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Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Pursuant to Rule 1-17d, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") hereby submits the enclosed affidavits of publication for filing in this proceeding.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

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RE: **NORTH CAROLINA LEGAL ADS FOR RATE HEARING
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DATE **MAY 28, 2019**

Laura enclosed are the tear sheets for the legal ad that we placed in the North Carolina newspapers for the rate hearing initial notice 2019. Also enclosed is a chart showing the date the ads ran as well.

Let me know if you need anything further. Thank you.



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Greenville Daily Reflector	5/10/2019
Jacksonville Daily News	5/1/2019
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His power and glory were with us

I guess I must have gone totally amnesic about the song, for when I sat down to write this article, I could neither remember the title, nor any of the words.

So I called Mary.

"Do you remember the song you all sang in church, that day?"

"That was a long time ago," she said, "but I remember being there." She paused. "I think we sang 'He's in the Midst.'" She paused. "I think that was the one."

But when I went to talk to Mary in person, she said, "I think I told you wrong yesterday."

"Really?"

She nodded. "I think the song was, 'He is here, Hallelujah; He is here, Amen.'"

"That has to be it," I smiled.

"I got goose bumps just thinking about it," Mary continued. "I wish we could feel something like that again."

"She paused. 'You know?'"

"I sure do."

I thanked her and returned home, remembering that I had come to Crossroads for the first time in 1992, to fill the pulpit between 11 and 12 on Sunday mornings.

"I can't ever be here right at eleven," I said to Coy, who interviewed me for the pulpit committee.

"Really?" he asked. "Could you tell me why?"

"I have a Sunday school class at Piney," I answered. "I'm only about six miles from here," Coy smiled.

"We can handle that."

He paused, then continued, "I lead the singing, so, we'll just sing until you get here. We have a quartet, too, who are always ready to sing."

"It's a deal, then," I said, so we shook hands.

That first Sunday morning, I checked my watch as we drove away from Piney, and checked it again when we arrived at Crossroads. The trip had taken 10 minutes.

Then Patsy and I went in, slipped into our seat — about 12 pews from the front — to join the singing-in-progress. After that I walked up to the platform and offered the message I had worked on all week.

Leaving Piney at 11, we could reach Crossroads by 10 after, and so we did — for at least a month, until one of my Sunday school class members stopped me after class. I don't remember what we talked about, but it was important enough for me to postpone my departure for Crossroads.

"We're going to be really late today," I said, as I joined Patsy in the car.

"Oh my," she said, grabbing the security strap attached to the B-pillar of the VW, as I pushed that old VW hard, sweating — not from negotiating those twisting roads, but from anxiety at the prospect of arriving at Crossroads late. It had to be at least 11:30 when we careened into the parking lot, skidded to a stop on a grassy spot, then ran up the steep steps and into the sanctuary.

"They've even got the quartet singing," I whispered, as we slipped guiltily to our spot on the 12th row.

As we sat down, I was only aware of my shame and my heart rate, until I heard:

"He is here, Hallelujah! He is here, Amen! He is here, Holy, Holy I will bless His name again."

"He is here, Listen closely Hear Him calling out your name He is here, you can touch Him You will never be the same."

By the second stanza I realized that the quartet wasn't just singing the song, they were describing what was happening to us in that very room.

We in the congregation sat transfixed by a presence more powerful than anything I had experienced before — high and lifted up, demanding respect and complete attention, so that nothing else mattered but this moment, and the intense personal regard we felt.

The idea came that I was as out of place as a priest at the dedication of Solomon's temple, after the choir began

singing and the glory cloud fell — stopping to pay rapt and total attention to the miracle unfolding around him.

When "He is Here" ended, Coy, Mary, Jimmy and J.C. slipped to their seats without a word; Kay continued playing softly on the piano.

"This is so good," I said to Patsy. "We've got to hear that song again, but the quartet has scattered in four directions."

Then I looked to see Mary, walking directly toward me. I moved toward her. "Mary," I whispered, "we need to hear that song again."

"Now?" she whispered back.

"Right now," I answered. "The Lord is in it. You can feel Him; Look at their faces around us; they can too."

"The Lord is here."

"OK," she said, as she checked her watch. "But it's late."

"I know," I said. "That doesn't matter."

She nodded, then went to gather the other members, who moved quietly back to the platform and began to sing "He is Here," as if they had never stopped.

"You won't get to preach, today," my accuser said, "and this is a fine mess." He paused. "You're already late, and you won't keep your promise to preach?" He paused again. "Come on. They pay you to preach."

I did not waste time with the accuser, for I had already made the same decision as the priest in Solomon's temple.

After their song was finished, Kay continued playing softly, as the quartet moved quietly to their seats. I waited for them to pass, then slipped to the podium, and looked out across the congregation, all facing forward, some with open mouths, some exhaling through pursed lips, some wiping tears, others with eyes closed and hands raised.

"The Lord is here, isn't he?" I said, barely able to get the words out. Then I paused. "Would you stand?"

"I must not preach today," I said. "The altar is open. Everyone who will, come."

I knelt by the podium for a few moments, wiped my eyes with my fingers, then stood, and looked around, to see that I had been the only one to move.

"Oh, Lord," I prayed quietly. "Please don't let us miss this opportunity." I paused. "We may never have You come to us, this way, again."

Just then, the quartet members began moving to the front; then others followed until every single pew in the church was empty — and at least 150 souls had come to cluster around that altar.

The glory was so strong, that everyone stood in place, never speaking, for a very long time.

"What a day," I said as we finally got back into the car, at least an hour after we arrived.

I don't think either of us spoke on the way home, for we were too caught up in the glory to evaluate it. Not one soul chided me about the cancelled sermon, nor ventured to speak to me about the day the glory fell. Within a month or two, the church called a full-time pastor, and I did not preach there again.

But thinking about that glorious Sunday, 27 years later, I now feel ready to list several experiential truths I saw that day:

When the Lord shows up, preachers, quartets and congregations, and condemning voices must get out of the way. Some songs possess the spirit of God innately; the Spirit inhabits them, and will make His presence known mightily, when He wants to. Where the spirit of the Lord is present, His children want to linger, but not to talk about the experience. The spirit of God is our conduit to Christ.

Like Mary, I would like to feel something like that again.

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Labor Department gives out safety awards

The Anson Record

The N.C. Department of Labor honored area employers and employees at the agency's annual safety awards banquet in Wadesboro on Monday.

Commissioner Cherie Berry served as the keynote speaker and made the presentations. The event was co-sponsored by the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and held at Twin Valley Golf Club.

"It's really an honor for me to travel throughout the state and recognize these employers who are making a commitment to their employees' safety and health," Berry said in a news release. "Over the years, North Carolina has experienced a declining injury and illness rate, which now rests at an all-time low 2.3 per 100 full-time workers for private industry. These employers continue to make North Carolina workplaces some of the safest in the country."

The awards honor outstanding on-the-job safety achievements of each recipient during 2018. Recipients were from communities in the area stretching from Rockingham to Charlotte to Winston-Salem.

Gold award winners included Allen's Professional Investigations Inc., Cobb-Vantriss Inc., North Carolina Production, Both Atrium Health, Anson, and Columbus McKinnon Corp., Wadesboro Operations won for the second consecutive year.

Under program rules, companies must have been free of fatal accidents at the site for which the award is given to be eligible.

The gold award criteria are based on a days away restricted or transferred, called a DART rate, that is at least 50 percent below the statewide rate for its industry. The rate includes cases of days away from work, restricted activity or job transfer.

The silver award is based only on cases with days away from work. They are recorded when the worker misses at least one full day of work, not including the day of the injury. The applicant must attain an incidence rate for cases with days away from work that is at least 50 percent below the rate for its industry.

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When it comes to biscuits, he's Bojangles' best

Richmond County Daily Journal

ROCKINGHAM — One of Richmond County's own has set himself apart in the pantheon of fast food royalty.

Kris Spivey, 19, an assistant manager at the Bojangles' at 1706 E. Broad Ave. in Rockingham, beat out all Bojangles' managers to earn the title of Master Biscuit Maker Champion in the company's annual competition earlier this month. Spivey, who has been in the kitchen for about three years and was promoted to assistant manager about six months ago, bested hundreds of managers both older and with more experience at the regional competitions that began in January, according to his manager, Lisa Gardner.

Spivey said he only started taking his cooking skills seriously recently, and up until the day of the competition was still mining the company's 48-step biscuit recipe on the dresser in his hotel room.

"When I first started I really didn't want to be in the kitchen because I knew I couldn't cook," Spivey said before Gardner interjected saying, "It came natural to him after that."

Gardner said that in his relatively short time in the kitchen, Spivey has earned a "fan club" among their regulars that come in the morning Monday through Friday.

"He's famous with the senior citizens," she said. "I'm not sure if they know him by name but when they see him back there they know it's going to be a good biscuit."

In the final competition, the contestants had to make three trays of 15 biscuits each and they could choose which tray they wanted to represent them. Most competitors went with one of the later two trays, which are thought to be improvements over the first, Spivey said, but he went with his first tray.

"Not many people do that," he said.

Judges made their choice based on the biscuits' taste, dimensions and appearance.

For winning, Spivey won a cash prize along with a \$100 gift card to the chain. He also received a trophy, a miniature rolling pin, and other memorabilia. Spivey is double majoring in business administration and accounting at Richmond Community College, and said his current plans are to make a career with the chain.

"He's going to be my boss one day," Gardner said.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Eagles' Melvin throws no-hitter

Bladen Journal

ELIZABETHTOWN — Pierce Melvin's Senior Night is one he'll remember for a long time.

The East Bladen hurler fired a no-hitter at South Robeson on Tuesday night, a 14-0 win that included notching eight strikeouts and no walks. Melvin needed just 64 pitches in five innings.

The Eagles of 44th-year head coach Russell Priest climbed to 12-3 in the Three Rivers Conference and 15-5 overall.

East Bladen wraps up the regular season at West Bladen on Saturday at 4 p.m., weather permitting, and starts the state playoffs next week. A postponed game with Fairmont will not be rescheduled.

The hosts led 2-0 when five runs crossed in the third inning. Seven more in the fifth set up an early run-rule finish.

At the plate, Melvin was 1-for-3 and drove in two runs.

Sophomore Brady Hollingsworth was 3-for-4 with an RBI and a double. Picking up two hits each were seniors Shy Pone and Greyson Heustess, who drove in three runs. Senior Dan Tatum doubled and drove in three runs. Picking up two RBI each were senior Spencer Scott, who doubled, and sophomore Zach Meares.

