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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

February 12, 2014

Ms. Gail Mount, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Dobbs Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Re: Docket No. E-100, Sub 137

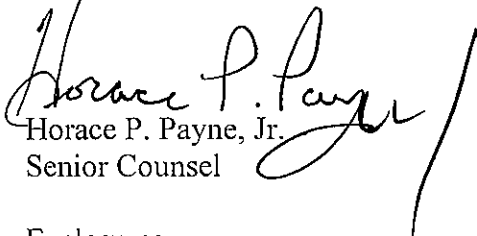
Dear Ms. Mount:

Enclosed is an Affidavit of Publication which will serve as proof of publication of the Public Notice as required in ordering paragraph 2 of the Commission's January 6, 2014 *Order Scheduling Public Hearing on 2013 IRP Annual Update Reports and 2013 REPS Compliance Plans* in the above-referenced case.

Pursuant to the instructions in ordering paragraph 2, the notices were published in newspapers having general circulation in Dominion North Carolina Power's service area once a week for two consecutive weeks beginning with the week of January 20, 2014. Copies of tear sheets from each of the newspapers in which the public notice ran are also enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

cc: Antoinette Wike, Esq. (w/o enc.)

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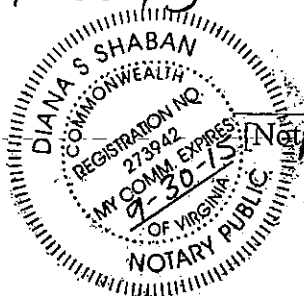
CITY/COUNTY OF Henrico, to-wit:

I, Diane Spencer, Tearsheet Coordinator, hereby certify that a legal notice for Dominion Resources (Docket No. E-100, SUB-137), (copies attached hereto) was published in the following newspapers on the days in the year 2014.

Coastland Times 1/23, 1/30
The Chowan Herald 1/22, 1/29
Elizabeth City Daily Advance 1/22, 1/29
Hertford Perquimans Weekly 1/22, 1/29
Martin County Enterprise 1/24, 1/31
Outer Banks Sentinel 1/22, 1/29
Plymouth Roanoke Beacon 1/22, 1/29
Roanoke Chowan News Herald 1/23, 1/30
Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald 1/22, 1/29
Rocky Mt. Telegram 1/22, 1/29
Roxboro, The Courier Times 1/22, 1/29

Diane L. Spencer
Signature

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 6th day of February, 2014.
My commission expires: 9/30/15



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Raleigh: 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 3, 2014, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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This the 6th day of January, 2014.

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Lost books, borrowed items ongoing issue

Lost books or other borrowed items are an ongoing issue for libraries. We have policies regarding paying for replacing the item, but we also know there is a person, family, or children who are a part of the equation. As Victor Hugo once wrote: "A library is an act of faith." The fact that we loan out approximately 40,000 items annually and get about the same number returned to us shows that this community has great faith in the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and its value to the community, as well as a great deal of trust in one another. No other public resource I can think of has this type of relationship with its users.

So if you think you've lost a book, we know of many "secret" hiding places for library books that are missing. Here are some suggestions based on where we know patrons have found lost items: between the mattress and the wall, between the headboard and the wall, under the seat in the car, under the baby seat in the car, on the shelf with your personal books, or in a box if you've moved. One of my favorite scenarios involved

a book turning up in a broken car DVD player! So if you have misplaced a book, keep looking — it will turn up.

In those cases where the items don't turn up, please don't be afraid to come to the library to ask how to resolve the problem. We will work with you to find a solution. The goal of most public libraries in the county is not to keep patrons from using the library but to ensure that all people in a community can use their library. You never know — those books may be turned in by someone else in your community who found them in the lost and found at the rec center or the senior center!

Readers
Annie and the Snowball and the Wedding Day — Cynthia Rylant
Charlotte George Builds an Igloo — with the recent polar vortex he sure could!
Wedgie Man and the Big Bunny Trouble — Charise Mericle Harper

JENNIFER FINLAY
CHECK IT OUT
SHEPARD-PRUDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

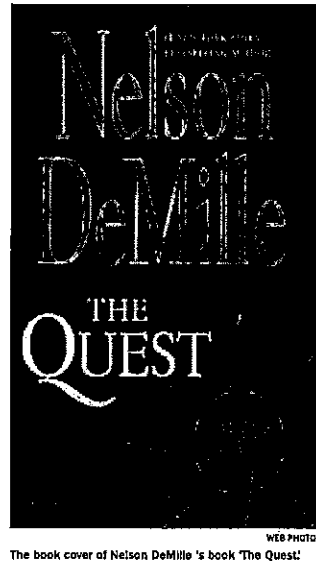
Juvenile Fiction
Artemis Fowl — The Last Guardian
Eoin Colfer
Clementine and the Spring Trip — Sara Pennypacker
Geronimo Sillerton: The Fastest Train in the West
Illigh Time for Heroes — Mary Pope Osborne
Horses of the Dawn: The Escape — Kathryn Laskey
Just Grace and the Super Steepover — Charise Mericle Harper
Seekers: Forest of Wolves — Erin Hunter
Theodore Boone: The Activist — John Grisham

Young Adult
The Impossible Knife of Memory — Laurie R. King
Roomies — Sara Zarr & Tara Allebrandt

Adult Fiction
Compound — Stephen White
Eggs in a Basket — Laura Chilili
The Quest — Nelson DeMille

Large Print
Big Sky Christmas — William W. Johnstone
Black Mesa — Ralph Cotton
Blood on the Verde River — Dusty Richards
Cross My Heart — James Patterson
The Gift of Christmas — Debbie Macomber
The Gods of Guilt — Michael Connelly

DVDs
The Big Year
Far From Heaven
The King and I
Before Sunset
Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World
Sunrise Earth
Goodnight, and Good Luck
Blues in the Night
Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers Collection — The Gay Divorcee, Swing Time, Top Hat & Shall We Dance



The book cover of Nelson DeMille's book 'The Quest'

Boat show season is upon us once again

This is the time of year that all of us tire kickers look forward to so I thought I would help with a short list of the boat shows that take place around the area.

You can't talk about boat shows without starting with the one in Virginia Beach, Va.

The Mid Atlantic Boat Show is running from Feb. 7-9 and it is full of some of the best dealers and suppliers in the area.

If you are looking for a center console fishing boat or a bay boat or even a big cruiser, this is your show. They have vendors from marine to boat dock and all the electronic guys you will ever need. If you fish around here, this is your show.

The next one in Virginia is the Richmond show from Feb. 14-16 and is more for the bass fishing guys. It has bass boats, center consoles and skiffs.

It also has some of the best Jon boats

on the market today. Throw in some great local tackle guys and you have one of the best fresh water shows around.

Here in the Carolinas, you have to travel to see a good show, but they are not as far as you might think.

We have a Mid-Atlantic Boat Show coming to Charlotte on Feb. 6-9, and they have a good selection of skiffs, pontoon boats and runabout boats that can make anyone happy.

They also have a great selection of vendors that can supply you with skis, wake boards and even real estate.

Check all the websites for additional information and go out and look at all the great things the boating world has to offer.

FISHING



MIKE SWEENEY

Maybe you will become a boater and start sending me fishing reports.

What's biting, where...

Speaking of fishing reports, you have to excuse me if the pickings are slim this week. Between the huge winds and the frigid temps, there are a lot of people staying in these days, but not me.

I have been looking for strippers. They have some hit and miss success.

We seem to have some fish at the canal at Coinjock but they like a north wind if you can get it.

The bridge at Edenton is still hit and miss, with some fish coming on a moving tide or a good wind.

Stretch baits will work at the sound bridge and swim baits are paying off at the canal.

The beach is still working on one of the best puppy drum seasons we have seen in years.

We have fish hitting bottom baits with cut mullet and shrimp but if you don't go you don't know so get out there and go fish the beach.

Locally, we have a pretty good bass bite with soft plastics like worms or bug baits pitched onto the wood in the creeks and on the first points outside the creeks.

The water temps are looking like a good crappie bite so live minnows on bobbers that are slow trolled have been paying off for the locals.

If you get a chance to get out, then send me a picture and a report to fishingwithmike921@yahoo.com or hit me up on Facebook at Fishing With Mike.

Civil War Living History Day Feb. 8

From staff reports

Cannon firing on Waterfront Park, re-enactment encampments, demonstrations and tours of the Civil War sesquicentennial exhibit, Under Both Flags: Civil War in the Albemarle region, the beginning of a Civil War Living History Day Feb. 8 at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

Open to the public, the event will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Union and Confederate living historians will explore the hardships and deprivations suffered by those who fought. Live military drills take place in Waterfront Park, allowing visitors to interact with "the men who manned the guns." Visitors can muster with the troops and practice drills.

Displays and discussions

by local collectors and historians include Union identification badges, rare Confederate firearms, photographs, medical equipment, local battles and the role of the military in the war.

Sing along as the Tar River Dulcimers perform period ballads from noon to 3:30 p.m. The Huel Civilians depict the war's impact on the home front. Enjoy a carriage ride (\$5 per person, with Carolina Carriages) and pony rides (\$3 per child, with Crierie S Stables).

Junior docents will lead visitors in period dances and games.

A series of lectures and book signings beginning at 11 a.m. when Alex Leary, Camden County resident, will present "The Mosquito Fleet," Elizabeth City native Chris Meekins, State

Archives of North Carolina, will present "The Murder of Thad Cox: A Tale Retold" at 1:30 p.m. Brenda McKean will sign her book "Blood and War at My Doorstep: North Carolina Civilians in the War Between the States" throughout the day.

Young adults will enjoy ongoing book discussion and book signing by John Rushmore, "Boy in Chains," from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"Discover the Civil War through Photography" offers interactive scenes of a Civil War battlefield, Bayside Plantation and a photographer's studio for young and old alike in the museum's Discovery Room.

The Discovery Room is open Tuesday — Saturday, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

For more information contact the museum at 335-1453.

BOOK

Continued from 1B

appears as the opening page to her book, Pruden wrote that her work represented "the story of everyday people dealing with change the best they (knew) how."

"I just wanted to give a sense of what that was like," Pruden said Monday night.

Tobey, Pruden lives in California. Like her parents she has been treated for cancer. But unlike them, thanks to advances in modern medicine, she has lived to see her children grow up and become young adults.

In 2006 she started taking some writing classes.

"It was an interesting experience learning to write creatively," Kaufmann said. "Then I finally decided I was going to put my stories

together in some sort of memoir form."

During a trip to North Carolina with her husband Kaufmann found some artwork in a Chapel Hill gallery by a fellow Edentonian, Garroth Lassiter. One of Lassiter's rural landscapes can be seen on the cover of Kaufmann's book.

While most of Kaufmann's family members here have died, and her visits to the community became sporadic after her children were grown, she said the town still holds a special place in her heart.

That was brought home to her recently after a friend read her book and made the comment that Kaufmann had certainly enjoyed a lot of love while growing up from her own family, her extended family and the support of a caring community.

"I realized that while I had sad times in my life, that what she said was true," Kaufmann said. "There was so much love there too. I feel very blessed that I had all of those people as a part of my life."

And when asked if she planned to write other books, she didn't rule out the possibility.

"I might but if I do I'm not sure that memoir would be the genre," Kaufmann said. "It's really hard to dig so deeply, the way I did in this book. But I really enjoy writing and I can see myself maybe doing something in the non-fiction genre. For now, I think I'm going to focus on figuring out how to sell books."

Copies of Kaufmann's book will be available at the Barker House Gift Shop, the Garden of Resiliency and the Shepard-Pruden Library in Edenton.

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RALEIGH

New trial in stepdaughter killing

The North Carolina appeals court has ruled that a man who admitted abusing and killing his 10-month-old stepdaughter in a drunken rage should have a new trial on his first-degree murder conviction.

In a 2-1 opinion issued Tuesday, the court said Joshua Stepp should have a new trial on his first-degree murder conviction from the 2009 death. The split decision means prosecutors can appeal the ruling to the state Supreme Court.

A key factor in Stepp's conviction was evidence that the girl was sexually abused. However, Stepp's attorneys said he should have been convicted of second-degree murder because those injuries occurred when the man cleaned her during a diaper change.

