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Mr. Sean  
Christopher Brown

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Brown, 47, of San Antonio,

# Obituaries

Texas died on Friday,  
February 14, 2014, at  
Northeast Baptist Hospital in  
San Antonio.

Funeral arrangements are  
pending.

Sean was born on  
December 26, 1966, in  
Charlotte. He was the son  
of the late Birdie Gleason of  
Wadesboro.

He is survived by a sister,  
Nekole Hinson of  
Wadesboro.

**Mrs. Nita  
Pegram Tucker**

Mrs. Nita Pegram Tucker,  
70, died Saturday, February  
8, 2014, at her home.

There will be a memorial  
service at 2 p.m. on

Thursday, February 20,  
2014, in the Chapel of  
Leavitt Funeral Home. A  
private interment will be in  
Bennett Grove Cemetery in  
Polkton.

Nita was born July 12,  
1943, in Anson County, a  
daughter of the late Clarence  
Lester Pegram and the late  
Grace Tarlton Pegram. In  
addition to her parents, she  
was preceded in death by her  
husband David Tucker and  
by her only daughter Daphne  
Knotts.

She is survived by  
grandson Kyle Forney of  
Florida.

The arrangements are in  
care of Leavitt Funeral  
Home. Online condolences  
may be made at  
[leavittfuneral-homewadesboro.com](http://leavittfuneral-homewadesboro.com).

## Lilesville's Catfish Stew Cookoff is March 15

The Town of Lilesville has issued a challenge to anyone and everyone who cooks catfish stew. Bring it on and find out who the real champion will be this year. There will be a panel of judges to make the decision. Lilesville will hold their fourth annual Catfish Stew Cookoff on Saturday, March 15. This year they are adding another category called Stew of Your Choice contest too. This event is open to anyone who would like to enter, and everyone is invited to come sample the stews too. Prizes are:

- Catfish Stew \$250 to winner, \$100 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd
  - Stew of Your Choice \$100 to winner, \$75 for 2nd, and \$50 for 3rd. Entries judged by patrons.
- "We would like to invite all cooks who enjoy a challenge," said Lilesville Town Clerk Lynn Whitlock. "Come join us and let's find out who is really the best, because we are going to crown a champion!" Whitlock added that the catfish stew will be judged by a new select panel of judges.

If you're not cooking, you can join the fun and root for your favorite team. You can also try your hand at being a judge, for \$5, pick up a bowl and spoon and get a taste of each entry and compare your selection with that of the official judges.

Once again there will also be the crowning of Miss Catfish and Master Catfish. This contest is open to age groups - girls and boys from Kindergarten through 3rd grade (winner has best colored picture of a catfish using outline provided by town hall), and girls and boys from 4th through 6th grade for best colored picture of an original drawing of a catfish. Rules and entry forms are at town hall.

There will be special singing, t-shirts for sale, giant slides and lots of fun for all ages. There will also be vendors. If you would like to be a vendor contact town hall for information by March 12. 704-848-4711

This event will take place at Hatcher Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The judging will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. To enter the cookoff you can pick up forms at Lilesville Town Hall, Scotty's Bait and Tackle, Whit's Convenience at all 3 locations, and the Old Store. There is no cost to enter, the deadline is March 12.

The Town of Lilesville plans to have lots of fun on Saturday, March 15. Don't mess around and miss this fun-filled event. You will definitely be sorry you did. Lilesville wants YOU to cook up some STEW! *By Melanie Lyon*

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### Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Members Very Involved with Anson Crisis Ministry

In a release from the Anson Crisis Ministry: Anson Crisis Ministry and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, located off Highway 109 North, have entered into a Women's Missionary Union (WMU) mission action agreement for the year 2014. The church WMU, pastored by Pastor Jerome Cash, had been searching for an ongoing project for the entire church to participate in when a group of ladies volunteered on Saturday, January 25 at the Crisis Ministry. Those volunteers, Debbie Cash, Kathy Altman, Kathy Winfree and Jan Taylor were featured on the front page of The Express last week.