In Dublin on Tuesday, seven seniors were honored prior to a league clash with South Columbus.

The Knights led early before falling 13-7 in the Three Rivers Conference matchup. Honored were Dalton Pait, Jeremy Pait, Derrick Long, Edgar Fuentes-Garcia, Shawn Oxendine, Thomas West and David Valenta.

West Bladen fell to 5-11 in the league and 6-16 overall with its



Melvin



J. Pait



White



Hollingsworth

eight consecutive loss.

The Knights had leads of 3-1 after an inning and 4-3 after three innings. The Stallions rallied for two in the fourth, three in the fifth, two in the sixth and three in the seventh.

Jeremy Pait was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Juniors Logan West and Dawson Bryan were each 2-for-4; Bryan and Jeremy Pait each had two RBI.

Bryan and Logan West had triples, and West, Dalton Pait and junior Braylon Williamson had doubles.

Logan West, junior Nolan Bryant and sophomore Sam West pitched for the Knights.

Softball

ELIZABETHTOWN — Sophomore Kayleigh Raynor threw a four-hit shutout and East Bladen dusted South Robeson 10-0 in high school softball Tuesday evening.

It was Senior Night for the Lady Eagles, who climbed to 7-8 in the Three Rivers Conference and 7-14 overall. Anna Kate White and Olivia Hollingsworth were honored by East Bladen.

White's two-run triple in the first inning gave the hosts a 3-0 lead. Hollingsworth add a run-scoring ground-out as the lead grew to 5-0.

East Bladen, which hosts Whiteville on Thursday and visits West Bladen on Saturday, added three in the second inning and two in the third. The Lady Mustangs were run-ruled in the fifth inning. Raynor struck out eight and walked two.

Juniors Lorna Mendell and Johanna Parker were each 2-for-2, as was Raynor. Freshman Mariah Smith had the hosts' other hit.

PREP SOFTBALL



Alarm Cashwell (11) is full of joy following a seventh-inning home run Tuesday night. She was greeted by her team at home plate, including Conner Brisson (rear), Shelby Pharr (second from left), Olivia Allen (3), Carley Dawson (rear right) and Hayley Guyton (10).

Heart-warming surprise

West Bladen gives seniors emotional farewell gesture

By Alan Wooten

Bladen Journal

DUBLIN — Only two seniors are members of West Bladen's high school softball team.

And all season, Conner Brisson has been a steady presence on the field while Carley Dawson has provided another in the dugout. Her season was cut short before it began, courtesy of a knee injury in basketball.

Tuesday on Senior Night, Dawson got a surprise when Coach Pam Stephens told her to suit up anyway. She took a spot in the starting lineup, then departed before the first pitch against South Columbus.

West Bladen hung tough with the league title contender throughout, save for a six-run third inning in an 11-4 loss. The Lady Knights will host two more games, weather permitting, on Saturday when Whiteville visits at noon and East Bladen follows at 4.

"It's always an emotional night," Stephens said. "Even though she has not played, Carley has been a big part of this team. They both are very special young ladies."

And both are headed to play at UNC Pembroke next season.

Brisson handled third base while Dawson did all she could from the dugout for a team whose nucleus is anchored by underclassmen.

The Lady Knights were also without junior Tatiana Hunt, who was injured during the team's camp for area youngsters last month.

Hits were hard to come by against the Lady Stallions' hard-throwing Peyton Duncan. Sophomore Shelby Pharr bunted for one in the first inning to drive in junior Kyla Reed.

In the fifth, junior Kasee Singletary bunted for another and Reed ripped an RBI triple to right and scored on freshman Hannah Pait's single.

In the seventh, junior Alara Cashwell slammed a home run over the fence in right-center field.

"We were much more improved than the last time we played them down there," Stephens said of a 16-0 setback in four innings. "They're a very good team. If we had not had that bad inning, it's a 5-4 game."

The Lady Knights fell to 8-8 in the Three Rivers Conference and 10-8 overall. South Columbus stayed within a game of the Three Rivers lead in the loss column, moving to 13-2; the Lady Stallions are 16-4 overall.

"I was pleased with the effort, and we put the ball in play," Stephens said. "If you play your best, and to lose to a better team, that's all you can ask for."

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Junior Kyla Reed swipes second base during the first inning Tuesday against South Columbus. Catching the throw is Anna Carolyn Suggs, with Libby Blosser backing up.



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Washington County Hospital reopens

STAFF REPORTS

PLYMOUTH — Washington County Hospital reopened its doors today after being closed since February when bankruptcy proceedings were initiated.

"The staff of WCH are excited to embark on this once in a lifetime chance of reopening," said Melanie Perry, the hospital's chief executive officer. "There are so many rural hospitals nationwide that have closed, but do not have the opportunity to even entertain the thought of reopening, so we are blessed beyond measure. As we move forward, we look at the future of our facility with vigor and will continue to work hard for the members of our community."

In January, the hospital stopped accepting ambulance-transport patients

and on Feb. 14 suspended all clinical services because of ongoing financial trouble. Washington County Commissioners voted to file suit to force the hospital's parent company to file bankruptcy and to activate a contract clause that would revert the facility back to the county's ownership.

When the hospital ceased operations, Plymouth Primary Care Rural Health Clinic remained open for prescription refills and has resumed certain operations under the direction of Dr. Robert Venable.

The Plymouth facility serves a large rural area in Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties. Residents have had access to critical care through Vidant and non-Vidant hospitals and medical practices in and around Washington County.

OBITUARIES

Virginia King Chappell

BEVIDERE — Virginia Mae King Chappell, 88, of 1141 County Line Road, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019, in Sentara Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, VA.

Mrs. Chappell was born in Norfolk on January 2, 1931, and was the daughter of the late Douglas McIlwaine "Buck", Sr. and Ida Mae Mizell King. A homemaker, she was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Rountree Chappell; a sister, Ruth Ann Curling; and by two brothers, infant "Teeny Bud" and Douglas M. "Yebbo" King, II.

Surviving are her three daughters, Jennifer Leigh Lamm of Belvidere, Donna Nell Davis and husband, Charles, of Tyner, and Nancy Harvina Maitland and husband, Terry, a son, Alan Harvey Chappell and wife, Angela, all of Belvidere; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Monday at 11:00 a.m. in St. Anne Catholic Church. A private entombment was in the Chappell Family Cemetery near the home. Friends joined the family in the Parish Hall of the church immediately following the service on Monday, and all other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is handling arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

Martha Ann Shuford

ALBEMARLE — Martha Ann Shuford, 84, of Albemarle, passed away Tuesday April 23, 2019 in Trinity Place. Her funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 28, 2019 in the Stanny Funeral and Cremation Care Chapel of Albemarle with Rev. Danny Laws and Rev. Tab Whitley officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Memorial Park. The family received friends from 12 until 1:30 p.m. prior to the service and at other times the family was at her home.



Martha was born January 18, 1935 in Stanley County, NC and was the daughter of the late Odell Lee Pennington and Melbie Katherine Gudgeon Pennington. Mrs. Shuford was the former owner of the Colonial Restaurant in Edenton, NC and was a member of South Albemarle Baptist Church. Martha, throughout her life, she always appreciated a good sermon and on any day of the week. She attended any service she could with her husband Bob to thank God for his many blessings.

Mrs. Shuford is survived by her husband Bob Shuford. She is also survived by two sons Gary Fincher (Kathy Smith) of Ansonville, NC and Frank Baker, III of Cameron, NC; daughter Beverly Baker of Merry Hill, NC; sister Betty Mason of Albemarle, NC; six grandchildren Jeff Smith of Wilmington, NC, Greg Fincher (Rachel) of Clanton, Alabama, BJ Potts (Vette) of Edenton, NC, Tiffany Potts of Edenton, NC, Clarissa Tracy (Paul) of Wilmington, NC, and nine great-grandchildren Jonah, Brooklyn, Jonathan, Brandon, Paulie, Scarlett, Trey, Johnna and Kendall. Martha was also preceded in death by a brother Dwayne Pennington.

A special thank you to all the care givers at Trinity Place, whom she loved with all of her heart.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Place Resident Care Fund, 24724 US Highway 52 S., Albemarle, NC 28001.

Stanny Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Shuford Family.

Tracy Hocutt Spruill

PLYMOUTH — Tracy Ann Hocutt Spruill, 49, of Plymouth, NC, passed away Monday, April 22, 2019, in her home.

Born in Pasquotank County on February 16, 1970, she was the daughter of Jeffery Perrell Spruill of Creswell and Sandra Russell Spruill of Plymouth. Employed with Regulator Marine for many years, she attended Faith Pentecostal Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Preston Hocutt.

Surviving are her two daughters, Kendra Spruill of Greenville, and Shanna Armstead; a son, R.J. Armstead; a brother, Larry Hocutt, all of Plymouth; a granddaughter, Jorunee Vanterpool; a special niece, Arlyanna Armstead; and her god-son, Emanuel Williams.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, and were conducted by Pastor Danny Gurganus. Friends joined the family for a time of visitation in the funeral home the hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

Deborah K. Palmer

HOBBSSVILLE — Deborah Kay Wypasek Palmer, 61, of 110 Gliden Road, passed away on Friday, April 26, 2019 in Autumn Care of Chesapeake, VA. Mrs. Palmer was born in Richmond, Virginia on February 25, 1958, and was the daughter of the late Andrew V. and Victoria Kowalski Wypasek. She was homemaker and a seamstress.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Jeffery Randall Palmer.

Surviving are her husband, R. Randall Palmer; her daughter, Kelly Becker of Acworth, GA; her sister, Barbara Vellenga of Mount Carmel, TN; her brother, Raymond Wypasek of Union, KY; and two grandchildren, Elisabeth Anna Kay Palmer and Jeffery Joseph Palmer.

A gathering for family and friends will be held Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

DEATHS

EDENTON — Shirley Ann Smith Marshall, 72, died on Thursday, April 25, 2019. Funeral was held Tuesday at 11 a.m., at Immanuel Baptist Church. Visitation was held 7-8 p.m. Monday in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory.

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CYCLE NC

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Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Edenton has its charms be it the grand houses, the shops on Broad Street, the friendly people and their pride in preserving history.

"Edenton is beautiful—a little historic town," said Kahrl, a retired school teacher. "A lot of us really love history."