From AP reports

GREENSBORO

Hagan raised \$2M in quarter

Democratic U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan says she raised more than \$2 million for her 2014 re-election bid in North Carolina during the first three months of 2013.

Hagan's campaign office announced the amount Tuesday, more than a week before her fourth-quarter report is due to the Federal Election Commission. The campaign says it had more than 15,000 donors in the fourth quarter and \$5.8 million on hand as of Dec. 31.

At least six Republicans are vying for the GOP nomination in the May primary and the chance to challenge her. Hagan had outlasted Republican rivals through September and faces no prominent primary opposition to date. That will allow her to use her funds for her general election campaign.

From AP reports

EDENTON



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PENDER

Sherrod Banks, the Edenton native and Durham-based attorney who was the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Day Celebration at Swain Auditorium, receives a plaque and a hug from Celebration Committee Chairwoman Angela Taylor Welch, Monday.

WILMINGTON

Impact of film incentives debated

There are conflicting views in two reports on the impact of film incentives on the North Carolina economy.

The StarNews of Wilmington reports a study commissioned by the Wilmington Regional Film Commission and other agencies shows the industry means an economic impact of upward to \$10 million for the Cape Fear area.

But a report by the state Department of Commerce's Labor & Economic Analysis Division offers a contrasting view.

That study shows that an estimated 4,000 jobs were created by the film industry in 2012, but those jobs cost state taxpayers about \$18,500 each. The study found that while the industry had a \$400 million impact statewide, the state's general fund lost more than \$50 million on the tax credit.

From AP reports

Son disputes DA's findings in dad's death

Clayton James Jr. Trooper used stun weapon 25 times

BY WILLIAM F. WEST
Staff Writer

The son of a Perquimans man who died during a traffic stop three years ago says a state trooper shot his father 25 times with a stun gun, not three as the N.C. Highway Patrol claims.

Clayton James Jr., also known as Clayton James Sr., said his father, Clayton James Sr., with a child numerous times during the Dec. 2, 2010 incident.

District Attorney Andrew Womble announced recently that his predecessor, Frank R. Parrish, cleared Harrison

of any wrongdoing in James Sr.'s death following a State Bureau of Investigation probe of the incident.

An earlier investigation by the Highway Patrol concluded Harrison used the appropriate level of force to subdue James, who had resisted arrest several times during a traffic stop that involved a stolen car chase and foot chase.

A patrol report of the incident indicated Harrison had struggled with James several times, and that James had struck the trooper repeatedly. Harrison fired his stun gun at James three times during the incident before he finally was able to get him to the ground and handcuff him, the patrol said.

While Harrison waited for a second trooper to arrive, James became unresponsive, the patrol report said. The second trooper tried to revive James, but James was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A state autopsy report, made public in April 2011, said James most likely died as a result of the toxic levels of cocaine and alcohol in his body and because he had a sickle cell genetic trait.

While sickle cell disease is usually more deadly, a sickle cell trait can become life threatening when the sufferer overexerts himself, the report said.

James' son, who lives in Durham, disputed the conclusions of the Highway Patrol, the N.C. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner and the District Attorney's Office in his father's death.

"I don't know where these stories are coming from or how they come about," he said in a phone interview last week. "The truth needs to be told."

James said his father was an athlete who had played sports and never "had one issue with the (sickle cell) trait."

James said he couldn't deny that his father drank alcohol or used cocaine, but he questioned the medical examiner's conclusion that James Sr. had toxic levels of both in his body at the time of his death. He claims his father was at home talking to James Jr.'s grandfather an hour before the traffic stop and seemed fine then.

James also disputes the conclusion that Harrison only fired his Taser weapon at his father three times. He claims then-District Attorney Parrish showed his family video of his father's traffic stop from the on-board camera in Harrison's car. He claims that footage shows Harrison using his stun weapon 25 times, not three as the patrol claims.

A spokesman for the patrol, 1st Sgt. Jeff Gordon, said in a statement that while James' death was a tragedy, the patrol stands behind the

conclusions of its investigation of the traffic stop.

The patrol conducted a thorough investigation and determined the force used by Harrison "was warranted under the existing circumstances," Gordon said. He also noted the district attorney concluded the force used by Harrison was "objectively reasonable and consistent with state law" after reviewing both the SBI investigation of the incident and the findings of the medical examiner.

Womble, who was appointed district attorney after Parrish's death, said last week he considers the matter closed.

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Peel vows focus on workforce development

Job training part of mayor's 2020 initiative

BY JON HAWLEY
Staff Writer

Elizabeth City Mayor Joe Peel pledged Monday to devote his next term to workforce development, sketching out a proposal called "From the Cradle to the Career."

Peel discussed the idea during the 4th Ward Quality of Life Community Organization meeting at St. James AME Zion Church. He explained its coming together as the nine "action teams" under his Vision 2020 community initiative finish their work.

Peel tasked each team with figuring out how to improve an aspect of the local community and economy. In studying their findings, Peel said it became increasingly clear the city must overcome a "skills gap" keeping city residents from getting high-paying jobs.

Peel said constituents consistently urge the city to create more jobs. But he said too many city residents would lack the reading and writing skills and specialized training to get those jobs.

"Some people will tell me, 'All we need is for the cotton mill to come back,'" Peel said. "I've never said this to anybody, but what I've wanted to say is, 'If the cotton mill came back, you probably couldn't get a job there.'"

As cotton mills and other industries have shifted to robotics and automation, they need fewer and fewer, but increasingly skilled workers.

The skills gap is so bad, Peel explained, that even fast-food companies can't find managers — positions that actually pay fairly well.

"I talked to a fellow at the Chick-fil-A ... he said 'I can find all the \$8, \$9-an-hour people I want,'" Peel said. "But he said what he can't find is leaders."

That skills gap is helping keep a quarter of city residents in poverty, Peel said,

and driving the city's median income down to \$23,000. That's versus the state's median income of \$45,450, according to the U.S. Census.

Based on the findings of the three education-oriented Vision 2020 teams, Peel called for a comprehensive approach to closing the skills gap, hence the name, "From the Cradle to the Career."

Early childhood education will be a crucial starting point, Peel said. Citing a Vision 2020 finding from last year, Peel said only 49 percent of the area's children ages 5 and under attend a certified day-care center.

Many children outside of day-care may still be getting good early education, he said. However, based on conversations with ECPHS

administrators and teachers, Peel said many local kindergarten enter school unprepared for increasingly demanding curricula. It falls behind that early in their schooling, "It's almost impossible to catch them back up," Peel said.

As a first step, Peel wanted to work with ECPHS Superintendent Linwood Williams to better define what makes a child prepared for kindergarten. Without doing that, it's hard to say what parents or other caregivers should be doing differently.

For kindergarten and beyond, Peel said he was still awaiting recommendations from Vision 2020's K-12 education team. But one suggestion he made

was to work with the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce to expand its annual "job shadowing" day to introduce more kids to more businesses.

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ATLANTA

Southerners warned of icy mess

Across the South, residents are stocking up on groceries, schools and offices have closed, and road crews are at the ready as a storm threatens to bring snow, ice and subzero temperatures to a region more accustomed to air conditioning and sunscreen than parkas and shovels.

Even with the timing and severity uncertain, officials from Texas to Virginia warned motorists to stay off the roads Tuesday.

Tourist destinations including Charleston, Savannah and New Orleans expect ice and snow over the next two days—rare in places that seldom see prolonged sub-freezing temperatures.

In eastern Mississippi, four people died when an early morning fire destroyed a mobile home. Investigators believe a space heater used to warm the nine people inside was to blame. Officials said the victims ranged in age from 3 months to 30 years.

From AP reports

WASHINGTON

Poll: Skeptics eye Iran nuclear deal

A majority of Americans support an agreement by the U.S. and five other world powers to limit Iran's disputed nuclear program, but fewer believe it will keep the Islamic republic from building a nuclear bomb.

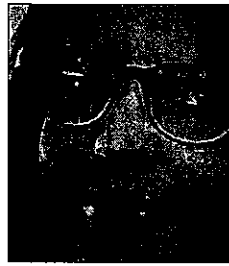
A new Associated Press-GFK poll gave President Barack Obama lower marks for his dealings with Iran.

The five-day survey, conducted Jan. 17-21, was ongoing as the interim agreement went into effect. It calls for Iran to cap uranium enrichment at a level far below what's necessary to build a nuclear weapon. In exchange, world powers agreed to ease international sanctions by an estimated \$7 billion to give some short-term relief to Iran's crippled economy.

The temporary compromise is set to expire in July, giving negotiators six months to work on a plan to permanently prevent Iran's nuclear program from becoming a threat.

From AP reports

NEW YORK



AP FILE PHOTO

Google is adding prescription frames and new styles of detachable sunglasses to its computerized, Internet-connected Glass goggles. The move comes as Google Inc. prepares to make Glass available to the general population this year.

ST. LOUIS

Reviving old executions considered

With lethal injection drugs in short supply and new questions surfacing about their effectiveness, lawmakers in some death-penalty states are considering bringing back relics of a gruesome past: firing squads, electrocutions and gas chambers.

Most states abandoned those methods more than a generation ago in a bid to make capital punishment more palatable to the public and to a judicial system worried about inflicting cruel and unusual punishments that violate the Constitution. But to some elected officials, the drug shortages and legal challenges are beginning to make lethal injection seem too vulnerable to complications.

Missouri state Rep. Rick Brattin has proposed making firing squads an option. The state's attorney general has suggested rebuilding the gas chamber. A Virginia lawmaker wants to make electrocution an option if drugs aren't available.

From AP reports

US looks at ways to prevent spying on NSA spying

■ Considering ending storage of phone records

BY STEPHEN BRAUN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the Obama administration considers ending the storage of millions of phone records by the National Security Agency, the government is quietly funding research to prevent eavesdroppers from seeing whom the U.S. is spying on. The Associated Press has learned.

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has paid at least five research teams across the country to develop a system for high-volume, encrypted searches of electronic records kept outside the government's



AP FILE PHOTO

The U.S. government is looking at ways to prevent anyone from spying on its own surveillance of Americans' phone records.

possession. The project is among several ideas that could allow the government to store Americans' phone records with phone companies or a third-party organization, but still search them as needed. Under the research, U.S. data mining would be shielded by secret coding that could conceal identity-

ing details from outsiders and even the owners of the targeted databases, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press in interviews with researchers, corporate executives and government officials.

The administration has provided only vague descriptions about changes it is considering to the NSA's daily collection and storage of Americans' phone records, which are presently kept in NSA databases. To resolve legal, privacy and civil liberties concerns, President Barack Obama this month ordered the attorney general and senior intelligence officials to recommend changes by March 28 that would allow the U.S. to identify suspected terrorists' phone calls without the government itself

holding the phone records.

One federal review panel urged Obama to order phone companies or an unspecified third party to store the records; another panel said collecting the phone records was illegal and ineffective and urged Obama to abandon the program entirely.

Internal documents describing the Security and Privacy Assurance Research project do not cite the NSA or its phone surveillance program. But if the project were to prove successful, its encrypted search technology could enable the NSA to conduct secure searches while shifting storage of phone records from agency data banks to either phone companies or a third-party organization.

A DNI spokesman, Mi-

chael Birmingham, confirmed that the research was relevant to the NSA's phone records program. He cited "interest" throughout the intelligence community but cautioned that it may be some time before the technology is used.

The intelligence director's office is by law exempt from disclosing detailed budget figures, so it's unclear how much money the government has spent on the project, which is overseen by the DNI's Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity office. Birmingham said the research is aimed for use in a "situation where a large sensitive data set is held by one party which another seeks to query, preserving privacy and enforcing access policies."

Farm bill cuts food stamps, keeps subsidies

■ Cuts would be \$800 million, or roughly 1 percent

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Farm-state lawmakers are lobbying colleagues member by member, vote by vote as they push for House passage of a massive, five-year farm bill that would make cuts to food stamps and continue generous subsidies for farmers.

