

Services Mark Easter

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large to bring flowers and greenery to place on and around the cross on Easter morning as a reminder of the sacredness of the season. Altar Guild members will be there to assist, said Charlotte Pringle, communications chairperson.

The regular Easter service will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Shell Point

Shell Point Baptist Church on Shell Point Road off N.C. 130 East will hold a sunrise devotional service at 7 a.m.

The Rev. Donald Hardwick, pastor, will lead the service. Coffee and doughnuts will be served afterwards.

Special music is planned for the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be no evening service.

Jennies Branch

A sunrise service will be conducted at the Jennies Branch Baptist Church Cemetery on Easter Sunday at 7 a.m., said the pastor, the Rev. Jesse Bentley. Coffee and doughnuts will be served afterwards in the church fellowship hall. All are invited.

Cedar Grove

Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church will host an ecumenical sunrise service sponsored by the South Brunswick Interchurch Council. The service begins at 6 a.m. and the public is invited.

The church is located on Cedar Grove Road in Supply.

Little River UMC

The Rev. Frank Hartsell, pastor, will conduct the Maundy Thursday candlelight communion service today at 7 p.m. at Little River United Methodist Church, Little River, S.C.

Three celebrations of the Resurrection are planned Easter Sunday, at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care will be available during each service, said Mary Cobb, communications coordinator.

St. Brendan Catholic

Holy Week services continue today at St. Brendan The Navigator Catholic Church with a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m., with

adoration until 11 p.m.; a solemn liturgy on Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.; and an Easter Saturday Vigil mass at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday masses are scheduled at 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon.

The Rev. Frank Maloney is pastor. The church is located on U.S. 17 two miles south of Shallotte.

St. James Episcopal

St. James The Fisherman Episcopal Church has several special Holy Week services scheduled.

The Holy Eucharist and stripping of the altar are part of today's 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.

At noon Friday, the Good Friday liturgy will be followed, with stations of the cross at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The church will be open for private devotions from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

The Holy Saturday liturgy will be followed at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14.

Sunday of the Resurrection services include a 5:45 a.m. Easter Vigil at SeaMist Camping Resort on the Intracoastal Waterway at Brick Landing, followed by the Holy Eucharist and family service, with flowering of the cross, at the church. An Easter egg hunt for the children will follow on the church grounds.

At 11 a.m. Sunday a Festive Celebration of the Resurrection in planned with the Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

The Rev. Dr. Richard W. Warner Jr. is pastor of the church, which is located at 4941 Main Street, Shallotte.

Dixon Chapel UMC

Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church at Varnamtown will hold a sunrise Easter service at 6 a.m., followed by breakfast in the church fellowship hall.

Gospel Center

The adult choir of Gospel Center Baptist Church, Varnamtown, will present an Easter cantata, "Behold the Man," Sunday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



THREE BULLET HOLES are evident in a rear window of Leland area resident Steve Earl Grady's Nissan Maxima stored at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department impoundment yard. Grady was one of five assault victims early Sunday outside a Phoenix nightspot.

New Hanover Drug Suspect Arrested For Shooting At Phoenix Nightspot

BY RAHN ADAMS

The defendant in a month-long New Hanover County drug trial was arrested Sunday afternoon in connection with a fight and shooting incidents earlier that day outside a Phoenix nightspot. Four individuals—including a witness in the drug trial—were injured.

Brunswick County Sheriff's Department reports and Det. Nancy Simpson stated Monday that the drug defendant, David Crummy, 28, of Wilmington, was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and firing into an occupied vehicle.

New Hanover County and SBI officers arrested Crummy without incident Sunday afternoon at a relative's residence near Wilmington and he was placed in the New Hanover County Jail. Ms. Simpson said. Closing arguments in Crummy's drug trial on 53 counts of cocaine trafficking were scheduled to continue Monday in New Hanover County Superior Court.

The detective noted that Crummy's half-brother, John McGhee, 28, also of Wilmington, faces charges of assault with a dead-

ly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and assault by pointing a gun. She said Monday that McGhee remained at large.

The reports listed assault victims as Terrance Stokley, 18, Damati Tina Murphy, 25, Ernest Drayton Jr., 19, and April Denise James, 15, all of Wilmington; and Steve Earl Grady, 24, of Route 5, Leland. Ms. Murphy identified herself to authorities as a prosecution witness in Crummy's drug trial.

Ms. Simpson said all of the victims except Ms. Murphy were injured and were being treated late Sunday at New Hanover Memorial Hospital. She added that Grady was the most seriously injured of the four; he was listed in fair condition Sunday night.

Reports indicate that the shootings stemmed from a fight that occurred Sunday around 2:30 a.m. outside Club Valentino in the Phoenix community. Victims told investigators that Crummy was armed with an "AK-47" assault rifle; McGhee, with a semi-automatic pistol.