Barbara Parrott added, "We loved the trolley tour. We loved the historic, beautiful mansions. It's just how well everything has been preserved. It's amazing how you have some of these homes built in the 1800s. And we learned that the Barker House was moved—chimneys and everything."

The group from central Ohio enjoyed the pancakes, eggs and that giant sausage before their ride to places near and far.

"The breakfast was lovely," Parrott said.

Kahrl added, "This is the biggest piece of sausage that we've ever been offered."

Earlier in the week, the group biked from Edenton to Hertford and now was planning a multi-mile trek across the Albemarle Sound to Columbia. Jeff Hunter said the breakfast was good as he explained why he traveled from Columbus, Ohio, to Chowan County.

"I figured this would be a good ride early in the season to help get in shape," he said. "And it looked like it was going to be pretty in Edenton, and from what I've seen, it is. I like the water and all the old homes, along with the quaint storefronts."

Kahrl's stepson, Michael, said described the trip as wonderful, particularly as he is familiar with the area from his tour of duty

serving in the Navy during his time in Norfolk, Va.

"It's nice to come back to see the Sound and the water," he said.

As to the ride, he said, "Compared to Ohio, the roads are much smoother. We got caught in a rain, but we were able to stop in an engine repair shop until the storm blew over. An old man opened up his barn for us. Overall, a good trip. We've been to Hertford and back—Rocky Hook too."

For this group of Buckeye cyclists, this was their first trip to Edenton and eastern North Carolina.

Asked if he would return, Kahrl said, "Yes, I think we'd all come back. We don't have too many bike tours where we live this early in the year. The people here have been very friendly."

Parrott added, "Have the people been friendly? Oh yes, yes. And we love the

shops. Susan and I went shopping Friday at the consignment store. If I lived here, that would be the only place I would go.

There were so many lovely things—good deals too. And I got a two-dip ice cream cone at Blount's Mutual Drug for \$2.67—that's unheard of where we're from."

The group had their tents set up by Elizabeth Van Moore Park by Queen Anne's Creek—the perfect spot for launching a kayak.

"We're going to go out with some kayaks later—can't wait," Parrott said.

When all was said and done after the bicycles, kayaks and tent villages were cleared from various waterfront venues, Hoffer offered this observation.

"I think they enjoyed the hospitality of the local town folks, but also the waterfront camping and beautiful scenery that Edenton offers," he said.

TURNER

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forth.

Monday night at Perquimans Central, Jackson said one of those attending apologized for "stealing" Turner from the Chowan school system. Jackson said that wasn't a problem.

"We thank you for loaning Tanya Turner to us for the last 17 years," Jackson told the crowd.

School board Chair Anne White said it must be rare to have a former student return to the school system where they were raised and become



PETER WALSH/PERQUIMANS MEDIA
Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson speaks Monday at the swearing in ceremony of Tanya Turner as the new Perquimans County Schools superintendent.

superintendent. She also pointed out that a former student of Turner's, John

Lassiter, is now principal at Hertford Grammar School.

Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole did the honors of swearing in Turner.

For her part, Turner talked of "home."

"I believe there is a lot of truth in the phrase, 'home is where your heart is,'" Turner said.

She talked about a grandmother who was one of the first teachers at what is now Perquimans Central and how Turner herself got her start there. She talked about her father who served eight years on the Perquimans County Board of Education.

During Cycle NC, the Edenton Coffee House opened its doors at 5:30 a.m. Owner GIGI Charlebois noted the staff rolled in around 2:30 a.m. to prep for the day ahead.

Business remained steady during the weekend with Edenton Coffee House serving between 300 and 500 people a day, Charlebois estimated.

"We've had really good people come in here," she said. "They're respectful and nice, the sweetest group of people."

Charlebois noted that all-in-all, events like Cycle NC are good for Chowan County's businesses.

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HOURS

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Edenton State Historic Site, Edenton Historical Commission, Cupola House Association, Masonic Lodge, Chowan Arts Council and Destination Downtown all pitching in," she wrote in an email.

Throughout the event, town and county agencies worked to ensure Cycle NC's success.

"Edenton and Chowan County Departments from Emergency Management, Edenton Police Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Office, Edenton Chowan Public Schools, Edenton Chowan Parks and Recreation, Edenton Chowan Chamber to Public

Works were not only on call throughout the four-day but worked long, very long hours keeping everyone safe and the Town looking beautiful with an abundance of trash pick-up, bathrooms cleaned and well-stocked to installing all that was needed for shower trucks, parking and traffic control," Nichols said.

Chowan County businesses, as well as others along the routes, all worked overtime, she noted. Exact figures of the economic impact of Cycle NC was unavailable at press time.

Among those businesses staying open beyond their normal hours were Sugar Bears Candy and Gifts.

Owners Jeanne and Michael Wilson put out extra outdoor seating and

stayed open longer during the weekend.

"He was here making ice cream until 9 p.m. yesterday," Jeanne Wilson said of her husband Michael Wilson during an interview Saturday.

Jeanne Wilson noted that in terms of sales, business was off the charts.

"People really appreciated that we stayed open late," she said. "We had extra seating for people to sit down and they really appreciated having a spot to sit outside."

Malcolm King, owner of Edenton Bay Trading Company, also noted that business was going very well. He noted that the Cycle NC crowd is always fun. "It's great to see Cycle NC here. We always have a really nice group of people."

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Social media keeps girl's memory alive

Instagram story aims to engage new generation with Holocaust

By Isaac Scharf and Audrey Horowitz
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — For seven decades, survivor testimony has been the centerpiece of Holocaust commemoration.

But with the world's community of aging survivors rapidly shrinking and global understanding of the genocide that killed 6 million Jews declining, advocates of Holocaust remembrance are seeking new and creative ways to share witnesses' stories with younger generations.

Much as Anne Frank's diary gripped the older generations, an Instagram account based on a true 13-year-old Jewish victim's journal, called Eva, is generating buzz among the young.

"If we want to bring the memory of the Holocaust to the young generation, we have to bring it to where they are," said the project co-producer, Mati Kochavi, an Israeli high-tech billionaire who hails from a family of Holocaust victims, survivors and educators. "And they're on Instagram."

Kochavi and his daughter, Maya, have created a series of 70 Instagram stories that chronicle the downward spiral of Eva Heyman's life in the fateful spring of 1944 when the Nazis conquered Hungary.

Heyman was one of approximately 430,000 Hungarian Jews who were deported to Nazi concentration camps between May 15 and July 9, 1944. Of the estimated 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust, around 568,000



This photo shows a 13-year-old Eva Heyman photographed in Hungary months before she was murdered in a Nazi concentration camp in 1944. An Instagram account based on Heyman's real-life journal is generating buzz as an innovative way to share Holocaust testimony with youth as global understanding of the genocide declines and the community of eyewitnesses dwindles. (YAD VASHEM VIA AP)

were Hungarian, according to Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.

Heyman's tale, produced as a Hollywood-style movie with a cast of foreign actors and multi-million dollar budget, will stream throughout Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day, which begins at sundown Wednesday. The

installments appear as if Heyman had owned a smartphone during World War II and was using Instagram to broadcast her life updates.

The story goes live Wednesday afternoon, opening with Heyman's happier adolescent experiences then darkening as night falls. The Nazis

tighten their hold on Hungary's Jews, confiscating her family's business, belongings and home, deporting Heyman to the ghetto and ultimately to the Auschwitz death camp. The story's climactic event is timed to follow Israel's two-minute siren that wails nationwide on Thursday, bringing the country to a standstill at 10 a.m., in annual commemoration of Jewish Holocaust victims.

Even days before the series' release, the account had amassed over 180,000 followers.

One of them was Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who posted a video to Instagram on Monday urging Israelis to follow the account and spread stories of survivors via social media in order to "remind ourselves what we lost in the Holocaust and what was returned to us by the creation of the state of Israel."

"What if a girl in the Holocaust had Instagram?" asked the trailer, released on Sunday. The brief film shows simulated cellphone footage of Heyman's fictionalized life, from dancing with friends and a birthday with her grandparents, to Nazi troops marching through the streets of Budapest.

Dozens of Holocaust victims kept diaries of their experiences, with the best known work written by Anne Frank.

The Kochavis pored over scores of the diaries before deciding on Heyman, who, Maya Kochavi said, is the kind of girl "a modern kid in 2019 could connect to," with an unrequited middle school crush, family drama and grand ambitions to become a news photographer.

They hope Heyman's firsthand account will engage otherwise disinterested or uninformed youth.

Yet the concept is not without controversy. While the bulk of the feedback appears to be positive, some critics fear the story, with its internet lingo, hashtags and emojis, risks trivializing Holocaust atrocities.

"A cheapening of the Holocaust compressed into

Boomerang," one Instagram user, Dor Levi, wrote in Hebrew in response to the trailer. He facetiously remarked that "the place for commemorating the Holocaust and getting the message across is on Instagram, between the butt of a random model and a video of a chocolate cake."

Maya Kochavi said she anticipated backlash. But she defended Instagram as a place where "lots of very intense and very powerful movements are happening," with potential to convey history's relevance at a time when anti-Semitism is surging in parts of the world, and Holocaust deniers are amplifying their dangerous messages online.

"It is frightening but quite clear to me. We might be the last generation that really remembers and cares about the Holocaust," said her father.