There are goodies scattered through the almost 1,000-page bill for members from all regions of the country: a boost in money for crop insurance popular in the Midwest; higher rice

and peanut subsidies for Southern farmers; renewal of federal land payments for Western states. There are cuts to the food stamp program — \$800 million a year, or around 1 percent — for Republicans who say the program is spending too much money, but they are low enough that some Democrats will support them.

Negotiators on the final deal also left out a repeal of a catch program that would have angered Mississippi lawmakers and language that would have threatened a California law requiring all eggs sold in the state to come from hens living in larger cages. Striking out that provision was a pri-

ority for California lawmakers who did not want to see the state law changed.

The House is scheduled to consider the legislation Wednesday. Passage of the bill, which would spend almost \$100 billion a year and save around \$2.3 billion annually, isn't certain. But farm-state lawmakers have been working for more than two years to strike just the right balance to get the massive bill passed as congressional compromise has been rare.

Hoping to put the bill past them and build on a budget deal passed earlier this month, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., endorsed the

bill. Both said they would like to see more reform but

are encouraging colleagues to vote for it anyway.

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Increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 for new federal contracts. The measure would not affect private companies' existing contracts, except it would apply to renewals if other terms of an agreement changed. As a result, the order would benefit far fewer workers than the number foreseen by advocates of federal contract employees.

Still, the issue dovetails with what will be Obama's broader call for an increase in the broader national minimum wage to \$10.10 and for future increases to be tied to inflation. Obama last year had called for an increase in the national minimum wage to \$8.

Even as he argues that low-income Americans and many in the middle class lack the means to achieve upward mobility, Obama will also take credit for an economy that by many indicators is gaining strength on his watch. As a result, he will talk positively about a recovery that remains elusive to many Americans.

The president will pres-

ent Congress with an agenda largely unchanged from what he called for a year ago, but one that nevertheless fits into this year's economic opportunity theme.

He will continue to seek an overhaul of immigration laws and expanded preschool education as well as an increase in the minimum wage.

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Judith P. Willis Hertford resident

Judith Pandit Willis, 69, of 1023 New Hope Rd., Hertford, died at Albemarle Hospital, Friday, Jan. 24, 2014.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Stallings Funeral Home, Elizabeth City.

Melvin Rountree Hertford resident

Melvin Curtis Rountree, 80, of 296 Woodland Church Road, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 in his home.

Affectionately known by family and friends as "Brother" and "Uncle Brother," Mr. Rountree was born March 22, 1924 in Chowan County and was the son of the late Curtis D. and Mary Jones Rountree. A retired drag line operator from Weyerhaeuser, he was a member of Woodville Baptist Church where

he served as a deacon and also was a member of Men's Sunday School Class, was a charter member of the Inter County Volunteer Fire Department where he had served as chief, and had also volunteered on the Perquimans County Rescue Squad for 28 years. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the William Paul Stallings Post 126 of the American Legion for 50 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Ann Ivry, and a brother, Eugene Rountree.

Surviving are his brother, Wilson Rountree; four sisters, Frances R. Gray, Doris R. Godfrey, Linda R. Revel, and Patricia R. Ben; 21 nieces and nephews; and numerous great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. in Woodville Baptist Church. A private burial followed

in the Rountree-Stallings Family Cemetery on County Line Road with Miller & Van Eschenfeldt Funeral and Cremation Providers, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, handling arrangements. Friends joined the family in the fellowship hall immediately following the church service on Monday, and other times at the residence.

The family would like to express their appreciation to "Brothers" caregivers for all the attention and care given him these past last three years.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

Nilah P. Chobot Hertford resident

Nilah Pitman Chobot, 84, of 281 Halsey Bay Road, died Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

A service was held Sun-

day from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Miller & Van Eschenfeldt Funeral Home, Hertford, was in charge of arrangements.

Opal P. Ball Hertford resident

Opal Pickering Ball, 90, of 193 Bembury Road, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 in Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Ball was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., and was the daughter of the late Loda Arthur and Margaret Dora White Pickering. Employed in the textile department with Tennessee Eastman in Kingsport, Tenn. during World War II, she had also worked for many years with both George C. Moore Company in Edenton and Don Juan Manufacturing Company in Hertford. A former member of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, she had been a member of Wood-

ville Baptist Church for the past 40 years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Roy Ball; an infant son, Richard Wayne Ball; three sisters, Leona Ray, Willie Ward, and Mae Gillis; and two brothers, Isaiah and Haywood Pickering.

Surviving are her two daughters, Linda B. Privott and husband, Danny, of Hertford and Janet B. Bell and husband, Philip, of Stone Mountain, Ga.; four grandchildren, Jana Hurdle and husband, T.W. of Belvidere, Jeffrey Privott and wife, Gayla, of Cary, Graham Bell and wife, Cheryl, of Loganville, Ga. and Bret Bell and wife, Danielle, of Monroe, Ga.; eight great-grandchildren, Jana Hurdle, Lindsay Rash and husband, James, Amanda, Danielle, Cassie, and J.T. Hurdle, and Brandon, Grace, and Colin Bell; a great-great-granddaughter, Alyssa Rash; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held today at 11 a.m. in the Miller & Van Eschenfeldt Funeral Chapel, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, by the Rev. Steve Peehan. Burial will follow in West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Elizabeth City. Friends joined the family Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the funeral home and other times at Linda and Danny's home, 677 Ocean Highway N., Hertford.

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James L. Perry Elizabeth City resident

James Linwood Perry, of Elizabeth City, died at his residence, Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014. Funeral services were held at Mt. Lebanon A.M.E. Zion Church, Saturday at 1 p.m.

Stallings Funeral Home, Elizabeth City, was in charge of arrangements.

Howard new Chowan manager

Chowan Herald

County officials have tapped the county manager of Caswell County in the state's Piedmont region to be Chowan's new county manager.

Kevin B. Howard is scheduled to begin work on March 3. His starting salary will be \$87,000 a year, plus a travel allowance of \$300 a month.

Howard replaces Zee Lamb, who began as Nash County's county manager Jan. 1 after two years as county manager in Chowan.

Chowan Department of Social Services Director Clifton Hamilton is serving as interim county manager. Howard has been Caswell's county manager for six years and nine months.

Art class set for rec center

From staff reports

A six-week class on the basics of drawing and painting will begin Feb. 3 at the Perquimans County Community Center.

The sessions will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$80.

The class is led by Annemarie Pomp, an artist-instructor with over 30 years of classroom experience. For more information or to register, call Pomp at

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Corinth Baptist

Corinth Baptist Church will hold a cancer benefit for Chris Waters and Barry Simmons on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The menu includes steak, baked potato, green beans and roll. The donation is \$8.

Date Night Challenge

Camp Cale will host Date Night Challenge 2014 Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per couple and includes dinner and pro-

Church Briefs

gramming. The program is presented by Focus On The Family. Call 254-2513 to register.

New Oxley Hill

New Oxley Hill Baptist Church will hold a pre-women's day service on Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. to fight heart disease. Men and women are invited to wear red. Robin Perry of Word of Life Tabernacle of Deliverance in Chesapeake will be speaking.


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Genesis 5:21-24

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Genesis 6:8-9

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Enoch and Noah have something in common, in the fact that they were both delivered from the perils and trials of their world.

With Enoch, God took him out of the world.

With Noah, God destroyed the world around him.

But, in both cases, the Bible tells us, these men found the mercy and grace of God, not because they did any great thing, or were heavenly superstars, but the Bible simply says this about both men: "...they walked with God."

Now, this may not seem like much, that those who will be victorious are not the ones who are perfect, or never struggle, but those who in the midst of trouble, discouragement, persecution, ridicule, family problems, peer pressure, in the midst of every conceivable hindrance just keep walking!

Maybe not leaping, or bounding through the grassy vales, maybe not scaling mountain peaks, maybe not making a whole lot of progress, but people who will just keep walking with God!

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN DEFINED AS A WALK!

I have to make sure that I keep walking!
Walking with God!

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Crime Blotter

Martin County Sheriff's Office

Incidents
Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of incidents include:

Jan. 16
Larceny of a checkbook, identity theft, obtaining property by false pretenses and forgery/using/uttering were reported from Goose Road, Robersonville.

Jan. 17
Simple physical assault was reported from Middle Street, Jamesville.

Jan. 18
Criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported from Timberlake Boulevard, Parnoke.

Criminal damage to property (vandalism) and larceny (from motor vehicle) were reported from Smith Road, Oak City.
Forcible breaking and entering and larceny (all other) were reported from Brown Drive, Williamston.
Shooting into an occupied dwelling was reported from N.C. 125, Hobbgood.

Jan. 19
Violation of a domestic violence protection order was reported from Archie Mobley Road, Williamston.
Larceny was reported from Coburn Drive, Pur-

mele.

Jan. 20
Larceny (from a motor vehicle) was reported from Pence Drive, Hamilton.
Armed robbery was reported from Family Dollar on N.C. 11 in Oak City.

Jan. 21
Criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported from Martin Memorial Gardens in Williamston.
Larceny (from building) was reported from U.S. 17, Williamston.

Arrests

Arrests do not indicate guilt or innocence, which is determined through judicial proceedings. Martin County Sheriff's Office reports of incidents include:

Jan. 18
Michael Curtis, 60, 11548 N.C. 125, Hamilton, was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle.

Leo Ann Jones, 50, 1382 Craft Rd., Williamston, was charged with order for arrest shoplifting.

Jan. 17
Amy Cannon, 29, 306 Second St., Robersonville, was charged with contempt of court/perjury/court violations.

Tashante Shane Biggs, 17, 403 Warren St., Wil-

lamston, was charged with simple physical assault.

Jan. 20
Ricky Michael Williams, 27, 300 N.C. 125, Oak City, was charged with two counts of contempt of court/perjury/court violations and one count of parole and probation violation.

Jan. 21
Gerald A. Lawrence, 47, 1432 Bonnie Best Rd., Williamston, was charged with order for arrest/communicating threats.

Jonathan Terrell Holiday, 30, 1036 Duggins Road Ext., Hamilton, was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver a schedule II controlled substance.

Tammy Laverne Woolard, 52, 13677 N.C. 171, Jamesville, was charged with 1st fraud-worthless check.

Jan. 22
Johnny Allen Williams, 45, Mallard Lane, Williamston, was charged with all traffic violations (except driving while intoxicated).
Tyler Jamal Bridges, 16, 1052 Hassell Rd., Oak City, was charged with robbery.

Timothy Ray Colwell, 30, 7038 U.S. 17, Williamston, was charged with contempt

of court/perjury/court violations.
Matthew Tilmon Taylor, 26, 1450 Wilber Robertson Rd., Williamston, was charged with contempt of court/perjury/court violations.

Williamston Police Department

Incidents
Williamston Police Department's reports of incidents include:

Jan. 16
Larceny (from a motor vehicle) and criminal damage to property (vandalism) were reported from Washington Street.

Breaking and entering, larceny and damage to property were reported from Blount Street.

Breaking and entering and larceny were reported from Main Street.

Simple physical assault was reported from Willow Drive.

Jan. 17

Simple physical assault was reported from Pearl Street.
Simple physical assault was reported from Perry Street.

Damage to property was reported from Main Street.
Attempted first degree burglary, damage to property, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a schedule VI controlled substance were reported from Willow Drive.
Criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported from Main Street.

Jan. 18
Larceny-shoplifting was reported from Piggy Wiggle.

Criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported from East Boulevard.

Breaking and entering and criminal damage to property (vandalism) were reported from Hyman Street.

Jan. 19
Simple assault was reported from an unknown location.

Larceny was reported from Pine Street.
Larceny of gas was reported from Trade-Wilson on Washington Street.

Jan. 20
Larceny was reported from Walnut.

Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny were reported from Washington Street.

Breaking and entering of a building and criminal damage to property (vandalism) were reported from Martin Street.

Unattended death was reported from Spruce Street.

Criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported from Roberson Street.

Larceny-shoplifting was reported from Murphy Express on Washington Street.

Call for service was reported from Getlin Street.

Jan. 21
Breaking and entering and criminal damage to property (vandalism) were reported from Pearl Street.

Banquet slated for Jan. 30

BY MELINDA HARELL
Staff Writer

Today is the last day to RSVP to the Industry Appreciation Banquet and Annual Banquet that will be held Thursday, Jan. 30.

