

## Community

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## Obituaries

## Amelia "Sis" Smithwick Davenport

MERRY HILL - Amelia "Sis" Smithwick Davenport 72, of US 17 North, died Tuesday December 12, 2017 at Vidant Memorial Hospital in Greenville. She was born in Bertie County March 15, 1945 to the late Jonathan Britt and Pauline Phelps Smithwick and was predeceased by a daughter, Paula Davenport. "Sis" was a member of Merry Hill Baptist Church and a former bookkeeper with Home Feed and Fertilizer in Edenton.

Funeral services will be held Friday December 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Merry Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Stanley Nixon will officiate. Burial will follow in Edgewood Cemetery, Windsor.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin Ray Davenport of the home; daughter, Penny D. Price and husband Bill of Windsor; sister, Fonda S. Sanderlin and husband Truman of Windsor; brother, Britt Smithwick and wife Carolyn of Merry Hill; grandchildren, Adam Hughes, Erik Hughes, Heather Hughes; great grandchildren, Finn, Ellison and Mac Hughes.

The family will receive friends Thursday December 14th from 7-8:30 PM at Walker Funeral Home in Windsor and from the home at other times. Memorial gifts may be made to Merry Hill Baptist Church, 420 Old Merry Hill Road, Merry Hill, NC 27957.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.walkerfh.net](http://www.walkerfh.net). Walker Funeral Home of Windsor is serving the Davenport family.

Paid Obituary

## Bobby Ray Brown

WINDSOR - Bobby Ray Brown, age 81, of Republican Rd., passed away on December 14, 2017 at his home.

Mr. Brown was born in Bertie County, NC on August 12, 1936, a son of the late John and Bertha Brown. Bobby was retired as a truck driver and mechanic.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, David Ray Brown and wife, Deborah of Palm Bay, FL; two daughters, Trudy D. Mosher of Metter, GA, and Dana M. Scofield and husband, Kenny of Pelican Island, FL; a sister, Lillian Gandy of Melbourne, FL; four granddaughters, Taylor Adams of Lake Charles, LA, Ashley Adams of Pelican Island, FL, Elisha Berhannan of Palm Bay, FL, and Brande Lomax of SC; and four great grandchildren.

A celebration of life graveside service will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 1:00 pm at the Edgewood Cemetery, Windsor, NC, with Pastor Ima Dunning, officiating.

Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service - Ahoskie Chapel is handling the arrangements for the Brown family and online condolences can be directed to the family by visiting [www.garrettsykesfs.com](http://www.garrettsykesfs.com).

Paid Obituary

ROPER — Diann Norman Blount, 63, died on Monday, December 11, 2017. Funeral Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 1 p.m., at Washington County Union School, 37 East Mill Pond Rd, Roper. Visitation 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Saturday, December 16, 2017, Washington County Union School. Arrangements by Gilliam Memorial Mortuary, Inc.

AHOSKIE — Barbara A White, 73, died on December 12, 2017. Funeral Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 11 a.m., at Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie. Visitation 1 - 7 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2017, Hunter's Funeral Home. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

EDENTON — Travis Eugene Lewis, 55, died on Dec. 14. A service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, at the Edenton Church of God, with arrangements by Sawyer Funeral Home of Williamston.

ROCKY MOUNT — Anthony Rudolph Clark, 65, died on December 11, 2017. Funeral Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 1 p.m., at Willow Oak AME Church, Rich Square. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc.

WINDSOR — Earnest Edward "BKA" Rabbit Hendricks, Funeral Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Noon. Arrangements by Reynolds Funeral Home, Inc.

## Out&amp;About

## Out and About

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](mailto:lbeachboard@ncweeklies.com). All event listings must be submitted by 10 a.m. each Monday.

## Dec. 21

## Bertie County NAACP Meeting

The Bertie County Branch of the NAACP will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 at the PPI Building

## Dec. 25, 26 &amp; 27

## Bertie County Offices Closed

The Bertie County Office Buildings will be closed Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Wednesday, Dec. 27 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

## Jan. 2

## Powellsville Commissioners Meeting

The town of Powellsville will hold its regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the Powellsville Town Hall.

## Jan. 8

## Bertie County Commissioners Meeting

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 in the Commissioners' Room in the Bertie County Government Building.

## Colerain Commissioners Meeting

The town of Colerain Commissioners will host their regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Colerain Primary Care Conference Room.

## Jan. 9

## Bertie County Board of Elections Meeting

The Bertie County Board of Elections will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 9 at the Bertie County Board of Elections Office, 210 W. Watson St. in Windsor.

## Jan. 11

## Windsor Commissioners Meeting

The town of Windsor Commissioners will host their regularly scheduled meeting at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11 at Windsor Town Hall.

## Jan. 22

## Bertie County Commissioners Meeting

The Bertie County Commissioners will host their regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan 22 at the Powellsville Town Hall.

## Ongoing

## High School Equivalency Classes

Martin Community College's Division of Continuing Education at the Bertie Campus offers High School Equivalency classes. They are available day and night. Funds are available to assist qualified students with the \$80 fee for taking the tests. All classes are free. For more information about basic skills classes, contact Jerri Griffin at 252-789-0288.

## Small Business Center

Martin Community College's Small Business Center (SBC) also serves Bertie County. Requests for assistance are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 252-789-0201.

## GED Testing

Martin Community College's Division of Continuing Education offers online GED testing of all four competency modules: mathematical reasoning, reasoning through language arts, science and social studies. For more information, call 252-789-0229.

## Accepting Applications

The Ahoskie Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is accepting applications for its Youth Initiative Programs: Delta Academy for girls ages 11-14, Delta GEMS for young women in grades 9 through 12 and EM-BODI for young men ages 13-17. For more information, contact Linda McNair-Moore at 252-862-4022.

## Recruiting

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) is now recruiting participants ages 55 and up. SCSEP is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, and offers the opportunity to learn work skills through subsidized employment while permanent employment is being sought. Contact Nancy Dennis, SCSEP Employment Facilitator, at 252-794-6014 if you are interested in being considered for the program.

## Like Us

Bertie County now has an official Facebook page. Please "like" and "share" [www.facebook.com/bertiecounty](http://www.facebook.com/bertiecounty). The page will be used to distribute important flood recovery information, and to notify citizens of upcoming county events, inclement weather information, and other related news.

## Book Sale

Historic Hope Plantation is having a used book sale. A bag can be filled with books for only \$5. We also have the 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.

Thank You



The family of the late Mrs. Gussie T Jordan, wishes to thank everyone for their presence, cards and prayers. Especially the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc of Ahoskie Alumnae Chapter.

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Our team members are the heart of Vidant Health. We value each one, and once a year, we recognize those who've given 10 or more years of service. These individuals serve Windsor and the surrounding area at Vidant Bertie Hospital, Vidant Home Health & Hospice and Vidant Medical Group practices. We salute them for their selfless dedication to the people of eastern North Carolina. They inspire us all.

## 20 years

Jenny Arvis  
Ann Weatherington

## 15 years

Barbara Benton  
Janet Davenport  
Shannon Powell

## 10 years

Elaine Howard  
Donna Lewis-Pierce  
Latisha Smallwood

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