

NWCTA Media Newsletter

Out and About

Sarah Keys Evans Unveiling Ceremony



A North Carolina Historical Marker was unveiled on January 16, 2022 in Roanoke Rapids, NC in front of the old Roanoke Rapids bus station. Sarah Key Evans was arrested in 1952 for refusing to give up her seat to a White Marine, she was seen as courageous for her action which led to the winning of the civil rights case, Keys versus Carolina Coach Company. In 1955 the Interstate Commerce Commission ruled in Keys favor stating that the Interstate Commerce Act forbade segregation. Congressman G.K. Butterfield explained the case, Keys versus Carolina Coach Company to the listening audience members.

Mrs. J. Ruffin-Pittman attended the historical event.



Congressman G.K. Butterfield shares a historical case, Keys versus Carolina Coach Company.



Jakobe Seward is a student in Mrs. Pope-Gorgess' class, he and other students are volunteering to re-shelve books in the Media Center. The Media Center received new carpet that was installed last summer. The Media Specialist, Mrs. Ruffin-Pittman has to now ask for volunteers to put the books back on the shelves. Other student volunteers are the following: Deshawn Ayers, Keshawn Sykes, Sergio Settles, and Jakayla Davis. The students will receive a prize for assisting Mrs. Ruffin-Pittman in her re-shelving assistance.

Celebrating Black History Month with Art

Artez Johnson is a Senior at Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy (NCTA). NCTA and The Lake Gaston Area Links sponsored Artez Johnson's Art Showcase. The organizations want to support students who have exceptional talent. We were able to discover Artez Johnson's talents because he is also a member of The National Society of Black Engineers Junior Club at Northwest, which is also sponsored by The Lake Gaston Area Links. Artez created an "Energy Village" for the Center of Energy Education's Summer Science Camp. On February 4, 2:00 PM through 3:00 PM, Artez's art was showcased at The Garysburg Volunteer Public Library in Garysburg, NC. Artez has a library collection of Manga books; he is an avid reader. He also creates Manga/Anime art. In Japanese, "**manga**" refers to all kinds of cartooning, comics, and animation. His art speciality is replicating the Japanese art form of Manga and Anime art.

In elementary school, Artez learned on his own how to draw Anime and Manga art, his Art teachers also helped him extend and enhance his art exploration.

Reading the latest Manga graphic novels is one of Artez's favorite hobbies, next to drawing Manga and Anime art. He has a large collection of Manga books.

Artez has created many types of Anime art forms. His hobby of creating Anime has become an appreciated art form. Artez plans to study Art at a college or university. Artez would like to become a Comic Film Artist.

Written by Jackie Ruffin-Pittman



Artez Johnson was also interviewed and had an Art Show at Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy.

The Halifax Underground Railroad and Patsy Young

The Halifax Underground Railroad was featured on WRAL February 7, 2022, 9:00 AM and through the day and evening. Reporter Heather Leah visited Historic Halifax, The Roanoke Canal Museum and trail, The Roanoke River in Weldon, NC. Mrs. Ruffin-Pittman's story on Patsy Young was shared on the Roanoke River in Halifax, NC. Patsy Young was an enslaved runaway from Franklin County, NC who found refuge working on the Roanoke Canal as a cook, who also made a living as a seamstress, and ale brewer.

To learn more about Patsy Young, also known as Piety Cotton visit this website, the article was written by Dr. Theresa McCulla. <https://www.goodbeerhunting.com/blog/2021/9/14/patsy-young-american-brewer-fugitive-from-slavery>



This is remnants of the Roanoke Canal that was built in the 1800's by free and enslaved African American laborers. This historic site is a part of The Halifax Underground Railroad trail.