor Town Hall.

February 13

The town of Colerain will hold their regular scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at the Colerain Municipal Building.

February 16

Vidant Bertie Hospital will host its Heart Health Event at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Cashie Heritage Convention Center.

Ongoing

Bertie County now has an official Facebook page. Please "like" and "share" the page below: www.facebook.com/bertiecounty. The page will be used to distribute important flood recovery information, as well as notify citizens of upcoming county events, inclement weather information, etc.

Historic Hope Plantation is having a used book sale. A bag can be filled with books for only \$5.00. We also have a new book, "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly, which details the true story of three African American female mathematicians employed at NASA during World War II. The book is available for \$27.99. Hours of operation include 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

REUNION: The Williamston High School Class of 1977 is nearing its 40-year reunion. Several class members are trying to locate former 1977 graduates. If you would like to be included, contact one of the following people: Lou Ann Van Landingham at 252-809-9205, or email lavan@ncweeklies.com; Cheryl Lee Herring at cherring@gmail.com; or Kim Shope at kshope@earthlink.net. If you are a family member of a classmate that has moved away, please call or email their contact information. Help us get the word out to our classmates near and far!

CARDIO CLASSES: Williamston Parks and Recreation is offering an adult cardio class at the Old Williamston Middle School Gym. The class is from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The instructor is Quan Simmons and is \$2 per class (pay daily.) Call 702-7042 for more information.

SCAVENGER HUNT: Downtown Williamston is offering a scavenger hunt to win a Downtown Williamston T-shirt and coupon pack. Pick up a participant guide from Town Hall or print it from www.Facebook.com/WilliamstonDowntown, then visit each of the 12 participating downtown businesses, answer the questions provided and have an employee sign their square. Return the completed sheet to Jamie at Town Hall or scan and email to williamstondowntown@yahoo.com with your mailing address and T-shirt size (S-XL) to receive your T-shirt and coupon pack.

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Thursday, January 19 | 10 am - 1 pm
Old Bertie County High School Gym
715 US Highway 13 N., Windsor

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