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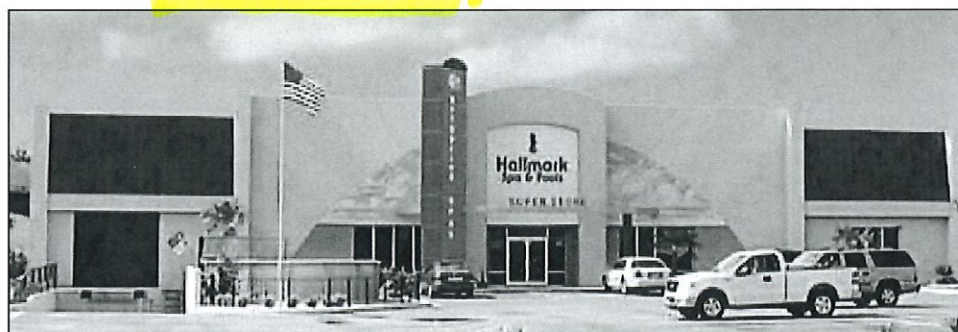
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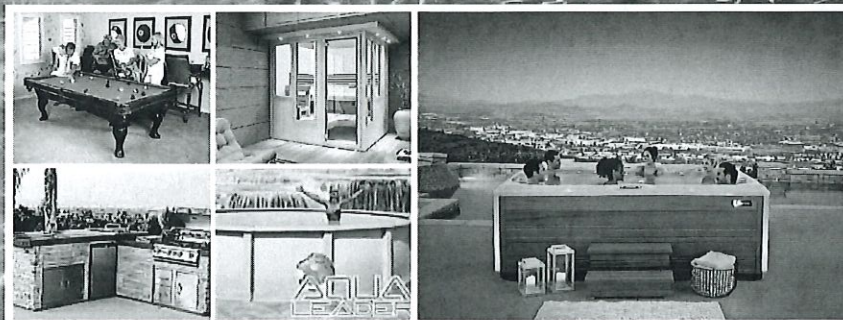
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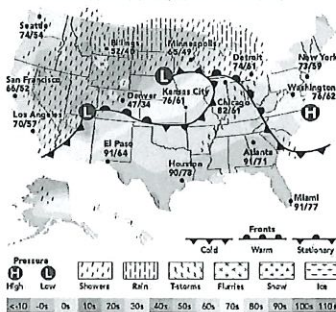
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Forecast for Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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NATIONAL SUMMARY: Dry weather will prevail along the Eastern Seaboard today as showers and thunderstorms dampen areas from Michigan to Ohio and Arkansas. Drenching rain is forecast to spread through the northern Plains and Upper Midwest while locally severe storms threaten Oklahoma and Kansas. The West will stay cool with rain and mountain snow.

THE WEEK AHEAD

TONIGHT

Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

THURSDAY

Mostly sunny. Highs around 90. Lows around 70.

FRIDAY

Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Lows around 70.

SATURDAY

Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Lows in the lower 70s.

SUNDAY

Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Lows in the lower 70s.

MONDAY

Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Lows in the lower 70s.

TUESDAY

Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday sunrise: 6:03 a.m.

Wednesday sunset: 8:14 p.m.

Yesterday's rainfall: 0

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MATTHEWS

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campus or in the community.

She is one of just 30 students enrolled in the state's community colleges who have been accepted into the program. She was nominated by college administrators.

The mission of the program is to enhance leadership quality for community college students and increase their knowledge of soft skills to prepare them for professional and civic responsibilities.

The summer session consists of workshops, speakers and group and individual projects. The two mini-sessions extend leadership training through additional workshops and

smaller projects, and a graduation banquet is held at the spring mini-session to celebrate the participants' completion of the program.

"Over the past 18 years, our program has trained over 450 students by providing an avenue for select community college students to receive vigorous leadership training, and in turn, carry their experience and knowledge back to their campus and community," said John "JJ" Evans, associate director of student life for the community college system.

Matthews said she is appreciative of the opportunity to work on her leadership skills.

"I enjoy being involved, and I want to continue to lead," she said. "I would not know what to do if I wasn't involved."

RUN

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in when they came back home.

"It's a group of people that have come together to honor all soldiers — both living and passed on, but especially Vietnam veterans."

Motorcyclists and passengers travel on one of three routes during the 10-day trek across the United States: the Midway Route, with 374 people registered; the Central Route, with 651 people registered; and the Southern Route, with 618 people registered. In total, 1,643 registered riders and passengers are expected to arrive in Washington, D.C., on Friday.

On Saturday, the motorcyclists will meet at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial just before noon to walk to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall and place a plaque at its apex. Some riders will even participate in the 32 annual Rolling Thunder Parade, which begins at the Pentagon and ends at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall after riding through downtown Washington, D.C.

People across the United States line the roads and bridges as the motorcyclists travel to Washington. Many churches and local organizations provide lunch and dinner as the group stops in various cities and

towns along the way. "It's a well-planned trip in that they are honored, people feed them all the way, people all the way from California, there are people on bridges holding flags," Aycock said.

For the first time in 30 years, Run for the Wall motorcyclists on the Midway Route will travel through Goldsboro. Deputies with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office will escort the riders down Berkeley Boulevard and onto Seymour Johnson Air Force Base around 9:15 a.m. Thursday.

Officers with the Goldsboro Police Department will block intersections as the riders and their passengers roll through town.

After conducting a small demonstration as they ride through Seymour Johnson, the motorcyclists will travel west on U.S. 70 and visit The First Church, located at 1100 The First Church Road, for lunch around 11:40 a.m.

Local participants in the ride include John Howard, Andrea Howard, Tom Jones, Lou Jones, Gary Waleke and Chuck Gentry. Aycock said people are encouraged to line the Wayne Memorial Drive bridge with flags in support of the motorcyclists. People interested in welcoming the group to Goldsboro should plan on parking in the church's parking lot around 11:15 a.m. Members of the church will direct parking traffic.

PUBLIC RECORDS

The Goldsboro Police Department has arrested and charged the following people:

Talisha Taylor, 20, of East Elm Street, child abuse, \$18,000 secured bond

Michelle Denise Stancic, 41, of East Elm Street, simple assault, no bond

Thurman McKinney, 68, of Goldsboro, communicating threats, \$500 secured bond

King Hollis Nathan Aaron Newman, 18, of Dawson Drive, possession of stolen firearm, carrying a concealed gun, possession of marijuana, \$8,000 secured bond

Satarus Tyshaon Burt, 18, of Day Circle, second-degree trespassing, \$1,500 unsecured bond

Rodney Lamone Hamm, 52, of South Oleander Avenue, fugitive out of state, obtaining property, larceny, possession of stolen property, assault on a female, failure to work after paid, \$119,000 secured bond

Donald Richard Polverari Jr., 46, of East Pine Street, possession of cocaine, no operating license, \$1,500 unsecured bond

David Edward Williams, 55, of East Holly Street, failure to appear, \$100,000 secured bond

Carlos Flores-Manzonares, 19, of Carriage Road, order for arrest/failure to appear for speeding, order for arrest/failure to appear for driving while license revoked, assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a female, \$1,000 unsecured bond, \$2,500 secured bond

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office has arrested and charged the following people:

Rodney Spencer Lewis Sr., 39, of Muld Smith Lane, speeding, driving while license revoked, fictitious tag, \$6,000 secured bond

Gary Lamarcus Langston, 29, of Brittan Drive, Pikeville, resisting/delaying/obstructing, \$500 secured bond

Demanunese Sims, 25, of Orbit Road, second-degree trespassing, \$2,000 unsecured bond

Kristina Marie Davis, 27, of Ann Street, breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, \$3,000 secured bond

Christopher Wilbert Simmons, 39, of Indian Springs Road, Mount Olive, domestic violence protective order violation, \$500 secured bond

Stephen Leon Williams, 37, of West Mulberry Street, assault on a female, larceny, injury to personal property, \$500 secured bond

John Allen Coleman, 35, of Leyton Street, Clinton, obtaining property by false pretense, \$2,500 secured bond

Juwon Donte Lewis, 27, of Banks Avenue, driving while impaired, \$1,000 unsecured bond

Ronny Lee Jones, 36, of Goldsboro Street, Fremont, open container of alcohol violation, \$1,000 unsecured bond

Crystal Fuller David, 44, of Goldsboro Street, Fremont, open container of alcohol violation, \$1,000 unsecured bond

Virgil Ward, 41, of Highland Avenue, second-degree trespassing, larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, \$1,500 secured bond

Taylor Myles Bowers, 27, of Pony Drive, Pikeville, breaking and entering, larceny of motor vehicle, \$30,000 secured bond

Joseph Allen Echols, 44, of Falcon Drive, Pikeville, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, school attendance law violation, \$2,805 secured bond

Amy Rutledge, 40, of Goldsboro, shoplifting, \$1,000 unsecured bond

Christina Lynn Kidd, 24, of Overman Road, driving while license revoked, no operator's license, possession of methamphetamine, \$2,100 secured bond

Jared Cobb, 22, of Windsor Spring Road, failure to appear, \$2,000 secured bond

Devin Michael Champion, 22, of Slick Rock Road, speeding, driving while license revoked, canceled/revoked/suspended certificate/tag, \$500 unsecured bond

Christina Maria Connelly, 24, of Lancaster Road, Pikeville, possession of methamphetamine, \$1,000 secured bond

Dylan George Marion Daniels, 20, of Steven Mills

Road, no operator's license, window tint violation, failure to wear seat belt, fictitious/altered/tag, failure to maintain lane control, speeding, \$6,000 secured bond

Brandon Darling, 18, of LaGrange Road, second-degree trespassing, larceny after breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods/property, \$15,000 unsecured bond

Ashley Carla Davis, 34, of Herman Lane, Stantonsburg, driving while impaired, possession of drug, careless and reckless, paraphernalia, \$1,500 secured bond

Joseph Shayne McLane, 22, of Always Drive, Dudley, domestic violence protection order violation, no bond

Britt Renee Miller, 31, of Wayne County, shoplifting, expired registration, \$2,000 secured bond

Terry Lynn Moore, 35, of Cottonfield Drive, assault inflicting serious injury, \$1,000 secured bond

Jerri Russell, 24, of Fairview Circle, assault, injury to personal property, no bond

Malyk Williams, 19, of South Allegheny Place, Dudley, communicating threats, no bond

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Fountain mourns deaths of two elected officials

BY DONNA MARIE WILLIAMS
The Farmville Enterprise

FOUNTAIN — The town of Fountain is mourning the loss of two elected officials. Former Fountain Mayor Pro-tem Ronnie Wayne Strickland died on Saturday. He was 62. Fountain Commissioner Bill Anderson died on April 27 at age 66.

Strickland had served on the Fountain Board of Commissioners for 20 years. "Ronnie was a fixture. He

had been there many years before I got on the board," said Mayor Pro-tem Doris Edwards. "Whatever the town agreed upon, Ronnie was for the town 100 percent. He was for the town of Fountain and its citizens, and we are going to miss him a lot."

During his time on the board, Strickland served as mayor pro-tem and police commissioner, on the joint fire and rescue board, and worked alongside Fountain Mayor Shirley Mitchell on the utilities and streets board.

"He was instrumental in working with the fire department," Mitchell said. "He was always instrumental in bringing us information. He served the town for many years and was always very concerned about the community. It speaks for itself with the number of years he served on this board. I'm deeply saddened to hear of his passing." Strickland was a member of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church and the Fountain Rescue Board. He was the assistant scoutmaster of Farmville Boy Scouts

Troop 25 and participated in the Scouts' Feast of the East and the annual chili cook-off.

"He was a commissioner here when I was hired on," said Fountain's town clerk Leigh Hines. "We rode EMS together. He was a good person."