The banquet is being hosted by three different entities, which are the Martin County Economic Development Corporation, Martin County Chamber of Commerce and the Martin County Committee of 100.

The guest speaker for the event is Russell J. Heid.

Heid is the senior vice president of business development at Port of Virginia.

Port of Virginia is the third largest port on the east coast and has a substantial impact on the economic development of the area in which it is located and other locations on the east.

Port of Virginia has been recognized as one of the world's leading maritime gateways being used for transport of freight by sea for exporters and importers alike. The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will

also announce the recipient of the Martin County Citizen of the Year Award as well. This is the first year since 2008 that a citizen will be awarded citizen of the year.

The banquet will be held at the Senator Bob Martin Agricultural Center in Williamston beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$200 per person. To RSVP to this event email gparry@martincountycorp.com or call (252) 789-4001.

Record

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knock him out.

It was too much for me to control.

I didn't. I walked right up to this guy that had me by over a half a foot in height and punched him right in the jaw (I didn't knock him out though as I lack the finer techniques of boxing).

These instances of my lack of self-control are only two of many I can assure you. I am lucky I never got in trouble or got a beat down. But I have changed now. I

don't just punch people willy-nilly.

I knew I had changed when the person that hit my car drove away and then denied it approached me last weekend. (This former boxer is going to cause me over \$200 and make my insurance go up, by the way).

She walked up to me and deigned to speak to me and I just looked at her, acknowledged she existed and walked away.

My younger self would have popped her in the face quick, fast and in a hurry. In that moment I realized

that I was different and I liked myself so much more.

I was not susceptible to my own wild feelings. There is something empowering about knowing you can control your greatest weakness. There is something that makes you feel more human and less animalistic about this realization. Instead of feeling like a ridiculous scrapper I felt like a woman with class and grace...but maybe not forgiveness just yet but hey...I hopefully still have years to go to cultivate that one.

Spot

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walked in, loudly raging to the person on the other end about how he (or she) had done him wrong and disrespected him (again, the irony).

Passing all the while, he retrieved a beverage and a snack, stood in line, checked out and left as if oblivious to the fact that he

shares space in this world with other people.

I don't think the advent of cell phones is to blame for rude behavior, but its misuse is evidence of the selfish, disrespectful attitude so prevalent today.

Just like road rage, phone rage is becoming a deadly reality. This was played out recently when a man was killed in a Florida

movie theatre.

Cell phones are here to stay and will continue to test both our manners and our patience.

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The Enterprise & Weekly Herald

Friday Jan. 31, 2014

Bulletin Board is a listing of ongoing activities and events happening in Martin County and the surrounding area. If a listing is outdated or no longer active, we encourage readers to notify us of necessary changes. Contact Martin County Enterprise and Weekly Herald at (252) 792-1181 or send your notices to bulletins@ncweeklies.com, subject line: Bulletins, fax to (252) 792-1921, mail to P.O. Box 387, Williamston, 27892 or drop by our office at 106 W. Main St., Williamston.

CARE: For those in our community who are seeking volunteer activity, we offer the opportunity to serve terminally ill patients and their families' right here in our community. Community Home Care and Hospice will train (free of charge) those everyday heroes living amongst us. Please feel free to call (252) 792-7199 or come by the office at 107 West Boulevard, Williamston, right beside the Days Inn motel.

CRAPTERS: Every third Sunday of the month will be a new group meeting for fellow Crafters. Held 1-5 p.m. at the Blind Center in Washington. Bring your own supplies, drink, etc. Only cost is \$3 and this goes directly to the Blind Center to pay for use of the room. Anyone and everyone are welcome. Youth under 18 require adult supervision. For more information contact Valda Belyeu at (252) 946-6932.

COMMISSION ASSISTS OLDER WORKERS: Are you 55 or older? If you have been unemployed or underemployed during the past 12 months, you may be eligible for assistance from the Mid-East Commission to help you secure work. Mid-East is one of 16 regional councils that offers such services to the citizens of North Carolina who qualify under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The Commission operates with federal, state and local funding. For more information, call (252) 792-7816.

EVENTS: The Everett's Town Board meets every first Thursday at 7 p.m. at Everett's Town Hall.

FARMER'S MARKET: The Farm Life Ruritans meet the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Farm Life Ruritan Building.

FARMERS MARKET: Farmer's Market Association meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Agency conference room. For more information, contact the Extension Agency at 789-4970 or Jean Brownfield at 809-9655.

FOOD PANTRY: Faith Community Outreach operates the food pantry in Robersonville on Tues and Thurs 5-6 PM, Sat 11 AM-noon located at 103 E. Academy St. and in Hamilton West 7:30 AM at Lynch Center. Contact 588-2161 for information.

FOOD PANTRY: Project relief operates a food pantry at Bible Way Church on Spanglers and Center Street in Williamston. The hours are 8-10 a.m. every second and fourth Wednesday. Any family in need of this service, contact Bible Way Church at (252) 792-1358 or after hours, contact Tracy Stokes at (252) 795-3271.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETS: The Martin County Genealogical Society meets every three months on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in conference room in Martin County Community College Library. Visitors are welcome. Dues are \$12 per year for singles and \$18 per year for family.

GIRL SCOUTS: The Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina is looking for caring individuals who are interested in volunteering time to work with girls in the community. Advisors, leaders, mentors, troop assistants, consultants and activity organizers are needed and anyone with special talent or skill. For more information, contact the council at (800) 558-2927, or visit online at www.gscostalnc.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Pathways to hope meets every third Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge Conference Room, 930 Wellness Drive, Greenville. This support group is for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, doesn't have to be cancer related. Contact Ellen Walsdon, MSW, ACSW at (252) 947-7943.

GRIEF: Asara Care Hospice Grief Support meets every third Saturday at 11 a.m. for those who have lost a loved one or are taking care of someone with an illness. A light lunch provided. Please call (800) 685-4258 or (252) 553-3325.

HAMILTON: The Hamilton town board meets every first Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Hamilton Town Hall.

HASSELL: The Hassell town board meets every first Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Hassell Town Hall, located on the corner of East Avenue and N.C. Hwy 142.

HOME GROWN: Martin County Farmer's Market, 403 West Main Street, Williamston is open Saturdays from 7 a.m.-noon. Purchase fresh locally grown and produced vegetables, strawberries, eggs, plants, and much more.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS: The Albemarle Commission Senior Nutrition Home Delivered Meal Program needs volunteers to deliver noontime meals to homebound clients in your neighborhood. If you can give one hour a month to help your neighbor contact Audrey Holland at (252) 426-7093 x 230 or aholland@albemarlecommission.org.

HOUSE PLAQUES: If your property is listed in the National Register and

you would like a plaque documenting this information to place on the property, call (252) 217-4466. Endorsed by the Martin County Historical Society.

INSURANCE QUESTIONS: Volunteers trained by the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP), through the N.C. Dept. of Insurance, are available to assist senior citizens with their questions concerning Medicare Part D. For more information or to make an appointment, call (252) 792-1027.

JAMESVILLE: The Jamesville town board meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

JAMESVILLE RUITAN CLUB: Meets the second Monday of each month at the club building in Jamesville.

MAKING IT: A breast cancer support group meets every third Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at Pitt Memorial Hospital, Lee Jenkins Cancer Center, second floor. Contact Phyllis DeAntonio at (252) 816-7887 or (800) 233-8328.

MARTIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: The county commissioners meet each second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Commissioners' Boardroom in the Martin County Governmental Center.

MCC NEEDS HOUSING: Martin Community College provides a housing list to out-of-the-area students. If you have a housing rental property that you would like included on this list, contact Student Services at (252) 792-1521, ext. 245.

NOMS MORNING OUT: Need to run errands and don't have a babysitter? Call Jody Bickerstaff at Memorial Baptist Church, 109 Church Street, Williamston, (252) 792-9076 for day care on Mondays and Tuesdays (1/2 day program at cost of \$120/month). Program begins Sept. 3.

NARCONON: A program to remind families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free assessments or referrals at 877-413-5073 or visit drugsno.com.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: Are drugs controlling your life? Are you tired? Do you want to stop? There is a solution. A local Jumpstart Narcotics Anonymous (NA) group will meet every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in the rear of Coastal Horizons, 618 East Boulevard, Williamston. For more information, call (252) 661-8328.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL (NAMI): This group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church in Greenville. NAMI is a grassroots organization providing support, education and advocacy for the families and friends of people with serious mental illness and for persons with serious mental illness. For more information contact Mr. or Mrs. Carlos Murray at (252) 758-1284. The Pitt County Chapter is open to residents of Martin County.

NEED PEOPLE: Volunteers for Northeast North Carolina Medical Reserve Corp are needed. Those who have disaster and community outreach training are desired, but training is available. Some will be trained to assist first responders. For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Billie Patrick, NEMRC Coordinator at (252) 791-3125 or email me at billie.patrick@wdrinhealth.org.

OAK CITY: The town of Oak City meets every first Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Oak

City Town Hall.

PARMELE: The town of Parmele meets every first Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Parmele Community Building.

READ: R.E.A.D. with MR program will be held Wednesdays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at First Christian Church in the reading room. Snacks will begin at 4 p.m. This is for ages 4-9 and is a Children's Bible Reading group. Adult must attend with child.

RECYCLING: Cardboard can be brought to Martin Enterprises 6904 W. Main St., Williamston. Place cardboard under the shelter in the back of the building. Items are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days per week. No trash. For directions call (252) 792-8251.

RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL: Martin County Retired School Personnel will meet at 11 a.m. every third Wednesday in May, September, December and February at the Riverside Community Room, Williamston Housing Authority Building, 504 E. Main Street. All retired school personnel are encouraged to attend. All retirees are asked to become a member of the NCRRSP Association in order that you may reap the benefits with a sense of pride. If interested, you may contact President Manning at (252) 792-3808 or membership chairperson Sandra Jones at (252) 792-2013.

ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS: Volunteer drivers are needed in the Martin County Community to assist in transporting local cancer patients to treatment. The American Cancer Society offers this assistance with our Road To Recovery Program. If you are interested in becoming a Road to Recovery driver, please call the American Cancer Society office staff at (252) 659-3608.

ROBERSONVILLE: The Robersonville Town Board meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Robersonville Town Hall.

ROBERSONVILLE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The Robersonville Improvement Committee (RIPC) will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

ROBERSONVILLE MASONS: Golden Star Lodge #776 FFA, 204 Morten St., Robersonville will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the lodge at 7:30 p.m. Master masons active/inactive call W.M. Jimmy Thigpen (252) 944-3392.

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT GROUP: This group will focus on offering a supportive environment that encourages the emotional healing of sexual assault survivors. Meeting will be held each Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. at the REAL Crisis Center, 101 Anderson St., Greenville. Contact Krystal Boykin at (252) 758-4357.

SPEAKING SKILLS: Martin County Mission Union will offer Youth Workshops through W.C. Chaney/East End Cultural Center on Developing Speaking Skills at 6 p.m. every Thursday. All youth grades 6-11 interested need to meet at the center on Cochran Street, Robersonville. For more information call (252) 795-4268.

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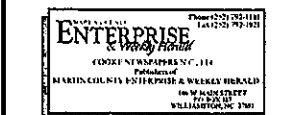
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Recognized for work in renewable energy

Dare County Schools facilities Director Jim Winebarger was recognized at the Jan. 14 Dare Board of Education meeting. Winebarger is vice president of the Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development Council. At the Southeast region RC&D meeting in Florida, Winebarger received the Council Member of the Year Award in recognition of his leadership on the Renewable Energy Economic Solutions Project with Albemarle RC&D, through a grant from the N.C. Rural Center. Winebarger was nominated for his commitment to developing renewable energy and for promoting wind and solar energy in grades K-12. The Albemarle RC&D Council works with partners in 10 counties around the Albemarle and Pamlico Sound to conserve natural resources and create economic and community development opportunities. From left are board member David Oaksmith, Winebarger and Superintendent of Schools Sue Burgess.