During the altercation, Stokley suffered a gunshot wound to the groin and thigh areas; McGhee allegedly fired the shot. Drayton, who

was beaten and kicked, suffered injuries to his head. Both Crummy and McGhee were charged with assaulting Drayton.

Ms. Murphy told officers that Crummy threatened to kill her and that he fired one shot at her. She said the shot missed her because she ducked when Crummy pointed the gun at her.

Grady and Ms. James were hurt in a separate shooting incident that happened near the intersection of Navassa and Cedar Hill roads. Grady told officers that he was driving his 1987 Nissan Maxima toward the nightspot when he saw several cars coming toward him at high speed. A vehicle allegedly occupied by Crummy and McGhee stopped next to the Grady car, and Grady asked the men what had happened at the club.

Grady indicated that a suspect armed with a "rifle or shotgun" got out of the vehicle and began firing into the Grady auto, reports stated. Grady suffered wounds to the arm, hand, chest and face; his passenger, Ms. James, was shot in the arm and leg.

Authorities were notified of the shootings after victims were taken to the New Hanover Memorial Hospital emergency room for treatment.

School Board Fires Kaufhold

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through June 30, 1992, are, in the words of one letter, both "contrary to law and void." In a third letter, an attorney with the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill concurred with the attorney general's opinion.

At the same time the basic contract was executed, an addendum provided for automatic renewal of the contract for at least one year if the superintendent was not notified in writing on or before Jan. 31 of this year that his contract would or would not be renewed.

That addendum also provided—apparently to give newly-elected members of the board taking office in December 1988 a voice in the length of Kaufhold's contract—that the superintendent should receive a written evaluation by the board within 60 days of its first regular meeting in December 1988. At that time, "if the superintendent's performance is deemed satisfactory, his contract shall be extended until 30 June 1992," it noted.

That new contract reflected the (unanimous) vote by the board on Jan. 20, 1989, on a motion by Slockett to extend the contract pursuant to the 1988 agreement.

In their written opinions, both Edwin Speas Jr., a deputy attorney general, and NCSBA attorneys

George T. Rogister and Jonathan A. Blumberg note that state law allows for filling of a vacancy in the superintendent's post on a permanent or temporary basis during an election year, as was the case in 1988, but not for extending or renewing contracts until new members have been sworn in following the election.

In their opinions, the law also allows school boards to make permanent contracts with superintendents for terms of only two years or four years, not three as was the result of the Jan. 20, 1989, contract. The law also provides for extension or renewal of a contract only in the final year of the superintendent's term, contrary to the addendum.

The opinions also questioned the validity of provisions allowing for automatic extension of the contract without an active vote of the board, and the effect of the addendum in restricting the discretion of subsequent boards in determining terms of such an extension.

But, said board member James Clemmons after the meeting, "They've just got an opinion. It's not worth a dime until it's taken to court."

Commenting to reporters after the meeting, Diane Paquin, elementary supervisor, said she that Kaufhold had "had more than ade-

quate skills" and was a good leader, based on her experience working under several administrations. She said she expected Kaufhold's firing to have a demoralizing effect on staff.

"It was poor timing to say the least; it was very insensitive," she continued, noting the Southern Association team visit. "There are going to be hundreds of people coming through here tomorrow. We were feeling pretty good about because we had met all the standards and were ready."

Cooler Temps Are Forecast

The Easter weekend in the Shallotte area is expected to be slightly cooler and wetter than normal, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Temperatures over the next several days should average from the upper 40s at night to the upper 60s during the day. Rainfall is expected to measure about three-quarters of an inch.

During the period of April 3 through 9, the daily average temperature in the Shallotte area was 56 degrees, which Canady said was four degrees below average.

The daily average high temperature was 68 degrees, and the nightly average low temperature was 44 degrees.

The maximum high temperature during the period was 74 degrees on April 6. The minimum low temperature was 36 degrees on April 4, 8 and 9.

Canady measured 0.1 of an inch of rain during the seven-day period.

Benton Withdraws

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Benton is the second candidate for county commissioner to withdraw prior to the primary. Democrat Joe Gainey, also of District 5, resigned earlier this year, citing personal reasons. That left three candidates in the May 8 Democratic primary: incumbent Grace Beasley and challengers V.A. Creech Jr. and Mike Holmes.

Benton is a former Brunswick County employee. He was fired last year from a building inspections job, but did not leave the office and continued to collect his pay for several additional months. Commissioners then gave him the option of a cut in pay and different job or leaving county employ. He chose the latter.

Though Shaw no longer faces a primary, he and Benton are both on the Republican ballot for May 8, since they have already been printed. Gainey's name also is on the Democratic ballot.

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