Former Fountain Commissioner Alex Albright, who is now a county commissioner, worked alongside Strickland for many years.

"He was a terrific leader," Albright said. "He was very quiet and soft-spoken, but

we knew he was there. We will certainly miss him in the community."

Anderson served as a commissioner for five years.

"I thought a lot of Bill. I sat beside him," Albright said. "I said this a lot during election time, but we never talked about Democrat or Republican. We only cared what was best for Fountain. He was very progressive for the town, and he worked tirelessly in a lot of ways the people of Fountain don't know."

As commissioner, An-

derson was appointed to the utilities and streets board as well as the planning board.

"Bill was instrumental in getting a new fire truck and working with the fire department," Mitchell said. "I was very sad to hear of his passing. I knew of the hard work he was trying to do for the town of Fountain. It will be a great loss to the community."

"Bill was a great asset to the town of Fountain," Edwards said. "He brought in projects that were beneficial to our town."



PHOTOS BY MOLLY URBINA/THE DAILY REFLECTOR
GREENVILLE FIRE-RESCUE RESPONDS TO A FIRE AT THE DISTRICT AT TAR RIVER APARTMENTS ON WEDNESDAY.

First Street apartment fire is ruled accidental

BY TYLER STOCKS
The Daily Reflector

A Wednesday night apartment fire that left one injured and 26 people displaced, has been ruled accidental due to a kitchen fire, Greenville Fire-Rescue officials said Thursday.

Crews responded to a fire at The District at Tar River, 1725 E. First St., about 9:19 p.m. Wednesday.

One person was injured, and 11 units in the apartment were affected, department spokeswoman Rebekah Thurston said.

Thurston confirmed on Thursday morning that seven pets including three dogs and four birds had to be rescued from affected apartments.

Fire-Rescue Chief Eric Griffin said that the injured person was transported to Vidant Medical Center to be treated for smoke inhalation.

When fire crews arrived, Griffin said heavy smoke and flames were visible and were coming out of the roof of the apartment building.

He said that smoke traveled quickly through the building due to a lack of modern fire walls.

The majority of the damage is contained to about three units, he said.

At least 26 people have been displaced but Griffin said he was not sure about the total number.

Gabriel Donahue was one of the first people to call 911 and report the fire.

"I was walking out going to my car, smelled smoke and heard somebody crying in the distance," Donahue said. "I looked over and saw smoke rolling off the roof."

"I go up, call 911 and yell fire, fire, fire and tell (responders) where it is," he said.

"This other guy comes sprinting out of the other apartment complex, flashlight in hand, ready to take charge."

Donahue said he found out there was at least one



People look on from behind caution tape as Greenville Fire-Rescue responds to a fire at The District at Tar River Apartments on Wednesday night.



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dog inside the apartment complex, which is the dog's name and everything," Donahue said.

"In the meantime, folks still ran back into the apartment complex to try to get the dog, yelling 'Rampage! Rampage!'"

Contact Tyler Stocks at tstocks@reflector.com or 252-329-9506.

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Question swirl about leadership at Martin Community College

The college on Monday confirmed Dean of Administrative Services and Capital Project Coordinator Steve Taylor was placed on suspension April 30.

BY DEBORAH GRIFFIN
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON — Martin Community College trustees continue to be silent about the suspension of two of its leaders, even as a record number of students graduate from the school tonight.

The college on Monday confirmed Dean of Administrative Services and Capital Project Coordinator Steve Taylor was placed on suspension April 30.

At first, the college announced only MCC President Paul Hutchins had been suspended. That came after an emergency meeting of the Board of

Trustees had been called May 2.

The meeting was closed because it involved personnel issues.

The result was an announcement that Hutchins had been placed on administrative leave until further notice. It further stated Vice President Brian Busch was to serve as the interim president.

The school is continuing to carry on its business as usual. The school has given no indication of whether or not the suspensions are related.

MCC held graduation for its General Educational Development (GED) students in their campus auditorium Thursday.

Commencement for graduating students will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Martin County Auditorium on the campus of Riverside High School Auditorium.

Due to the large number of students participating in this year's graduation ceremony, MCC had to make graduation a ticketed event.

According to Kismet Matthews, executive assistant to the president and board of trustees and foundation liaison, the MCC graduation participation rate increased by 40 percent this year.

A live, streaming broadcast will be held in Riverside's gymnasium for the overflow of attendees.

Deborah Griffin can be reached via email at dgriffin@neweckies.com.

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PLEA DEAL

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Cannon, who worked for Tarheel Taxi, was called for pickup. Larry Forrest, Williamson's co-defendant, got into the back of her cab and, using a gun, stole the cash she had on hand, District Attorney Ernie Lee told the court Tuesday.

"It wasn't a lot of money," Lee said, and explained Williamson, Forrest and a third co-defendant, Juan Lopez, then planned to steal from someone at an ATM. They found Kim Flournoy at an ATM off Piney Green Road and followed her to the Bongo hall.

Forrest then got out of the vehicle and, after a struggle, shot Kim Flournoy, Lee said. When she was found shortly after, none of the more than \$700 in cash had been taken from her purse. Following two-and-a-half weeks of trial, the jury was deadlocked at nine-to-three, resulting in a mistrial, Lee reminded the court Tuesday.

A challenging case

"This has been a very challenging case from day one," Lee said following court.



James Edward Williamson pleaded guilty in Onslow County Superior Court to accessory after the fact to first degree murder, felony obstruction of justice, and accessory after the fact to robbery with a dangerous weapon in relation to two separate crimes, one of which ended in the death of 65-year-old Kim Flournoy outside of TNT Bingo in December 2012. (AMANDA MCREYNOLDS / THE DAILY NEWS)

Lee said the prosecution's strongest case was against Forrest, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, and robbery with a dangerous weapon on Nov. 15, 2017, for which he will serve 26-30 years in prison.

The prosecution made a deal with Lopez, who testified against Williamson during his trial. Lopez pleaded guilty to robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy

to commit robbery with a dangerous weapon. He is currently awaiting sentencing. After consulting with Kim Flournoy's family and others involved in the case, Lee said the DA's office determined this plea for Williamson was in the best interest for all.

What happened to Kim Flournoy and Cannon - who Lee said was unwilling to drive her cab at night for a time following the robbery - was significant and deserved a

significant punishment. But Lee said the DA's office also had to face the realities of the case, its strengths, and its weaknesses, which included a witness whose credibility was attacked due to him being involved in the two crimes.

"Things like this should not happen in our society," Williamson's defense attorney, Paul Castle, said Tuesday.

He spoke of Williamson's history, including his time in the Marine Corps as a machine gun operator deploying to Afghanistan and his twin 6-year-old boys.

Castle said he told Williamson to "look on the bright side" as he'll still be a young man when he gets out of prison.

Presiding Judge Phyllis Gorham found aggravating factors in both crimes given the victims were both older women alone at the time of the robbery and shooting. She sentenced Williamson to 9-14 years in prison, the maximum sentence for his record level as Williamson does not have a criminal record. Per state law, the nearly six years Williamson has spent in jail will count towards his total sentence, meaning he'll be in his 30s when he's released.

A reverberating death

Sam Flournoy said Tuesday's

court date felt more like an extension of the mistrial, and his sister Kim Flournoy-Dijoseph added the plea gave them more of a result.

During the trial, Sam Flournoy said he saw the positive and negative effects of the criminal justice system play out. He felt frustrated by the trial and its conclusion, but he and Dijoseph agreed they felt the utmost respect and appreciation for the Jacksonville Police Department and the DA's office for their work in their mother's case.

The pain isn't healed for Kim Flournoy's family, though.

"Death like this... it echoes," Dijoseph said.

It reverberates through generations, she said, and having a conclusion to one part of a case like this was simply a drop in the ocean of all the complex feelings she has.

"Emotionally processing this type of trauma, it doesn't stop with a verdict or a plea," Dijoseph said.

The next step for the Flournoy family is Lopez's sentencing, which Dijoseph said she plans to be there for.

"It's not over," she said.

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LOCAL NAMES IN THE NEWS

Cupcake princess



Kristin Sturgis, Sneaky Freaky Bake Shop manager and self-proclaimed cupcake princess, makes a coffee between serving fresh bakery items to customers at the shop. Sneaky Freaky, located off N.C. 210 in Sneads Ferry, serves handmade pastries, bread puddings, cupcakes and coffee. (AMANDA MCREYNOLDS / THE DAILY NEWS)

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Editor's note: To have your event listed in future editions of The Daily News, please add it to our online calendar. The calendar can be accessed at jdnews.com/things2do, just create an account and add your event listing.

Today

Teen volunteer orientations: Swansboro Branch Library, 4 p.m. May 1 and Richland Branch Library, 4:30 p.m. May 1. Teens

ages 13 years and older can earn SAT/Junior Honor Society hours and give back to the community. MCES Career Fair: Goettge Memorial Field House, Camp Lejeune, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 1. Open to active duty, military retirees, their families and base employees. Shackelford Banks: "Horses, Hiking and History" N.C. Maritime Museum, Beaufort, 8:30 a.m. to noon on May 1. Pre-registration required 252-504-7758. Cost \$35. Ferry ride, guided hike.

Friends of Fort Macon meeting: Fort Macon State Park visitor's center auditorium, noon on May 1. Guest speaker Susi Hamilton of NC Dept of Natural/Cultural Resource. Singles support group meeting: The Kettle Oiler, 300 Marine Blvd., 6 p.m. May 1. 910-455-2089. Musket Firing demonstration: Fort Macon State Park, Atlantic Beach, 10 a.m. May 1. Learn about a Civil War era musket's history, loading procedures and firing.

May 2

National Day of Prayer: "Love on Another" Beirut Memorial, noon on May 2; White Oak Community Church, Maysville, 7 p.m.; Carteret County Speedway. Swansboro, 6 p.m.; Jones County Civic Center, Trenton, 11:30 a.m. Dinner/silent auction fundraiser: "An Evening of Jazz" Carteret Baptist Church, 2841 Hwy 24, Newport, 6:30 p.m. May 2. Tickets \$20 each, \$35 per couple. Dinner by Outback Steakhouse.

Proceeds support Swansboro High School band. Chorus concert: "A Musical Journey thru America" Craven Community College, New Bern, 7 p.m. May 2, 3 p.m. May 4-5, 252-670-0230. Tickets \$5 advance. Music by Craven Community Chorus. Adult book club: Richlands Branch Library, 299 S. Williamson St., 5:30 p.m. May 2. 910-324-5321. This month's book "Lucky Us," by Amy Bloom.

