Mobile Veterinary Services Now Available in Anson County

Mobile Veterinary services, vanguard in other parts of the country, are now available to you right here. Pampered Pets Mobile Veterinary Services is up and running and can visit your pets right in the comfort of your home. Talk about hassle free pet care, this could be just the ticket for many reasons. If you are a multiple pet owner, are elderly, handicapped...or if you have pets who just do not particularly "purr" when it comes to their visits to the vet, then consider seeing Leigha B. Williams, DVM.

Pampered Pets Mobile Veterinary Services can provide non-emergency services, not to include surgical services. Services are available by appointment only and include small animal house calls and a variety of outpatient services including minor surgeries. Dr. Burr can visit on weekdays or weekends, days or nights. And, the rates are very reasonable!

Call 704-465-2307 and leave a message to set up an appointment for your pet. Or call for more information.

By Melanie Lyon

CBCC Issues Immediate Need for Blood Donors

Blood supplies drop due to winter storm Jonas

The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) has an urgent need for blood and platelets as a result of Winter Storm Jonas and is urging the community to donate immediately. Collections have been impacted since Wednesday of last week. CBCC is experiencing a shortage and has an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. "We are faced with significantly low inventory levels as a result of the weather," said Martin Grable, president and CEO of CBCC. "We had many blood drives that were cancelled and donors who were unable to safely drive to one

of our blood donation centers. Due to our current shortage we urge the public to donate blood or platelets within the next few days. These are the times that we often struggle most to provide blood that hospitals and patients need." All CBCC Donation Centers and mobile drives are scheduled as planned. To make a donation appointment or

schedule a community blood drive, call CBCC at 704-972-4700. For more information or to find a mobile drive or donation center location, visit www.cbcc.us.

For more information on hosting a blood drive or donating blood in your area, visit www.cbcc.us or call 704-972-4700.

February Programs at the NC Museum of History

Six programs related to Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh will offer six related programs, beginning with a film screening and discussion of "Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten." Another program brings a one-hour jam session with Kinston native Melvin Parker, who played drums for legendary singer James Brown in the 1960s. February winds up with a film screening of "Rosenwald," followed by a discussion with alumni from some Triangle-area Rosenwald schools.

Calling all fashion fans! Justin LeBlanc, a fashion designer and finalist on Lifetime channel's "Project Runway," will highlight his work during the program High-Tech Carolina Couture: Justin LeBlanc on Saturday, Feb. 13.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, visit the Village of Liver-and-Onions when teen actors from Raleigh Little Theatre present the play "American Fairy Tale" by Judy M. Dove. The play explores the whimsical world of Rootabaga Country created by Carl Sandburg.

Enjoy these February programs and more at the N.C. Museum of History. All programs are free unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.

• *Time for Tots: Quilts Tuesday, Feb. 2, 10-10:45 a.m. Ages 3-5 (with adult) \$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7979. See how quilters patch their work together, then create a quilt square of your own.

• *History Corner: Sew What! Wednesday, Feb. 3, 10-11 a.m. Ages 6-9 (with adult) \$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988. Have you ever sewn anything? Take a few stitches, and learn about handmade clothes in the museum's collection.

• *History Hunters: Stitches in Time Wednesday, Feb. 3, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Ages 10-13. \$3 plus tax per child; \$1 plus tax for Associates/museum members. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7988. What does it take to put clothing together? See handmade uniforms and dresses, including those in the exhibit Made Especially for You by Willie Kay.

• **Film and Discussion: "Pardons of Innocence: The Wilmington Ten" Sunday, Feb. 7, 2-5 p.m. Not rated; run time: 120 min. Cash Michaels, Wilmington Journal; Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., President/CEO, National Newspaper Publishers Association; and Irving J. Joyner, Professor of Law, N.C. Central University School of Law. See the story of 10 individuals who battled for three decades to clear their names following 1971's protests for equal education in New Hanover County. A panel led by Michaels will feature Chavis and Joyner after the film.

• **History à la Carte: Flying Forward With Piedmont Airlines Wednesday, Feb. 10, noon-1 p.m. Bring your lunch; beverages provided. Bill Wilkerson, Retired Pilot, Piedmont Airlines, and Board Member, N.C. Transportation Museum. Wilkerson set his sights on flying when he was 9, started lessons at 16, and earned his pilot's license by age 21. He was only the third African American pilot in the industry (working for Piedmont Airlines) and later helped launch Wheeler Airlines, the first black-owned airline.

• **Jamming with Melvin Parker: Life on the Road With James Brown Thursday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. Melvin Parker, Drummer. Parker, a native of Kinston, started playing with singer — and founding father of funk — James Brown during the 1960s. Among the music Parker will perform in this special one-hour jam session are "Out of Sight"; "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag"; and "I Got You/I Feel Good"—all recorded in 1964 and 1965.

 Conservation Assistance Day Friday, Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointment required. Call 919-807-7823. Make an appointment and bring up to three objects for assessment and advice on care from a museum conservator. • **African American History Highlights Tours Saturday, Feb. 13 or 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m. These docent-led tours visit exhibits throughout the museum to highlight some of the contributions made by African Americans to North Carolina history.

• High-Tech Carolina Couture: Justin LeBlanc Saturday, Feb. 13, 3-4 p.m. Free tickets are distributed while they last beginning at 2 p.m. Note: American Sign Language will be provided for this program. For questions or to hold seats for this service, please call 919-807-7988. Justin LeBlanc, College of Design, N.C. State University, fashion designer and finalist on Lifetime channel's "Project Runway," will discuss how his inspirations and ties to North Carolina work with fibers, fabrics and technology to create fashion.

• **Music of the Carolinas: Amythyst Kiah Sunday, Feb. 14, 3 p.m. Free tickets for this concert are distributed while they last beginning at 2 p.m. Kiah is an alternative-country blues singer and songwriter who fuses old-time music with R&B and country standards to create a contemporary, soulful rendition. The performance is presented with PineCone and support from the Museum of History Associates and Williams Mullen.





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• *Storytellers to Go: "American Fairy Tale" by Judy M. Dove Saturday, Feb. 20, 2-3 p.m. Fun for ages 5-105! Set in the Village of Liver-and-Onions, this play explores the absurd and whimsical world of Carl Sandburg's Rootabaga Country. The play will be performed by teen actors from Raleigh Little Theatre.

• Wine & Design: Southern Impressions Friday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m. \$50 plus tax per person; \$40 plus tax for Associates/museum members. Limited space available. To register, visit NCMOH-programs.com. For information, call 919-807-7969. Michael Ausbon, Associate Curator of Decorative Arts and Curator, Southern Impressions. Bring a friend or come solo, and paint like a pro! While Ausbon walks you through what makes southern art "southern," an artist from Wine & Design's Raleigh studio will lead you in creating a piece of your own. Wine and snacks are included in charge.

• **Film Screening: "Rosenwald" Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m. Not rated; run time: 90 min. Julius Rosenwald never finished high school, but as president of Sears, Roebuck & Company, he gave away money to build African American schools across the South. A discussion with alumni from some Triangle-area Rosenwald schools will follow the screening. The program is supported by Raleigh Historic Development Commission and the Museum of History Associates.

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+ or YouTube. * marks programs of interest to children or families. ⁶ programs related to Black History Month.



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