Taylor suggested Pleasant Grove membership begin volunteering one Saturday each month when the new idea was born. Taylor, well-known from her job at Wadesboro Wal-Mart as well as Field of Dreams co-coordinator for the ball games, is no stranger to the act of volunteering. She is well skilled in searching for volunteers to work in the concession stand at the Field of Dreams complex in Polkton. After discussing this new idea with the church members, it was met with approval and excitement from different age level leaders.

The church members began by opening the Crisis Ministry's thrift store, Hidden Secrets, on Saturday, February 1. The thrift store is located diagonally across the street from the Crisis Ministry at 108 North Rutherford Street. All donated items are presorted and cleaned, then transported across the street to be sold. All proceeds from the store are used to purchase food at the Second Harvest Food Bank located in Charlotte.

Hidden Secrets will open the first Saturday in each month for the convenience of local shoppers as well as shoppers from out of town during the year. Other volunteers will work at the Crisis Ministry location, 117 North Rutherford Street, by sorting clothing, restocking the food room, cleaning the facility, bagging government food and picking up food from Food Lion, IGA and Wal-mart. The food must be separated and properly stored until the next business day.

Mrs. Ann James, Director of Anson Crisis Ministry, expressed excitement and enthusiasm at this new idea and feels it will be a positive move for the citizens of Anson County. Although a new after-hours drop off site is in place, the first Saturday opening each month will allow donors to not only drop off donations but receive tax receipts on the spot.

### "Smokey and the Bandit" Car Seller Banned from Business in NC

Consumers didn't get restored Trans Ams Buncombe County man promised

A Buncombe County, NC man who took consumers' money but failed to provide them restored classic cars as promised is now barred from business in North Carolina, Attorney General Roy Cooper announced. "When you pay good money for something you expect a business to deliver, not take your money and run," Cooper said. "This court order sends a strong signal to anyone who might be tempted to do business the wrong way in North Carolina."

Wake County Superior Court Judge Robert H. Hobgood granted Cooper's request Tuesday for a default judgment against Robert Allen McElreath and his companies Build-a-Bandit, Pick a Pony, Pontiac Pros, Common Man Classic Hot Rods and Discount Automatic Classic Restorations. Under the court order McElreath and his companies are permanently barred from conducting future business in North Carolina. The court also ordered McElreath to pay \$840,293 in consumer refunds, release all consumers from their contracts and pay \$28,035,000 million in civil penalties.

In addition to the civil case brought by Cooper, McElreath faces arrest on 26 related felony charges in Buncombe County. He is believed to have left the state to avoid arrest and does not have any known assets. If McElreath is located, Cooper's office will attempt to recover any funds available from him.

Cooper filed suit against McElreath and his businesses in May of 2013 after getting complaints from consumers across the country and overseas who had wired money to McElreath, but never gotten a restored Pontiac Trans Am as promised. This type of Trans Am was first made popular by the 1977 hit movie *Smokey and the Bandit*, starring Burt Reynolds and Sally Fields.

Consumers who bid in online auctions for Trans Ams but didn't win received a follow-up call from McElreath offering them a car at a discounted price. Consumers were asked to immediately wire thousands of dollars before work could begin, but very little work, if any, ever got done. Some customers who supplied their own vehicles for McElreath to restore later found that thousands of dollars' worth of parts were missing.

"If you're asked to pay money up front, be cautious," Cooper said. "For a major purchase like a car, it's just not a good idea to pay thousands of dollars for something you've never seen."

To check out a company or file a complaint against one, call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM toll-free within North Carolina. Consumers can also file a complaint online at [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

### Peachland Elementary School Class of 1973 Reunion is March 1

The 1973 Eighth Grade Graduating Class of Peachland Elementary School will be having a class reunion on Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m. at Griffin Hill Lodge. All you need to do is bring a snack food and show up. For more information contact Phyllis at 704-694-5086.

### Dixie Youth Little League Baseball, Girls Softball

Anson County Parks and Recreation is registering for Dixie Youth Little League Baseball. It is offered for ages 9 to 12. Your age is determined by May 1, 2014. There are two possible age divisions and the cost is \$25 per person.

Dixie Youth Girls Softball will be offered for ages 4 to 18. Your age is determined by January 1, 2014. There are six possible age divisions and the cost is \$25 per person.

Come by the Parks and Rec office to register, and the deadline is Monday, March 3. For more information contact Wendell T. Small, CPRP at 704-694-5868.

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