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Woodley wins Lifetime Achievement Award



Lenoir County Historical Association President Sharon Kimrey right along with Reginald Stroud left, proudly present this year's Reginald Stroud Lifetime Achievement Award to Brenda Woodley, center. As a long-time board member, Mrs. Woodley willingly takes on tasks and completes them efficiently and effectively. The Association owns and operates historic Harmony Hall on King Street in Kinston. It's people like her that make good things happen at great places.

BOOKS

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of your favorite movie franchises, such as Harry Potter, Twilight, and The Hunger Games, began as Young Adult novels.

Given every year in honor of an author as well as their complete body of work, the Margaret A. Edwards Award, established in 1988, recognizes an author's significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature. The award focuses on the way the author's work has helped adolescents in addressing questions about where they fit into and their importance in relationships, society, and the world around them. Past recipients include:

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 2014 - Markus Zusak
 2013 - Tamora Pierce
 2012 - Susan Cooper
 2011 - Sir Terry Pratchett
 2010 - Jim Murphy
 2009 - Laurie R. King

The Michael L. Printz Award honors a specific young adult title based solely on its literary merit. In addition, the award promotes this rapidly growing genre and gives recognition to the importance of books for this age group. Similar to the Newbery Award, there are also four honor books

awarded. If you are looking for quality literature for your teen readers, these award winners are a great place to start. Many of these books are available in the Neuse Regional Library System and, if not, they can be requested through NC Cardinal, a resource-sharing consortium of over 160 North Carolina libraries.

Michael L. Printz Award

2019 - The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
 2018 - We Are Okay by Nina LaCour
 2017 - March by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
 2016 - Bone Gap by Laura Ruby
 2015 - I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
 2014 - Midwinterblood by Marcus Sedgwick
 2013 - In Darkness by Nick Lake
 2012 - Where Things Come Back by John Corey Whaley
 2011 - Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi
 2010 - Going Bovine by Libby Bray
 2009 - Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

The Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library is also currently upgrading its Teen Area at the Headquarters Library to provide young adult readers with a more dedicated space for them to enjoy the Library and participate in gaming and STEM activities; the new Teen Area will be completed in the next few weeks. For more information about Young Adult services, please call 252-527-7066, Ext. 133.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

MEET AND GREET WITH LENOIR COUNTY MANAGER MICHAEL S. JAMES: Drop in and join the Kinston Free Press and the Young Professionals of Lenoir County in welcoming the new Lenoir County Manager Michael S. James Thursday, May 2 at 5:15 p.m. at Mother Earth Brewing LLC. No ticket necessary.

THE AMAZING MAGIC SHOW: Prepare to be dazzled and delighted as we celebrate Children's Book Week with The Amazing Magic Show on Thursday, May 2 at 4 p.m. in the Schechter Auditorium at the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library. All ages are welcome. This program is sponsored by the Kinston-Lenoir County Friends of the Library. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 252-527-7066, ext. 133.

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Kinston/Lenoir County Church Women United will hold its May Friendship Day celebration Friday, May 3 at Southwood Christian Church, 1027 Hwy 58 South, Kinston. Registration and refreshments is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the worship program at 10 a.m. Please bring non-perishable food and/or monetary donations for Kinston InterChurch Outreach (ICOR). Please join us, all are welcome.

LONG ARMS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: Free day May 4 CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center, 100 N. Queen St. Join us downtown for the Lenoir County Annual BBQ Fest! After you have sampled all the delicious BBQ, come by the CSS Neuse and learn about the development of Long Arms during the Civil War and how they shaped our modern world. Admission is FREE! Military style long arms changed significantly between 1861 and the end of the war in 1865. Many soldiers in 1861 were equipped with outdated 1816 conversion muskets that fired a

large smoothbore .69 round with a very short effective range. By the end of the war, almost all troops were equipped with a rifled-musket that could reliably hit a target 300 yards or more away. Some troops were even equipped with repeating rifles giving them much greater firepower.

A DAY WITH VIVIAN HOWARD 2019: Join WALTER Magazine on Saturday, May 18 as we visit Kinston and take an exclusive look into award-winning Chef Vivian Howard's world! Itinerary: arrive in Kinston at the Boiler Room Oyster Bar for brunch at 10:30 a.m.; 12 p.m. Group 1: head to Vivian's private test kitchen for an intimate cooking class with Miss Lillie and Vivian; Group 2: explore Kinston with tours and tastings offered at Mother Earth Brewing Co. and Social House Vodka; 2 p.m. Groups switch! At 4 p.m. Head to Chef & The Farmer for a private four course dinner with exclusive menu introduced by Vivian. Tickets are \$300 per person and can be purchased by visiting Kinston.com/calendar or at Eventbrite.com

LEGO CLUB: Enjoy building with Legos? Come hang out in the Children's Theater at the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library for Lego Club on Thursday, May 2 at 4 p.m. No sign-up required. For more information please call the Children's Department at 252-527-7066, ext. 133.

OLDTIMERS THE MUSICAL: A Place in the Heart Theatre Company presents OLDTIMERS The Musical, a story about Alzheimer's and Dementia May 9-11 at Historic Turnage Theatre, 150 W. Main Street, Washington, NC. Thursday matinee, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.; Saturday matinee, 2 p.m., evening show at 7 p.m. Sponsor: Foundation For Educational Development Inc. The event is suitable for ages 13 and above. For tickets visit artsouthpamlico.org

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RED SPRINGS — Police officers here arrested a local man for stealing deodorant from a grocery store.

Bennie Lewis Henderson, of Red Springs, was arrested Saturday after officers received call about 6:52 p.m. in reference to someone running from Food Lion after stealing several cans of deodorant.

Officers spotted Henderson running behind a house, according to Monroe. As they chased him, Henderson threw cans of deodorant at the officers, who eventually apprehended him. The officers located several more cans of deodorant on Henderson's person.

He was taken to the magistrate's office, where he received a \$1,500 bond.

Children visit zoo for the first time

DOBBS HEIGHTS — Thursday was the first time visiting the North Carolina Zoo for 17 children from Dobbs Heights thanks to support from Enviva as part of the company's week-long Earth Day celebrations.

Retired police officer June Gadsden, who last year started tutoring students after school at New Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, made a list of places her students wanted to go and then narrowed it down to places they had never been. At the top of the list was the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro.

Gadsden took 20 children and their chaperones to the zoo.

National Day of Prayer to be held Thursday

ROCKINGHAM — Cathy Wilson, chairperson of the National Day of Prayer Committee, is excited for the 26th annual National Day of Prayer to be hosted at noon on Thursday on the Richmond County Courthouse steps.

The hour-long event brings together community leaders in a moment of prayer for the country.

Speakers for the event will include Rockingham Police Chief Billy Kelly and Assistant Richmond Raider football coach Greg Williams, with prayer from former Hamlet Police Chief Scott Waters and Pastor Gary Richardson and others.

Emergency services director is leaving

ELIZABETHTOWN — Two major hurricanes 23 months apart, tornadoes and a wildfire lasting more than a month were all a part of his tenure. All were successfully handled with aplomb.

But Bradley Kinlaw feels the most sense of accomplishment when he looks down U.S. 701 at the Bladen County Emergency Services Training Center, even if he is reluctantly departing with that job unfinished.

Kinlaw recently gave his notice to depart for a job as deputy director of Emergency Services in Harnett County. His last day will be May 17.

From AP and staff reports.

Parks and Recreation grant to benefit Washington Park

Jaël Pembrock
Staff writer

LAURINBURG — Children soon will have new slides and objects to climb in Washington Park thanks to a grant that will provide up to \$2 million in matching funds to park and recreation agencies across the state.

Scotland Parks and Recreation recently was named as one of the 18 recipients of the GameTime 2019 North Carolina Recreation and Park Association's Healthy Play and Recreation Initiative.

"We applied for \$400,000 so we will get a match to upgrade Washington Park," said Brian

Graham, director for Parks and Recreation. "We are going to go in and remove the old equipment and come in with new equipment for children ages 2 to 12."

This is the first year for the funding and educational partnership between NCRPA, GameTime, Cunningham Recreation and PlayCore.

In the GameTime press release it stated: "In the educational component of the initiative, PlayCore provided CEU-qualified professional development sessions throughout North Carolina to share research-based best practices in playground design and program-



Graham

ming. For the funding component of the initiative, GameTime made a commitment of up to 2 million dollars in matching funds for NCRPA agencies who submitted applications for assistance with the development of playground spaces that encourage best practice designs for active behavior."

The press release added that each of the playgrounds that are funded by the initiative will be designated as National Demonstration Sites for data collection, and will contribute data to highlight best practices and outcomes achieved.

"It will be placed on a site that tracks statistics like usage and ways it benefits the community," said Graham. "We also will have unique family programs there like movie nights."

Graham said this is the first step in a major park plan to renovate all seven playgrounds in Scotland County.

"The second park is unique, it's a fitness park," said Graham. "We are excited about it and it will begin in 2020. We also are working on a park that fits the ADA standards and is inclusive. There are plans to upgrade the splash pad (too)."

Jaël Pembrock can be reached at 910-506-3169 or jpembrock@laurinburgexchange.com.

Laurinburg native killed in motorcycle accident in SC

Staff report

SOCASTEE, South Carolina — A motorcyclist with Scotland County ties was killed Sunday when he ran into the back of a pickup truck. The accident happened on SC 544 near the intersection of SC 707 in Horry County shortly after 8 p.m.

Christopher Chavis, 47, was driving the motorcycle and was pronounced dead at the scene. He was

not wearing a helmet.

According to a report from the South Carolina State Highway Patrol, the motorcycle and pickup truck were each traveling west on SC 544 when the motorcycle hit the back of the truck.

Originally a resident of Laurinburg, North Carolina, Chavis reportedly had been living in Myrtle Beach.

The wreck remains under investigation.

CRIME REPORT

From local law enforcement

Larceny

LAUREL HILL — A resident of Parkdale Drive reported to the sheriff's office Thursday that someone had stole his delivery of prescription medication.

LAURINBURG — A resident of Scotland Inn reported to the police department Monday that his 2006 blue Ford Mustang was taken by a woman who had been

staying in the room with him. The incident is under investigation.

