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Upcoming this Month

Women's History Month

March 8:

Daylight Saving Time begins
*Be sure to set your clocks
ahead 1 hour.

March 17:

St. Patrick's Day

NCAA March Madness

March 20:

Spring begins

March 29:

Palm Sunday

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Women's History Month

Women's History Month is observed annually in March in the United States. During this month, women are recognized for their contributions to society. In this issue, we recognize Sarah Keys Evans and Ella Josephine Baker for the courage they showed in standing up for civil rights.

A native of Washington, NC, Mrs. Evans served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) from 1951 - 1953 and was honorably discharged. She was arrested on August 1, 1952 in Roanoke Rapids, NC for refusing to give up her seat on a Carolina Coach Company bus. She later took legal action (*Keys v. CCC*) and won. Her case ended race based seating in interstate transportation three years before Rosa Parks' showed the same courage.

Take a Seat—Make a Stand: A Hero in the Family

Mrs. Evans story can be found in Take a Seat—Make a Stand: A Hero in the Family by Amy Nathan. A retired hairdresser, Mrs. Evans resides in Brooklyn, NY. She is 85-years-old.



Pope's Corner

At our Holiday Celebration, we acknowledged that economically, our country has made some progress. However, our counties and some of our families are still suffering. As a part of your family, H.D. Pope Funeral Homes would like to extend an offer to those who may or may not have life insurance or Preneed coverage.

For a limited time, anyone who opens a fully funded Preneed program through one of our in-house Preneed companies will receive a free casket. Please visit our Rocky Mount or Roanoke Rapids locations for more information.

To schedule a Preneed seminar, contact one of our offices.

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Ella Baker



Ella Josephine Baker is another outstanding woman and civil rights activist with ties to Halifax County, NC. She was born on December 13, 1903 in Norfolk, VA and reared in Littleton, NC. She graduated as the Valedictorian of her class at Shaw University in 1927.

While residing in New York, she began her work for social justice and equality in civil rights. Baker helped organize the Young Negroes Cooperative League, worked as a field secretary and national director of the NAACP, cofounded the In Friendship organization, helped form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC),—along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and served as its director—and helped organize the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Ms. Baker died on her birthday in 1986 in New York, NY. She was 83-years-old.



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