DSS: Heating assistance program targets elderly

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least one U.S. citizen or non-citizen who meets the eligibility criteria, meet an income test, have reserves at or below \$2,000, and be responsible for his heating bills.

The program was first established nationally in 1981 and is funded annually through Congressional appropriations. The program's mission is to provide assistance to low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of their income to heat their homes. The program offers one-time financial assistance to qualifying households.

The program recognizes that, while energy assistance is important to everyone eligible to receive it, it is even more important if a household includes someone especially at risk for a life threatening illness or death if their home is too cold in the winter.

Those interested in participating in the LIEAP program are

encouraged to visit the DSS office and ask for an Emergency Services Social Worker. Offices are located in Mantoo at 107 Exeter Street and on Hatteras Island in Frisco at 50347 N.C. Highway 12.

If the application is approved, DSS will make the payment directly to the utility service provider. Applications can be submitted Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at either DSS location.

"We want to ensure that our older adults who may be in need of heating assistance have the opportunity to apply for this assistance," said DSS Hatteras Island Satellite Office Emergency and Prevention Services Social Worker Amberly Dyer. "A crisis — e.g., disconnect — is not required for the LIEAP program. Our Mantoo office is 475-5500 and the Hatteras Island Satellite Office in Frisco is 475-0320. Please help us spread the word that this is income eligible."

DSS Family Services Supervisor Leigh Bracy explained, "LIEAP is

a program that households can apply for once a year for heating assistance. If they are income eligible. Families must re-apply each year and must be found income eligible. Payment amount is determined by household size and income."

Encouraging people in the community to keep an eye open for others who may be eligible, Bracy said, "Please send them in to apply ASAP. So often the elderly are in need of assistance and either don't know it is available or don't want to ask for help, and this assistance can be extremely helpful during these cold winter months."

"If someone is elderly and unable to come in to the office, please let us know and we will make efforts to get an application over the phone and/or through a home visit."

She added, "Effective February 1, this program will open to the general public that is income eligible."

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NAIANT: A world of music in one little store

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2005, O'Neil worked as an accountant under contract with a D.C. law firm for his first year here. As that contract was coming to a close, he started looking for other kinds of work. In 2006 he started an audio electronics business, at first working out of his home.

Explaining that he's still pursuing that — and enjoying working in the "technical side" of music — O'Neil said his heart eventually led him to something different. "I was in rock bands in high school," he said. "I played bass guitar." Confessing that he "put down the instrument for a couple of years," O'Neil paused and reflected that he always ended up going back.

"I've also been collecting instruments for probably 15 or 16 years. We used to go to a lot of Renaissance fairs that had performers with reproductions of period instruments. We went to craft fairs where people were selling their handmade dulcimers. I just kept collecting."

Over the years, his collection grew both large and "eclectic."

The store's name — "Naiant" — came from a 16th century French word that means "swimming." O'Neil said the name seemed to fit the beach location

— and lent itself to a coat of arms featuring an image of a large fish. "It seems to work with the period aspect of the store, because it looks like something you'd see hanging outside a Renaissance fair store — dating back to the days when people didn't read and went by the symbol over the door."

O'Neil provided a leisurely tour of his phenomenally extensive collection. The instruments range from lutes and harps to the mandolin family, dulcimers, bouzoukis, banjos, nylon and steel-string guitars, violins, violas and cellos, the vast selection of ukuleles on the Outer Banks, mirl-silurs, tamburas, Irish frame drums, steel drums, congas, djembes, tablas, keyboards, pan flutes, the recorder family, ocarinas, harmonicas and exotic instruments like the Australian didgeridoo, rain stick, kalimbas and wash tubs.

There is also a wide variety of music boxes, wind chimes, toy instruments, arts and crafts items, gifts and accessories for band instruments and all the instruments sold.

O'Neil said he is pleased to see a resurgence in acoustic music in recent years, noting that the ukulele has "really taken off among high school students." He suggested checking

out the YouTube video of ukulele master Jake Shimabukuro doing a virtuoso rendition of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

O'Neil added that he loves the "synergy" of the store's location in the Central Square Shopping Center — Milepost 11 on the Bypass in Nags Head — just down from the Ashtanga Yoga Center, the Sass & Jewels Boutique, Outer Banks Centre for Dance, the Sentinel, Electric Beach Tanning, a variety of antique shops and the Church of the Good Shepherd. The address is 2910 S. Croatan Highway, #14. The store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

"It's an excellent location for us," O'Neil said. "And I love what we have that the chain stores don't. Someone can come in and talk with the owner. The service is great and it's far more personal. But what is really unique about our store is the way we can give people the experience of exploring different nations' and periods' instruments — all in one place. I long to hear someone say 'I've heard of these, but I've never seen one.'"

For more information, call 252-441-2020 or visit naiant.com.

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School board honors Employees of the Year

On Jan. 14 the Dare County Board of Education recognized Employees of the Year First Flight Middle School Media Assistant Terry Wingerth and First Flight High School Cafeteria Manager Deb Fackel. The district's Employees of the Year program recognizes employees who exhibit dependability and dedication, produce an outstanding quality of work and make unique contributions to the overall mission of Dare County schools. From left are Board of Education member David Oaksmith, Wingerth, Fackel and Superintendent of Schools Sue Burgess.

KING: The dream lives on

FROM PAGE A1

beard, even Aaron's beard that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

Mount Olivet United Methodist Church Pastor Jerry Cribb prayed, "Lord God, indeed it is good when brothers and sisters dwell together in unity. For that is the spirit with which Jesus came into this world to show love, compassion, grace, peace and healing to every person. God, as we gather today to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., we rejoice in this prophet of God who followed many prophets throughout the ages and who brought the words of love and grace to a whole nation."

Monday Night Alive students shared remembrances of Dr. King and South African President Nelson Mandela.

Keynote speaker Paul Kinsey, Dare County Schools accountability data manager, reviewed King's famous 17-minute speech delivered at the Lincoln Memo-

rial in 1963 and known simply as the "I have a dream" speech. Kinsey said his theme for today was "keeping the dream alive."

Surveying some of the history of racial injustice and discrimination in America, Kinsey likened the struggle of slaves in the 19th century to the work of King and the civil rights leaders of the 20th century: "They did what was necessary to survive in order to make a better day for their children."

He said that legacy continues: "That is what a lot of us in this room are willing to do today. Willing to take on the struggle in order to make a better life for our children. It is in doing this that Martin's dream will live on and the promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness will be realized."

Kinsey challenged the adults in the room to "answer the call" and face and overcome today's obstacles standing in the way of achieving that promise: drugs, alcohol, gang violence, bullying and missed educational opportunities. "If we are going to keep the dream alive," Kinsey said, "we must

first save our youth and our communities from the evils that threaten them every day."

Kinsey also presented a challenge to the youth: "Young people, it is your responsibility — and your responsibility alone — to be the best you can be. It is your responsibility to dream. It is your job to look to the future, to dream of a better day and to make the right choices — today and every day — that will enable you to walk through the doors of opportunity that we are working so desperately and so hard to keep open for you."

Mantoo Elementary School Principal Mary Anne Wetzel introduced fifth grade students Kor Veon Billups and Emma Fleming, who read their prize-winning essays on the inspiration they have received from King.

Everyone present then joined hands and sang the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome." Monica "Punk" Daniels closed the program in prayer, asking God's blessing on the food and fellowship to follow.

For more on Dr. King, see 1 WAS JUST THINKING, Page A4.

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Roper police officer promoted to sergeant

By THOMAS A. HUBSON
Staff Writer

After facing hard times and being demoted in the past, Roper Police Officer Johnny Wiggins was promoted to sergeant Monday, January 13.

Following a short closed session, Roper Town Council announced the promotion.

Wiggins' wife, Shannon, said Tuesday following the meeting that the family was very happy and proud of him and it was a very "deserving" promotion.

During their regular meeting, council decided Monday night to call for

recess instead of adjourning the meeting.

According to council clerk, town council members will have to come back at a later time in order for the mayor to present budget revisions.

Mayor Estelle "Bunny" Sanders said Monday night.

That due to working on a special project the budget wasn't ready to present with the amendments. Council members decided to recess until Tuesday, January 28 at 5:15 p.m. to vote on the amendment of

the budget.

Town council also heard updates on the Small

Business Entrepreneurial Assistance, the grant that is assisting with the new restaurant in Roper. According to the mayor, the progress is a little behind schedule but is believed to

be completed by mid-February.

There was no update available on the Talent Enhancement Capacity building, there was no meeting held in December and council clerk said they are

waiting to hear about the January meeting. Council members also approved changes to the personnel manual and the updated plan of fair housing.

In other business, council approved a request from the mayor to apply for Golden Leaf grant in the amount of \$30,000 to offset the cost of finishing up the restaurant.

"Golden Leaf has some money that will allow us not to have to take as much as we hoped to from the town's budget," said Sanders.

Prior to going into closed session, Sanders

told council members that the church down the road that has been owned by the town for two decades and in service for the last 15 years has offered to

buy back the building from the church. According to Sanders, the town is asking for \$2,000 down payment and total cost of \$20,000 to be paid at 5.25 percent interest and asked not to exceed five years.

"I think it'll be a good idea for the town not to

own the church," the mayor added.

Council approved and Sanders said it would be handed over to the town's attorney.

When council reconvened from closed session the only action taken was the promotion of Wiggins.

The next town council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28 at 5:15 p.m. in the town hall building to discuss budget amendments.



WIGGINS

Jamesville works with county for rescue

By KATHY WATERS
Special to The Beacon

Jamesville received a "good, clean audit opinion" for the 2013 fiscal year during its regular meeting Monday evening, January 13.

Karen Shook with Carr, Riggs and Ingram CPA, addressed the board with these comments: "This was a very smooth audit with a good and clean opinion."

"A clean opinion is the highest rating that can be received."

"The fund balance was increased by \$32,000. The town is well above the state average compared to other towns in your population group relative to your fund balance."

"The water and sewer fund had a positive increase and a positive cash flow which is always good."

"I credit the town in your efforts to collect back taxes."

After hearing the report, Commissioner Jim Williams praised Town Clerk, Kim Sutton, and said: "I would like to thank Kim for the great job she does for the town."

The board also discussed the fate of the Jamesville Middle School.

The Martin County Board of Education has discussed shutting the school down.

Commissioner Jim Williams suggested a resolution to be sent to the county and school board, "to leave our school alone."

Library board sets meeting

Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday January 27, at the Tyrrell County Library in Columbia.

This meeting is open to the public.

There were concerns expressed about what would happen to the building if the school was closed. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

In new business, Timmie Modlin, President and Captain of the Jamesville Rescue Squad, made an appeal for paid daytime coverage for emergency medical services. A proposal, using the model of Hamilton-Oak City, is being developed, hopefully to have these services in place by July 1.

"We would like the town to consider helping support this proposal with \$10,000 to cover the shortfall," Modlin said.

"Last year the Jamesville Rescue Squad had 300 calls. Twenty-two percent of those calls were within the town of Jamesville, which is one of the reasons the town should bear some of the costs."

"Jamesville has two of the oldest transport units in the county. The building is now officially paid

for. Jamesville Rescue covers nearly one-third of the county's total service area."

"We would like to begin staffing these positions by July 1 of this year."

"I'm here to say that the county is willing to be a part of the solution," said county manager David Bone. "We can't be the entire solution."

Town commissioners agreed that there is indeed a need and was very supportive and agreed to work with the rescue group to develop the plan for day-time coverage.

In other business, Mayor Brad Davis reported that he had toured Marco, and he understands they plan to start operating on a small scale later this month.

There was also discussion about how to dispose of library books stored next door to the town office.

Commissioners Mary Allen and Carolyn Manning have been tasked with coming up with a plan for

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Deciding on a career? BCCC launches new coach

Beaufort County Community College this week has announced the launch of a new career exploration tool available to students, prospective students and members of the community free of charge.

Known as Career Coach, the career exploration tool is available on the BCCC website at www.beaufortccc.edu.

"Beaufort County Community College is proud to offer this valuable career source tool to our students and to members of the

community," said college President Barbara Tansey in announcing the availability of Career Coach. "It will not only help our region's young people who are just beginning to explore career choices, it will also help our mid-career residents who want to upgrade their skills or explore new career possibilities."