LAURINBURG — A resident of Hamlet reported to the police department on Monday that someone had stolen several items out of her vehicle while it was parked on West Boulevard. The suspect stole \$96 in cash, a purse, several debit and credit cards, a North Carolina license, three social security cards and a

checkbook. There was no damage to the vehicle.

LAURINBURG — A resident of Turnpike Road reported to the police department on Monday that unknown persons had broken into her vehicle and stole an Apple iPhone charger, headphones and Ray-Bans along with \$60.

LAURINBURG — A resident of Willow Drive reported to the police department on Tuesday that someone had stolen her 2004 dark green Saturn L-300 valued at \$2,500. The victim told officers the car was secured and she still had the keys. The incident is under investigation.

Vandalism
LAURINBURG — Quality Oil and Gas

Company on Andrew Jackson Highway reported to the sheriff's office on April 23 that someone had damaged the glass door to the building causing \$400 damage.

Fraud

LAURINBURG — Scotland Stop and Shop reported to the police department on Monday that on April 15 someone had come in and cashed a check valued at \$80 but later learned that the check had already been deposited via mobile banking app.

LAURINBURG — A resident of West Scotland Road reported to the police department on Tuesday that he had fallen victim to a check scam. The victim told officers that he had

applied for a job online and when he had gotten it the company sent him a check for \$4,890 to deposit then send back. He did as he was told but hasn't heard back from the company since.

Arrests

LAURINBURG — William Moore, 22, of North Main Street was arrested Sunday for assault on a female, breaking and entering, injury to personal property and stalking. He wasn't given a bond.

LAURINBURG — Kenneth McFadden, 22, of Dillon, South Carolina, was arrested Monday for probation and parole violations out of South Carolina. He wasn't given a bond.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wagram Town Board
Meets first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Wagram town hall.

East Laurinburg Board of Commissioners
Meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Municipal Community Building on Third Street.

Laurinburg City Council
Meets the first Tuesday after the 15th of each month at 7 p.m. at 303 West Church St.

Scotland County Board of Education
Meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the A.B. Gibson Center at 322 South Main St.

Public Hearing Notice

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Waxhaw's Ezzell honored for agriculture at Mt. Olive

STAFF REPORT

MOUNT OLIVE — A Union County student was recognized for her achievements at the University of Mount Olive's Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday.

Rachel Ezzell of Waxhaw received the Outstanding Agriculture Student of the Year. Ezzell is a senior agricultural production systems; animal science major. This award is given to a student with

a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

The recipient exemplifies academic performance and leadership qualities both in and out of the classroom and must be active in agricultural events and campus organizations.

This student is selected by the faculty from the Division of Agriculture and presented with a

cash award.

The University of Mount Olive has locations in Mount Olive, New Bern, Wilmington, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Research Triangle Park, Washington, Jacksonville, at Smithfield at Johnston Community College, and online. For more information, visit www.umo.edu.



Rachel Ezzell



Photo courtesy of Union Academy communications

Barbara Faulk, right, presented the second \$10,000 installment to UAF Director Jenna Westbrook.

CHARITABLE EFFORTS

WHO: Legal Services of Southern Piedmont

WHAT: Military Mondays
WHERE: Sun Valley Starbucks, 6701 Old Monroe Road in Indian Trail

WHEN: First Monday of every month, starting at 1 p.m.

NOTES: Attorney from Legal Services of South Piedmont are on hand to offer advice and referral information for veterans on a variety of civil matters, including disability compensation, survivor's benefits, discharge upgrades, consumer law, tax issues and other civil legal matters.

WHO: House of Pearls (www.houseofpearls.org)

WHAT: Volunteer opportunities and needs list

NOTES: The House of Pearls is a Christian transitional home for women. It is our commitment to minister to "the least of these," and through scripture, help women

rebuild their lives through the love of Jesus Christ!

Opportunities for Ministry: Women for night supervisors, day supervisors, grant writer, transportation, mentoring for the ladies, life skills instructors, sponsors for medical, financial and legal needs and personal advocates

Items Needed: toilet paper, facial tissue, all-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, dish detergent, disinfectant spray, paper towels, non-latex gloves, air fresheners, sandwich bags, freezer bags, large trash bags, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, aspirin, acetaminophen, melatonin, acidophilus, band-aids, cotton balls, prenatal vitamins, Vitamin C, stool softeners, nasal decongestants, throat lozenges, cough drops, liquid hand soap, body wash, lotion, invitation-size envelopes, card stock, postage stamps, printer ink-950XL and saline solution spray for allergies.

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The five biggest areas of new spending he cited are a pay and benefit increase at \$422 million, Medicaid at \$118 million, summer enrollment in the UNC system at \$35 million, continuation of the film and entertainment grants at \$31 million, and implementation of Raise the Age legislation at \$29 million.

Cooper, as is customary, didn't respond to a request for a response from Carolina Journal, but Alexandra Sirota, director of the Budget and Tax Center at the left-leaning N.C. Justice Center, criticized the spending plan.

"Once again, House leaders have chosen to cut taxes and reduce our ability to invest in community priorities. Another tax cut for large businesses — this time the franchise tax, which is not a targeted cut for small businesses in NC — will only serve to further erode our tax base and won't deliver a better economic growth path for our state and families," she said in a news release.

She chided lawmakers for failing to expand Medicaid, and to spend as much on education as liberals wanted, as the budget debate began in earnest.

Among highlights of the 2019-20 budget:

Only \$104.6 million is slotted for the Savings Reserve in 2019-20, bringing the fund to \$1.39 billion. It's a fraction of the \$2.6 billion recommended by the Office of State Budget and Management and the General Assembly's Fiscal Research Division. No money was added to the reserve in 2012 or 2016. In 2016 \$101 million was transferred from the reserve for Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts. After briefly reaching \$2.01 billion in 2018, \$756.5 million was tapped for recovery from

Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

K-12 education spending increases \$116.6 million to a total of \$9.7 billion. The N.C. Community College System adds \$8.7 million in spending, going to \$1.18 billion. The UNC System rises \$56.7 million, to \$3.1 billion. Total state education spending is up \$182 million to \$14 billion.

Debt service increases to \$721.1 million from \$716 million this year, and is paid out of the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund instead of the General Fund.

Standard deductions for personal income tax would be 3.75% larger. For married couples it would go from \$20,000 to \$20,750; heads of household from \$15,000 to \$15,563; single filers and married couples filing separately from \$10,000 to \$10,375.

The Franchise Tax on the value of businesses will begin to fall in 2020. Businesses will pay corporate income tax based on sales in North Carolina, generating \$3 million. Internet marketplace companies like Etsy will be forced to collect sales taxes, adding another \$94.6 million. Those additional revenue streams will balance against the \$99.9 million reduction in personal income and franchise tax changes, leaving tax revenues \$5.3 million lower for the year.

State Department of Health and Human Services appropriations show an increase of \$82 million to \$5.6 billion. Medicaid and Health Choice, the largest driver of state

DHHS appropriations, would increase \$32.1 million to slightly less than \$4 billion. DHHS would get an additional 14.5 positions for Medicaid and Health Choice, raising the total number of employees in that division to 485.

The budget appropriates \$233 million in non-recurring money from a Medicaid reserve fund, of which \$63.9 million is for upgrades to the NC FAST computer system to enhance beneficiary enrollment in managed care programs under Medicaid transformation starting Nov. 1.

Total general government, which includes budgets for the elected Council of State officers and the General Assembly, is \$428 million. That's a \$22.3 million increase despite showing elimination of some 42 positions.

The budget extends historic rehabilitation tax credits to Jan. 1, 2024. The same extension date would be accorded to sales taxes for fuel purchases by interstate commercial airlines, and for certain purchases and service contracts by professional motorsports teams, most notably NASCAR.

About \$103 million in appropriations would go to a variety of disaster recovery activities, nearly all of which stem from Hurricane Florence.

Out-of-state businesses would be exempted from paying multiple business taxes if they are performing disaster-related work for a critical infrastructure company during a disaster response period.

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Public can rent Union Academy's recording studio

STAFF REPORT

MONROE — The Union County Community Arts Council held this month's board meeting at Union Academy Charter School in the new fine arts wing, which houses Union County's first recording studio.

Thanks to the \$50,000 pledged by UCCAC to the Union Academy

Foundation Capital Fund, the construction of the recording studio provides a resource in the community and will be available for rent to the public. The \$50,000 will be paid in installments to UAF over a five-year period.

The two Wenger SoundLok booths provide sound isolation and exceptional sound quality for recording.

FRAUD

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Detectives determined that Platt was a frequent customer of Pro Printing, where he routinely ordered uniforms and sports

apparel on behalf of the Mint Hill Athletic Association. The investigation determined that Platt had been in Pro Printing just prior to the fraudulent transfer of funds taking place and likely took a photograph of a check lying on a desk. Detectives

suspect that Platt used the bank account information from the Pro Printing check to make an online or telephone payment toward his vehicle loan.

Platt's next court appearance in Union County is scheduled for May 20.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Burke

HIGH POINT — Mary Burke, 89, passed peacefully into the loving arms of her heavenly Father on April 19, 2019 at River Landing at Sandy Ridge, High Point, NC. She was born in Perth Amboy, NJ on Halloween Day to parents Michael and Mary Haholt Kachek. She was preceded in death by her first husband of 28 years Master Gunnery Sergeant Stanley Wolak, USMC and her second husband of 32 years Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Charlie Burke, USN, both veterans of WWII. A loving and supportive wife and mother, Mary was known for her warm, caring devotion to her family, for her appreciation of a good joke, for her quick, steel trap-like mind, for her love of travel and playing Scrabble, and for her sweet tooth especially her fondness of chocolate.

Mary was a long-time resident of Havelock, NC until moving to Sarasota, FL from 1986-2018. Following Charlie's death, she moved to High Point to be nearer to family. She is survived by her four children and their spouses Stephen Wolak (Beth), Jean



White (David), Diane Wishart (Eli) and Arlene Fetzer (Barry) and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren in whom she found much joy. She is also survived by stepdaughter Janelle Burke Maris (Tony).

An interment of Mar's remains will take place at Palms Memorial Park in Sarasota at a later date. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Shriners' Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, FL 33607; or to River Landing at Sandy Ridge at 1575 John Knox Drive, Colfax, NC 27235; or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 1801 Westchester Dr., High Point, NC 27262. Secrest Funeral service is honored to serve the Burke family. Online condolences may be made at secrestfunerals.com.