Through a simple keyword search, any visitor to BCCC's website can learn about the employment prospects of careers they

want to search. The real-time information is customized to BCCC's geographic region and includes detailed wage estimates and up-to-date job postings associated with any career.

Career Coach users will also be directed to related instructional programs at BCCC when searching for specific jobs.

If a career doesn't look like the right fit, individuals can search for similar jobs and see the skills needed to move to that

career. They can also search for careers based on the college's top training programs or the program or major that interests them.

Career Coach also includes a built-in resume builder to help students and job-seekers quickly and efficiently put together an updated resume with key skills and job experience highlighted.

Career Coach has been made available to BCCC through the N.C. Advanced Manufacturing Alliance,

a consortium of community colleges funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant to help community colleges across the state upgrade the skills of their graduates entering careers in manufacturing and industry.

Career Coach is just the latest career-building tool offered at BCCC. The college operates a Career Center under the direction of Sandra McFadden that helps students prepare resumes, find an interesting career and search for jobs

in the region. The center is located in Building 9 on the BCCC campus.

For information about these services, contact McFadden at 252-940-6353 or by email at sandymcf@beaufortccc.edu.

For more information about Career Coach or to schedule a demonstration of it for your group, contact Jay Sullivan, vice president of Research and Institutional Effectiveness, at 252-940-6203 or by email at jaysul@beaufortccc.edu.

Community colleges announce honor students, graduates

BCCC Beaufort County Community College has released the honor roll for the 2013 Fall Semester. Full-time students maintaining a grade point average, or GPA, of 3.0 or better were placed on the All "A's" list. Students maintaining a 3.5 GPA were placed on the Dean's List.

The following students from Washington County, Jamesville and northeastern Beaufort County were named to the honor roll:

All "A's": Beaufort County: Belhaven — Pein Jasmin Flores, Craig S. Ward, Zachary Thomas Warren, Pantego — Emily Rose

Brinley, Miriam Paige Lamb, Victoria Paige Robbins, Pinetown — Mercedes Caitlin Bruhn, Eric Connor Collier, Casey Shane Miller, Richard Thomas Pittman, Victoria Faye Wallace.

Marina County: Jamesville — Alexis Christian Ange, Gladys Yvonne Knett, Krista Lynn Silverthorne.

Washington County: Plymouth — Gwendolyn Davis Allen, Kevin Michael Baker, Dean Selh Cahoon, Jeffrey Egerton, Sheronda Harris, Kayla Ann Roberts.

Dean's List:

Belhaven — Allen Jackson Currell, Caroline

Elizabeth Elzey, Dawn Denise Fletcher, Jayson Richard Jones, Lydia Bell O'Neal, Keshia N. O'Neil, Jordan Poeser, Jose Javier Ramirez, Savannah Jo Selby, Jerome D. Stively, Catherine Barrow Spring, Christopher Lee Tye, Pantego — Katie J. Brinley, Claudia Anne Clehorz, Courtney Colrain, Daveon Vereen, Pinetown — Isaac Thomas Colrain, Jordan Danielle Cooke, Blake Winfield Pasz, Rebecca Gail Pinkham, Brndley Joseph Radcliffe.

Marina County: Jamesville — Jenny Lynn Barber, Meredith Nicole Spear.

Washington County: Creswell — Ignacio Julian Hernandez, Plymouth — Bridgette Nichole Huffman, Adam Chandler Simmons, Roper — Jonathan E. Stolesbury, Shenika Laquan Swain.

Dean's List: To be named to the Dean's List, students must be full-time with a semester grade point average of at least 3.50.

Those earning the distinction are: Andrew T. Williams, Creswell; Madison M. Ambrose, Plymouth; Katie E. Barnes, Plymouth; Clifford L. Caldwell, Plymouth; Kendra A. Sprull, Plymouth.

Graduates: Amber Renee Craft, Plymouth; Danielle Parmelia, Plymouth; Savannah Lynne Sprull, Plymouth; and Tiffany Jo Hulton, Roper.

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Honor roll recipients must maintain a semester grade point average of at least 3.0. Those named are: Zachary J. Kunchers, Plymouth; Matthew S. Linton, Roper; and Jeanie N. Marrow, Roper.



Terra Ceia Christian Academy elementary students watch a video showing testimonials and the importance of the American Heart Association, getting ready for a "Jump Rope for Heart" campaign on February 28. (Courtesy photo)

BCCC to offer food safety courses

Beaufort County Community College will offer two ServSafe® courses on food safety and consumer health for restaurant workers and managers in all phases of a food service career leading to the ServSafe® examination.

The class will be held 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Feb. 18 through 27 in Room 829 of Building 8 on the BCCC campus. The registration fee is \$70.

The one-day class to provide pre-study of the exam will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 on the BCCC campus. This class requires pre-study of the ServSafe® Manager Book, 6th edition, in

order to be successful on the ServSafe® exam. The registration fee is \$70.

BCCC will also offer a one-hour review of ServSafe® materials followed by the certification exam 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29 in Room 829 of Building 8 on the BCCC campus. The registration fee is \$15.

The textbook and exam materials must be purchased in advance by the student from the National Restaurant Association or at the BCCC book store.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Medical services company creates local jobs

SMA will locate its office in Chowan County

EDENTON - Governor Pat McCrory and N.C. Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker announced Tuesday that Standard Medical Acceptance (SMA) Corporation will locate its offices in Chowan County. The company plans to create 32 jobs and invest more than \$552,000 over the next three years in Edenton.

"Employers looking to expand or relocate their business continue to choose Eastern North Carolina for its strong job creation climate and skilled workforce," said McCrory. "The North Carolina model is a blueprint for job creation, and the investment Standard Medical Acceptance is making in

Edenton with more than 32 high-paying jobs opens the door to significant opportunities for Chowan County and its families."

SMA enables health care providers to realize the true current collateral value of their receivables and enables them to receive next day bank funding at attractive rates while protecting the bank against overvaluation of their collateral.

"The Department of Commerce is committed to working with existing companies to grow jobs," said Decker. "We congratulate Standard Medical Acceptance Corporation for its success and for investing in Chowan County."

Building on a foundation of extensive experience encompassing securitization, collateral valuation, health care finance and trade clearing, the New York-based company has developed a unique technology platform that addresses and solves funding problems for health care providers. The company will be locating its new operations center in Edenton. In addition, SMA will expand and relocate the company's main data processing facilities to North Carolina.

hospital.

"The level of support and enthusiasm that SMA has experienced in Edenton is unprecedented in our experience," said Bill Lansen, who co-founded SMA together with Sylvain Raynes.

Raynes added that, "the way in which The Support Center, N.C. Department of Commerce, Edenton Chowan Partnership, Town of Edenton and the people of Edenton worked in collaboration with our firm, as well as the can-do attitude that made this move possible, represent a paradigm shift in cooperative development that other states should try to emulate."

The project was made possible in part by a performance-based grant from the One North Carolina Fund of up to \$150,000. The One NC Fund provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business

projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Companies receive no money up front and must meet job creation and investment performance standards to qualify for grant funds. These grants also require and are contingent upon local matches.

"My first priority in Chowan County is job creation," said Representative Bob Steinburg. "Our top-notch workforce has created a strong business climate, and this announcement will bolster our local economy."

Other partners that helped with this project include the N.C. Department of Commerce, N.C. Community Colleges, College of the Albemarle, North Carolina's Northeast Commission, The N.C. Support Center, Edenton Chowan Partnership, Town of Edenton and the Golden LEAF Foundation.

WELCOME ABOARD



Amy Brazell (right), the new Executive Vice-President of the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce, chats with Ahoskie Town Council members Charles Freeman (left) and Elaine Myers at the recent meeting of the Council. Brazell is succeeding outgoing Chamber Executive Vice President Dan Joyner, now the Director of the Small Business Center at Roanoke-Chowan Community College.

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Vidant Health receives national award for quality/patient safety initiatives

Health system only one of four in nation to receive the Eisenberg Award

GREENVILLE — Vidant Health has been chosen to receive one of the nation's most prestigious recognitions for performance in quality and safety.

Vidant Health has been awarded the 2013 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award from the National Quality Forum (NQF) and The Joint Commission. The award was for Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality at the Local Level. Vidant Health is only one of four organizations being recognized nationally for its quality and patient safety initiatives.

Specifically, it was chosen for its system-wide quality transformation. During the last five years, Vidant Health has outlined a series of interventions to improve patient safety and quality that included board literacy in quality, an aggressive transparency policy, patient-family partnerships, and leader and physician engagement. Implementation of specific initiatives associated with each approach occurred in the ensuing years.

The transformation of

the system has resulted in an 80 percent reduction in serious safety events; a 62 percent reduction in hospital-acquired infections; a 98 percent optimal care in core measures from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid; patient experience performance in the top 20 percent; and more than 150 patient advisors partnering with leaders, physicians, and front-line staff in safety and quality work.

From the bedside to the boardroom, the improvement in quality is evident across Vidant Health's nine hospitals and ambulatory surgery and home health/hospice services.

"We are very honored and pleased to join some of our most respected peers and receive this award. The work that has been accomplished across all of Vidant Health speaks to the commitment of our staff to deliver the best care possible," said Dr. David Herman, president and CEO, Vidant Health. "The true beneficiaries of this award are our patients and their families, whose care has been made more

safe and effective."

The 2013 winners represent numerous achievements in the field of patient safety and quality, including: prevention of more than 5,400 readmissions; system-wide engagement to reduce medical errors; an adverse patient-safety event that catalyzed an important and successful quality transformation; and an individual's lifetime achievement in the field of patient safety and quality.

The other three winners for 2013 include: Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality at the National Level - Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI), Bloomington, MN; Minnesota Hospital Association, St. Paul, MN; and Stratis Health, Bloomington, MN (Dr. Herman served on the Board of Directors of ICSI from 2007-2011).

Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality at the National Level - Anthem Blue Cross, Woodland Hills, CA; National Health Foundation, Los Angeles, CA; Hospital Association of Southern California, Los Angeles,

CA; Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties, San Diego, CA; and the Hospital Council of Northern & Central California, Sacramento, CA.

Individual Achievement - Gail L. Warden, President Emeritus of Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI.

The patient safety awards program, launched in 2002 by NQF and The Joint Commission, honors John M. Eisenberg, M.D., M.B.A., former administrator of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Dr. Eisenberg was also a member of the founding Board of Directors of NQF. In his roles both as AHRQ administrator and chair of the federal government's Quality Interagency Coordination Task Force, he was a passionate advocate for patient safety and health care quality and personally led AHRQ's grant program to support patient safety research.

"The achievements of this year's Eisenberg Award recipients are exemplary," says Mark R.

Chassin, MD, FACP, MPH, president and CEO, The Joint Commission. "Their tireless dedication to making their organizations and the healthcare industry safer for patients, saving lives, and decreasing costs deserves to be applauded."

"We congratulate this year's Eisenberg Award recipients for the tremendous strides they have taken toward improving the patient experience by making care safer," said Christine Casol, MD, president and CEO of NQF. "Our winners exemplify the nation's quality movement and underscore the vital importance of our work at the National Quality Forum to foster the best thinking to improve healthcare quality and patient safety through measurement."

The awards will be presented at NQF's 2014 Annual Conference in February.

The May 2014 issue of

"The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety" also will feature the achievements of each of the award recipients.

About Vidant Health

Vidant Health, a not-for-profit corporation, owns, leases or has a majority membership interest in nine eastern North Carolina hospitals. The health system includes Vidant Beaufort Hospital, Vidant Bertie Hospital, Vidant Chowan Hospital, Vidant Duplin Hospital, Vidant Edgecombe Hospital, The Outer Banks Hospital, Vidant Medical Center, Vidant Pungo Hospital, Vidant Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, Vidant Home Health and Hospice; Vidant Wellness Centers and physician practices, and is affiliated with the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. On the web at www.vidanthealth.com.

Gates County native elected to lead Natural Gas Supply Association



DENA WIGGINS

WASHINGTON, DC - Gates County native Dena E. Wiggins has been elected to serve as president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) by the NGSA Board.

Located in Washington, D.C., NGSA represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Wiggins is the daughter of Maxine and Marvin Wiggins of Hobbsville. She holds a

Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Currently Wiggins is a partner in the law firm of Ballard Spahr in Washington, DC, where she leads the Process Gas Consumers Group, a trade association of industrial natural gas consumers. She has over 20 years of experience representing energy clients, with a focus on federal regula-

tory matters including natural gas transportation and storage.

Wiggins succeeds Skip Horvath, who is retiring in spring of 2014. Horvath said, "The Board made an excellent choice in selecting Dena to lead NGSA. She is a consummate professional whose Washington experience will allow her to smoothly step in and move the association forward."

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GET TO KNOW



Samantha Allen

Originally from Roanoke Rapids, 19-year-old Samantha Allen went to Roanoke Rapids High School two years and graduated from KIPP Pride High. Allen currently lives in Daytona Beach, Fla., where she attends Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, studying Aerospace Engineering. She is currently at home with family recovering from a recent knee surgery due to a sports injury.

Q: How did it feel leaving home for the first time?
A: It was amazing. I graduated a year early and I've always been pushing, going out and doing different things. I want to be an astronaut

one day. I have high hopes.

Q: Why do you want to be an astronaut?
A: When I was in middle school, I got a scholarship to camp in Alabama. It had astronaut training. We actually designed rockets. It got me interested.

Q: How will it benefit you to become an astronaut?

A: I reached for the stars with my goals, and getting a degree in the aerospace engineering field, I can still do something even if I don't become an astronaut. It's just a dream I've always had.

Q: How will it benefit others for you to become an astronaut?
A: In my Woman of Excellence essay I wrote about how the ratio of boys to girls in

the aerospace engineering field is 14 to 1. I'm hoping to break that trend by showing women are suited for the field.

Q: What are your plans for the future in your career?

A: Most aerospace companies are going to the moon. I want to work with NASA. They plan to land an astronaut on an asteroid in the next 30 years. My goal is to go beyond our atmosphere, to Mars and places like that.

Q: If there was one message you could give to young people everywhere what would that be?

A: To quote Abraham Lincoln, "Always bear in mind your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing. This is what makes [lives] dreams come true."

Q: What would you like to see happen for the Roanoke Valley?

A: I would like to see young people strive for more than just here.

Most people settle instead of striving for their dreams and goals.

Q: What makes your community special?

A: I always liked the small-town values. Going away to the big city and coming home — everyone is like family. It's nice to have something like that to come home to.

— Interview conducted by Della Rose.

"Get To Know" is an ongoing series that will spotlight various members of the Roanoke Valley through a question-and-answer format in hopes to better inform the public of the people who shape our communities. If you have a suggestion of a person you believe would be a good candidate for "Get To Know," contact Managing Editor Matt Lindberg at mlindberg@rdailyherald.com. In that email, please list the person's name and phone number, as well as a description as to why they would be a good candidate to profile.

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NATION

GERMANTOWN, MD.

Police: Mom thought exorcism needed

A police captain said a Maryland woman accused of killing her two children has told investigators that she thought an exorcism was necessary to remove the presence of the devil.

Capt. Marcus Jones of the Montgomery County police department said Sunday that Zakieya Latrice Avery made the statements during interviews with police. Jones said another woman charged in the killings, Morfita Denise Sanford, has made similar statements.

Police have said the women believed they were performing an exorcism. Jones said police recovered two knives from the home after responding there Friday.



AVERY

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.

One dead in Purdue shooting

One person was killed inside a Purdue University classroom Tuesday by a gunman who surrendered to a police officer within minutes of the attack, officials said.

Purdue Police Chief John Cox said the man appeared to have targeted the victim, also a male, around noon in a basement classroom of the Electrical Engineering Building. Cox said he didn't attack anyone else.

"The individual entered the facility and took the actions that he took, and then immediately left the facility without any other interaction that we're aware of," Cox said.

The suspect gave himself up to a West Lafayette police officer outside the building on the 40,000-student campus, he said.



Police investigate a report of a shooting Tuesday at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

NEW YORK

Examiner: Remains are autistic teen's

Human remains found last week along the East River belong to an autistic teen who walked out of his school more than three months ago and vanished, the medical examiner's office said Tuesday.

Avonte Oquendo's remains — a left arm and lower torso and legs — were identified through DNA given by his family. They were discovered Thursday after a teenager shooting photos for a school project noticed the arm on the riverbank. Police then found the lower part of a torso and legs on the rocks at low tide, along with black Air Jordan sneakers, white socks and tattered denim jeans.

A part of a skull and teeth were recovered a few days later.

— From wire reports

Archdiocese hid decades of child sex abuse

CHICAGO (AP) — After a 13-year-old boy reported in 1979 that a priest raped him and later threatened him at gunpoint to keep quiet, the Archdiocese of Chicago assured the boy's parents that although the cleric avoided prosecution, he would receive treatment and have no further contact with minors.

But the Rev. William Cloutier, who already had been accused of molesting other children, was



CLOUTIER

returned to ministry a year later and accused of more abuse before he resigned in 1983, two years after the boy's parents filed a lawsuit. Officials took no action against Cloutier over his earliest transgressions because he "sounded repentant," according to internal archdiocese

documents released Tuesday that show how the archdiocese tried to contain a mounting scandal over child sexual abuse.

For decades, those at the highest levels of the nation's third-largest archdiocese moved accused priests from parish to parish while hiding the clerics' histories from the public.

The documents, released through settlements between attorneys for the archdiocese and

victims, describe how the late Cardinals John Cody and Joseph Bernardini often approved the reassignments.

The archdiocese removed some priests from ministry, but often years or decades after the clergy were known to have molested children.

While disturbing stories of clergy sexual abuse have wracked the Roman Catholic Church across the globe, the newly released docu-

ments offer the broadest look yet into how one of its largest and most prominent American dioceses responded to the scandal.

The documents, posted online Tuesday, cover only 30 of the at least 65 clergy for whom the archdiocese says it has substantiated claims of child abuse.

Vatican documents related to the 30 cases were not included, under the negotiated terms of the disclosure.



A pedestrian walks in the middle of a road to avoid snow covered sidewalks Tuesday in Cincinnati.

Winter storm disrupts flights, school day across East Coast

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Thousands of flights were canceled, students got an extra day off from school or were being sent home early, and the federal government closed its offices in the Washington area Tuesday as another winter storm bore down on the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

The National Weather Service said the storm could bring 10 to 14 inches of snow to Philadelphia and southern New England and up to a foot in New York City, to be followed by bitter cold.

An arctic air mass will plunge the eastern half of the United States into a deep freeze, with wind chills as low as 40 degrees below zero, the weather

service said.

It warned of heavy winds and hazardous driving conditions as the storm moved up the East Coast.

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Higher-income Americans hit hardest by tax changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Higher-income Americans and some legally married same-sex couples are likely to feel the biggest bite from tax law changes when they file their 2013 returns in the next couple of months. Taxpayers also will have a harder time taking medical deductions.

Other changes this year: The tax rate tables and standard deduction have been adjusted for inflation, and the Alternative Minimum Tax has been patched to prevent more middle-income taxpayers from being drawn in. There's now a simpler way to compute the home office deduction.

Though the tax changes were set early, the filing season is being delayed because of the two-week government shutdown last October.

People won't be able to begin filing federal returns until Jan. 31.

That doesn't change the deadline, however. It's still April 15.

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SHOOTING

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While none of the victims are members of Gaillard's church, he and other local religious leaders gathered with the victims' families at the hospital. Gaillard and about 20 other pastors gathered with more than 100 members of the community Tuesday afternoon for a Concert of Prayer.

"The only sounds we want to hear is the sounds of children playing in the snow, but instead we hear the reverberation of gunfire in our hearts," said the Rev. Jody Wright, pastor of Lake-side Baptist Church.

The hour-long event was filled with prayers for not only the shooting victims, but for all area youth as well as the gunman. Many of the pastors included calls for action and for the shooting to serve as a catalyst for change within the community.



Barbara Allen raises her hands in prayer during the Concert of Prayer on Tuesday at West Tabernacle. The local church community gathered together after the tragic shooting of four young men behind West Tabernacle on Monday at 8 p.m.

"People need to get involved, not point fingers," Gaillard said. "Every single

person in this community is carrying a piece and the puzzle is called Rocky Mount. If

everyone brings their piece to the table, we can put together the puzzle and solve

this together."

Various community leaders have vowed to hold public meetings in the coming weeks to identify the issues that lead to violence as well as identify solutions to address the issues. Gaillard urged the community not to seek revenge for the incident, but turn toward God.

"I hope we can stem the temptation of retaliation," he said. "This is four people with gunshot wounds of some kind and those four people are in four community, four families and four groups of friends. The ability for this to ripple is very significant, but it is important for everyone to remember that the old law of an eye for an eye leaves everyone blind."

The Rev. Dennis Darville, pastor of First Baptist Church, urged the community to recognize the positive ripple potential from the event—a sentiment that was echoed by other church leaders.

"Oh, Lord, forgive us when we have put out your light by looking the other way or being lazy in our faith," said the Rev. Kathy Jo Mitchell, pastor of First Christian Church. "We ask that you set your light burning within each and every one of us again, Lord."

May there be a glow at the corner of Nashville Road and Raleigh Boulevard, so that the city might wake up."

Rocky Mount police are searching for a single suspect who was seen around the basketball court before the shooting and was seen running toward a light blue small SUV.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 977-1111 or crimestoppers@rocky-mountnc.gov. Text a tip to police at 274537 by beginning messages with RMPOL to direct the tip to the Rocky Mount Police Department and type up to 165 characters about the information.

BOARD

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as the newest member of the board.

Other candidates included Paul "Pete" Armstrong, Paul Davis and Latasha Sledge. Board members first voted by written ballot to narrow the field to two finalists—Grover and Sledge.

Board attorney Rod

Malone counted each of the ballots, which confirmed Grover as the appointee.

Grover will serve through the November election and has the option to run for re-election if he chooses, school officials said.

"School districts are constantly being asked to do more with less," Grover said. "We have to find ways to be more efficient and find resources. While I don't have any direct public school ex-

perience, I'm passionate about education. I have worked for a health education center and have taught (at the) community college level."

Grover serves as director of implementation of state-level initiatives for OptiCare Managed Vision in Rocky

Mount. He has worked with Nash Community College as well as Area Health Education Center. Grover also served as a member of the N.C. Wesleyan College Board of Directors, the Nash Community College Business Technologies Advisory Board and the Halifax Community College Dental Hygiene Advisory Board.

The newly appointed board member has a bachelor's degree from N.C. Wes-

leyan College and a master's degree from East Carolina University.

"I'm looking forward to helping the board in the effort to help continue the forward progress of our growing and successful school system," Grover said.

School board Chairwoman Evelyn Bulluck said she was pleased with each of the four candidates and the unique qualifications of each individual.

"I thought each of the four candidates brought a different perspective," Bulluck said. "They were all great candidates and any of them would have done a great job. The board selected Mr. Grover, we are excited to welcome him to the board and we are looking forward to working with him as our District 7 representative."

Grover will be sworn in Monday at the board's regular meeting.

PROPERTY

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estate for Capitol Broadcasting, offered her the position.

"Michael and I have talked about this property for several years, and talked about different things that could be possible," she said. "I think he just felt like it was the right time (to move forward with development), so he gave me a call."

Chavez said it is too early to comment about possible tenants.

"But we are getting to work figuring out the best way to approach the mill and move things forward," she said.

In May 2007, Capitol Broadcasting closed on the deal to purchase the Rocky Mount Mills. The more than 50 acres of property includes 300,000 square feet of mill and factory buildings along with about 30 mill houses and 30 vacant

lots.

Capitol Broadcasting Co. is a diversified communications company that owns and operates WRAL-TV and other television and radio stations.

Its real estate interests include the American Tobacco Project in Durham.

The second-oldest cotton mill in the state, Rocky

Mount Mills closed its doors in 1994, putting 529 employees out of work.

The mill has historical significance. During the Civil War in 1863, Gen. William T. Sherman torched the mill because Confederate uniforms were made there.

John Mebane was the sixth-generation president of Rocky Mount Mills, and

he was the last. His ancestors—the Battle family—started the operation in 1818 and kept it in the family for nearly all of its existence.

Mebane said Tuesday that he was slated to learn Capitol Broadcasting had hired someone to focus on marketing the mills property.

"I have great confidence in Capitol Broadcasting," he said. "I believe anything they decide on will be well done. I look forward to any development they bring forth. Capitol is a master at planning."

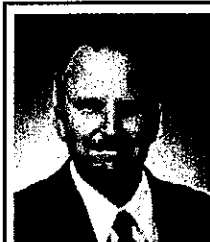
Over the years, there has been talk about how the mills could be used for office and commercial space.

"That's what Capitol had done in Durham," Mebane said. "We haven't got the big players in commercial office space in this area as in Durham."

But he said the scenic mills property could have a lot of uses.

"I don't have a favorite," he said. "I just want something to happen."

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Pinetops, North Carolina native and Southwest Edgecombe High School graduate, Brandon Bridges Crisp, recently received his Juris Doctor Degree in Law from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Mr. Crisp is an intellectual property attorney with the law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP in Reston, Virginia. He is a registered patent agent with the United States Patent Office in Washington, D.C. Mr. Crisp's law practice focuses on drafting and prosecution of patent applications related to semiconductor, electronics, and chemical technologies.

Prior to joining the law firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP, Mr. Crisp worked in the semiconductor industry. Most recently he worked at Micron Technology in Manassas, Virginia as a process engineer in the production of high volume 300MM computer chips. He began his semiconductor career as an employee of the Department of Defense as a research engineer with the National Security Agency at Fort Mead, Maryland. There he worked on developing processor computer chips for government applications including the NSA, CIA and FBI.

In addition to the Juris Doctor Degree in Law, Mr. Crisp also holds Cum Laude degrees in Psychology, Chemistry, and Chemical Engineering from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He resides with his wife, Amy, and his 4-legged pal, Luke, in Manassas, Virginia.

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A near capacity crowd attended the annual Delta Sigma Theta Sorority MLK Birthday Observance Banquet on Saturday at the Homestead Festival House.

National Lott Carey President keynote speaker at 29th MLK Birthday Observance

A near capacity crowd joined the Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance on Saturday evening, Jan. 10, at the Homestead Festival House in Timberlake.

This year's observance represented the 29th year that the chapter has commemorated Dr. King and his dream. This year would have been Dr. King's 86th birthday.

Mistress of ceremonies for the occasion was Minister Elizabeth E. McCoy, committee chairperson for the event.

Greetings were given by Pattie J. Tapp, Roxboro Area's chapter president; Kala Neal, a 2012 Jabberwock participant and a senior at Person High School, lead a MLK Litany; Billy Farish, the musician for the program asked the audience to join him in singing *This Little Light of Mine* and he provided music throughout the program.

Dr. James A. Richmond Sr., pastor of Shady Hill Baptist Church, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Gregory K. Moss Sr., by describing him as a "Renaissance Man" who continues to do great things.

Moss is the pastor of Saint Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte. His educational accomplishments include earning an Associate of Arts degree from Mitchell Community College in Statesville in 1976 and in 1978, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He then continued his education and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He also attended Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh and continued further to earn a Doctor of Ministry in 1992 from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill.

Moss is currently the national president of The Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, the immediate past president of General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the chairman of the Strategy Team for Helping Empower Local People (HELP).

In his greetings and recognitions, Moss praised the youth who were participating in the program, giving special recognitions to Kala Neal and The Men of Distinction from Southern Middle School. He commended

the Roxboro Area Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. for participating in the celebration of the legacy of Dr. King.

Following his greetings and recognitions, Moss lifted his theme, "The Invisible Man," from Genesis 3: 8-10. He said, "We are here today to celebrate the life, legacy and birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. We are indebted to the Lord for giving us this great man, Dr. King. ... we need to realize the great gift of leadership that God put into this man."

After sharing a parable about a southern man who moved to the north, Moss asked, "Why are we invisible?"

Moss presented and explained a historical timeline from indentured servants, the African slave trade, the Redemption Movement, segregation, civil rights and finally to the War on Drugs.

He concluded, "Hold on to our religion. Never stop away from the church, whether meg or tiny, as long as you've got the spirit in your church; embrace our spirituality. ... If we don't, we will remain invisible."

The Delta Choice Award is presented annually by the sorority to an individual who

has exemplified leadership and community service in Person County.

This year's award was presented to Ernest Poole, a retired veteran of the U.S. Army of 21 years. He received numerous medals and awards, including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Award, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal with 4 Knots among many others. More recently, Poole retired as chief investigator at the Person County Sheriff's Department.

In his expressions of gratitude, Poole said that while he was in the Army he was a friend of William (Bill) Haley, the son of Alex Haley, author of "Roots." He said that Bill mentored him and taught him well.

The program ended with the benediction by Dr. Harold F. Trice Sr., pastor of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Butner.

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Pictured are, left to right, Brenda Neal, Sandra Garland, Margie Boyles' daughter-in-law, Margie Boyles, Dolores (Dee) Kirk, Clarious Blalock and PCNI member and Cambridge Hills resident Wynette Wilkins.

Needleworkers recognize 2013 Outstanding Member Margie Boyles

On Nov. 20, several members of Person County Needleworkers, Inc. (PCNI) drove to Cambridge Hills to honor one of their own.

Cambridge Hills resident Margie Boyles was selected to be the outstanding member of PCNI for 2013. During the

member appreciation luncheon held on Oct. 29, the announcement was made that Boyles had been selected as the outstanding member. It was also requested that all members keep it a secret.

Several members joined together to present Boyles with a framed certificate stating that

she was the outstanding member of PCNI for 2013. She was also presented a gift basket with snacking treats hidden inside.

Boyles joined PCNI in 2012, however she said she would not be able to attend the meetings at the senior center, but would make and turn in or sell the

crafted items, Sandra Garland, president of PCNI, would provide yarn needed for projects.

Boyles has contributed more than \$500 from items she has sold since she joined in 2012.

"She indeed is a very valuable asset to this very active group of volunteers," said Garland.

Before moving to Person County Margie lived near Pilot Mountain.

For more information about this United Way supported organization, call Sandy Garland, president of PCNI, at 599-5444.

Basket class to weave 'Round Easter Basket'

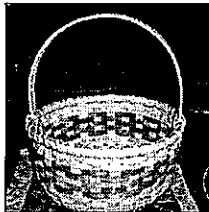
Basket class will be held at the Person County Senior Center on Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 2:30 p.m. until finished, up until 9 p.m. Class participants will be weaving a Round Easter Basket made with an eight-inch round slotted wood base, 10-inch round top push in handle, sea-grass, flat, flat oval, plain and colored reeds.

The basket is five and one-half inches tall.

The cost is \$3.

This basket class will also be held at the Caswell Senior Center on Monday, Feb. 24 starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until the basket is finished.

If you have a preference on the color, call the instructor at 336-597-3783 or email janecbradshor@gmail.com to register or for any questions.



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4-H BLUEBERRY PLANT SALE

If you're looking for a new gardening project, or if you want to add to your existing collection of blueberry plants, then you are in luck. Now through Feb. 14, Person County 4-H is selling Blueberry plants for just \$6 each.

Not only is this a great gardening project, but it's also a healthy food to grow in your own backyard. Blueberries are considered a "super fruit" with many health benefits.

These blueberry plants are grown in Eastern North Carolina and the varieties available for purchase include: Brightwell, Climax, Powder Blue, Premier, and Tifblue.

Orders and payment are due by Friday, Feb. 14. Plants will be available for pick up the following week at the Extension Office. For information on the sale, contact 4-H Agent Beth Davis (beth_davis@ncsu.edu) or Debbie Harrelson (debbie.harrelson@ncsu.edu) at 599-1195. For information on planting, contact Horticulture Agent Carl Cantaluppi (carl_cantaluppi@ncsu.edu) at 599-1195. If you would like more information about blueberry nutrition, or recipes including blueberries, please contact Jennifer Grable, FCS agent (Jennifer_grable@ncsu.edu) at 599-1195. Order forms can be accessed on the web at <http://person.ces.ncsu.edu>, on Facebook, or at the Extension Office. Thanks in advance for your support.

UPCOMING HORSE REFERENDUM

The North Carolina Horse Council announced plans for holding an equine industry referendum to extend the Horse Industry Promotion Assessment, which was first authorized in 1999. The referendum will be conducted in all of North Carolina's 100 counties on March 11.

Polling places will be set up in each county Cooperative Extension office and Person County's Office is located at 304 South Morgan Street in Roxboro. Horse owners will be able to vote on whether or not to extend, for three years, the \$2 per ton assessment being paid by manufacturers of horse feed sold in North Carolina.

"The feed assessment has provided essential funding to the North Carolina Horse Council to meet a wide variety of needs throughout the horse industry," said Sammy Jenkins, president of the North Carolina Horse Council. "The economic impact of the horse industry is estimated to be over \$1.2 billion annually, so it plays a huge role in supporting the North Carolina economy. Employment of more than 10,000 people in North Carolina are directly or indirectly linked to the industry. This small self-assessment is just one way we can expand our services to horse owners and maximize the economic benefits of horse ownership."

"I am very excited about the wide range of horse activities that have been started and expanded during the past years of the promotion assessment funding," Sue Gray, executive director said. "As never before, we have been able to financially support programs which assist horse owners across the state. We now have effective program in place to assist with equine education, theft, disaster, animal welfare, environmental regulation, equine disease and liability issues. The NC Horse Council made access and protection to trails a priority supported by the employment of a trails specialist. This funding has truly advanced the North Carolina horse industry. I hope our horse owners will vote on March 11 and I hope they will vote, yes," said Gray.

Polling places will be open during regular business hours in each Cooperative Extension Service office. Any horse owner/lessor, over the age of nine, can vote. There will also be an absentee balloting system put in place for owners who are not able to get to the Extension Offices on March 11.

For additional information contact: suegray@nchorsecouncil.com or 919-854-1900 or 800-529-9205.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 137
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
2013 Integrated Resource Plan Annual Update Reports and Related 2013 REPS Compliance Plans

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) has scheduled a public hearing in conjunction with the Commission's review and evaluation of Integrated resource planning (IRP) in North Carolina. The purpose of the review and evaluation is to ensure that each regulated electric utility operating in North Carolina is developing reliable projections of the long-range demands for electricity in its service area and is developing a combination of reliable resource options for meeting the anticipated demands in a cost-effective manner. IRP is intended to identify those electric resource options which can be obtained at least cost to ratepayers in North Carolina consistent with adequate, reliable electric service. IRP considers conservation, efficiency, load management and other demand-side program alternatives in the selection of resource options. Commission Rule 80-60 requires utilities that each of the electric utilities furnish the Commission with a biennial report in even-numbered years that contains the specific information set out in that Commission Rule. In odd-numbered years, each of the electric utilities must file an annual report updating its most recently filed biennial report. In addition, electric power suppliers are required to include their plans for meeting customer electric needs via renewable energy resources and energy efficiency programs by submitting a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard compliance plan (REPS compliance plan) as part of the IRP filing.

During the public hearing to be held in this docket, the Commission will receive testimony from nonexpert public witnesses with respect to the most current annual update IRP reports and REPS compliance plans filed in 2013 by Duke Energy Progress, Inc.; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power.

A night hearing for the convenience of public witnesses and solely for the purpose of taking nonexpert public witness testimony is hereby scheduled as follows:
Raleigh: 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Anyone wishing to review the IRPs and REPS compliance plans filed by the utilities may do so either at the Commission's website, www.ncuc.net, by selecting the Dockets tab and entering Docket No. E-100 Sub 137, or at the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Commission, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Upon request, the Chief Clerk will place copies of the IRPs, compliance plans and any other documents filed in this proceeding in centrally-located public libraries where they may be copied without prohibition. Such a request may be made by writing to the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325, and providing the name and address of the library to which the information is to be mailed.

Persons desiring to present testimony for the record should appear at the public hearing. Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their positions in the matter shall address their statements to:
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