Alice Underhill Jaynes

NEW BERN — Alice Underhill Jaynes, age 83, died Sunday, April 28, 2019 at her home. Born August 26, 1935 in Johnston County she was a daughter of the late Edgar and Georgia Anna Smith Underhill. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert Howard Jaynes, Jr. Mrs. Jaynes taught school for more than 35 years and was even awarded "Teacher of the Year".

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 2019 in the chapel of Parrish Funeral Home

with Mr. Luby Tyner, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Selma Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Thursday just prior to the service. Surviving are her husband, Robert Howard "Bob" Jaynes of the home; son, Ronald Daniel Jaynes of Buies Creek; brothers, George Underhill of Kernersville and Wingate Underhill of Greensboro; and sister, Anna Parrish of Selma. Online condolences may be sent to the family at parrishfh.com.

Daniel Wade Johnson Jr., 36, of Havelock died

Monday, April 29, 2019, at Carolina East Medical Center. Arrangements are by Cotten Funeral Home.

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tax cut and some business tax reductions, spread out over several years. They'd also attempt to collect more sales taxes from consumers buying online.

The proposal distributes more money already set aside last year to address Hurricane Florence recovery and begins to build back up the state's current \$1.2 billion rainy-day reserve fund. Lawmakers took nearly \$800 million from

the fund right after the storm for aid.

The House wants to give final approval to its plan by the end of the week. The Senate, also controlled by Republicans, should pass a competing proposal by late May, setting up negotiations between the two chambers.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, who offered his own budget proposal in March that spends several hundred millions dollars more than the House, should have more leverage in comparison to the previous two years, when GOP lawmakers overrode

his 2017 and 2018 budget bill vetoes. Democrats won enough seats in the fall to end the Republicans' veto-proof majorities.

Pay for teachers and school support staff will get special interest as public school teachers and their supporters planned a massive march and rally for Wednesday at the Legislative Building.

The North Carolina Association of Educators, which is leading the second annual rally and is a close Cooper ally, are demanding 5% raises next year for all teachers and support staff, while seeking

an equivalent \$15-per-hour minimum wage for all staff. The Republican-controlled legislature gave a \$15 minimum wage to state employees last year. Cooper's budget wants average teacher pay to go up by 9.1% over two years. NCAE leaders and Republican lawmakers have butted heads for years over GOP spending levels for the public schools. A policy provision in the budget bill appears to target future NCAE rallies, which this year caused 30 school systems to shut down because so many teachers took off.

PRIMARY

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According to information from the Craven County Board of Elections, as of 10 a.m. Tuesday morning a total of 1,634 votes had been cast across Craven County since polls opened at 6:30 a.m. A combined 3,040 votes were cast during one-stop voting.

If no candidate receives more than 30 percent of the vote, a runoff election will be held on July 9. The general election will be held on September 10 if there is a runoff, but will be held on July 9 otherwise.

Several New Bern residents are vying for the 3rd Congressional District House seat. New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw has joined the race for the Democratic nomination, while fellow New Bernian and state representative Michael Speciale is battling it out in the crowded Republican field. Tim Harris of New Bern is also running as a Libertarian in the primary.

Twenty-six polling sites were open across Craven County Tuesday. Due to damage from Hurricane Florence, the N5 Glenburnie Precinct located at the National Guard Armory was changed to the N4 Precinct at H.J. MacDonald Middle School, 3127 Elizabeth Avenue.

At H.J. MacDonald Middle School, voter Amy Thigpen said she would like to see

someone "more conservative" pick up Jones' seat.

"I just feel like there's some issues where maybe he wasn't in line with our local Republican Party, and that's something I'd like to see change, whoever wins," said Thigpen. Throughout New Bern polling sites Tuesday, voters echoed the theme of local issues being of primary importance in the District 3 election. Walking out of the Twin Rivers YMCA with an "I Voted Today" sticker attached to his shirt, Tim Gaspers said he was more concerned with the values and knowledge of the candidates than he was with their party affiliation.

"I don't really care who it is as long as they're fair and they're someone who understands this area. We're not Raleigh and we're not Jacksonville, you know. I think that's the most important thing really," he commented. Across town at Rhems Fire and Rescue Department, Lisa Page, who was accompanied by her 5-year-old son, Brandon, volunteered that she was casting her vote for New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw.

"Well he's from here and I think that means something. He knows what goes on in New Bern and we need that," she commented.

Page said she would like to see whoever wins the District 3 House seat work to bring more industry to Craven County.

"We need jobs. We need

a reason for kids to stay here and that means we have to have jobs for them, and especially for kids who maybe aren't going to college," said Page. North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District is located in the eastern portion of the state and includes all or parts of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Carteret, Pitt, Craven, Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, and Greene counties.

Candidates competing in today's primary are:

Republican:
Michael Speciale, 803 Stately Pines Road, New Bern
Phil Shepard, 111 Vernon Shepard Lane, Jacksonville
Eric Rouse, 2856 Alton Phillips Road, Kinston
Joan Perry, PO Box 97275
Raleigh
Mike Payment, 117 Barefoot Lane, Grandy
Michele Nix, 906 N. Queen Street, Suite B, Kinston
Greg Murphy, PO Box 1131, Greenville
Jeff Moore, P.O. Box 10853, Raleigh
Phil Law, PO Box 12774,

Democrat:
Allen Thomas, 1108 Bexley Drive, Winterville
Ernest T. Reeves, 3013 Noah Court, Greenville
Dana E. Outlaw, 4921 Morton Road, New Bern
Ike Johnson, PO Box 12532, Jacksonville
Gregory Humphrey, 1459 Beaulaville Highway, Beaulaville
Richard Bew, 498 Ball Farm Road, Newport
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Tim Harris, 1701 Rhem Avenue, New Bern
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RIVERBASH

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from Market Street to Grubb and there will be food trucks and no admission charge.

The theme will be "Don't give up the ship."

The Bear Swamp-Beech Spring Ruritan Club will kick off the event with a fish Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Hertford municipal parking lot. Tickets are \$9 and the proceeds go to the Kim Hunter Daugherty Foundation Scholarship.

Next to the Ruritan booth, the JOY Circle Bake Sale will be held. Monies will support United Methodist Women's Unit missions.

A two-hour Gospel Sing-
spiration featuring "Iliz
Handz" Puppets will be held
Friday at 6 p.m. at Hertford
Baptist Church as part of

Riverbash. It will be followed by the Perquimans County Senior Choir, "Three 4 One," "The Duns," and "The Virginia Harmonies." The concert is free and open to the public, and a love of singing will be taken.

Action starts back up Saturday with a pancake breakfast by American Legion Post 126 from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. There will be a pet show at 8:30 a.m. at Missing Mill Park. Please bring a donation of any kind for the Tri-County Animal Shelter. To register, call 435-4999. All pets must be on a leash.

From 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. there will also be a bounce house and events at the park. At 10 a.m. there will be the 7th Sea RC Throw-down at the tennis courts on Grubb Street.

The Riverbash Dash Fun Run will start at 6 p.m. on



"The Duns" will be among the performers at a Gospel Singing event Friday at 6 p.m. at Hertford Baptist Church as part of Riverbash.

Market Street. At the same time, there will be Paddle the Perquimans at Winfall Landing Park.

There will be live music, food and a Beer Garden at the Hertford marina all day and the Periauger will be on display. The Newbold-White House will also be open for free tours. At 4 p.m., Paddle the Perquimans will be at

Hertford Marine.

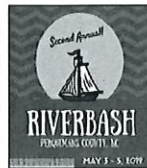
Starting at 6 p.m. there will be a dragstrip car show on downtown parking lots, food trucks, a beer/wine garden and shopping on Church Street. Courthouse tours will be held from 5-6 p.m.

Starting about 6 p.m. the block party will begin.

Ellis Dyson and the Shambles blend of early New Orleans jazz to Piedmont murder ballads. According to their web site, the result is whiskey-soaked, foot-stomping original songs.

The band consists of Ellis Dyson (banjo, vocals), Eli Wittmann (acoustic guitar), Butler Knowles (upright bass), Danny Abrams (soprano/alto/baritone saxophones, clarinet, vocals), and Danny Grewen (trombone, vocals).

The weekend wraps up on



Sunday with what is called a free "Kool Down Concert" featuring jazz from 5-10 p.m. on the lawn at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. Performing will be a jazz group from Elizabeth City State University, and Joel Taylor and Connected. Food will be available for sale.

For information on how to get involved, call 426-5657. You can also visit perquimansriverbash.com.

TURNER

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return to the school system where they were raised and become superintendent. She also pointed out that a former student of Turner's, John Lassiter, is now a principal at Hertford Grammar School.

Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole did the honors of swearing Turner in.

For her part, Turner talked of "home."

"I believe there is a lot of truth in the phrase, 'home is where your heart is,'" Turner said.

She talked about a grandmother who was one of the first teachers at what is now Perquimans Central and how Turner herself got her start there as a fifth grade teacher. She talked about her father who served eight years on the Perquimans County Board of Education. She also talked about how as a young girl riding her bicycle to Hertford to have an orange-said at Woodard's Pharmacy and about watching fireworks at Missing Mill Park. She talked about raising a son in the Perquimans system and watching him mature and go on to college.

Mostly in her brief remarks she talked about her vision for the children in

Perquimans today.

"No one ever rises to low expectations," Turner said. "I am passionate about shooting for the moon. Every child, every day."

Lassiter called Turner the best type of leader. When she took the assistant superintendent job in Chowan, Lassiter was hired to take her role as principal at Chowan Middle School.

"I do not like the spotlight," Lassiter said. Turner told him when he took the job. "In today's media world, humility is an attribute that is in short supply, but it is critical to strong and effective leadership," he said.

"In closing, the leadership guru John Maxwell is credited with this quote," Lassiter said. "A leader knows the way, goes the way and shows the way." The end of that quote is what separates Tanya from other leaders. Many leaders have goals, or "know the way." And they can take steps or assign tasks toward those goals, or "go the way." Tanya coaches her team to success. She is smart, passionate and well connected. Her work has helped countless educators reflect on how their data should be used to improve as an educator, or in other words, she "shows the way."

Turner's first day on the job is May 1.

MAP

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The sheriff is opting not to put everything on the map.

"Things like sex offenses, child sex offenses and citations for like driving while license revoked won't be on it. Also fraud reports won't appear and the same for drug offenses."

"We may be doing an undercover case for drugs and we don't want that out there," White said.

The system allows White to put broad categories of crimes on it, but it doesn't allow him to pick and choose which individual ones might be omitted.

What residents can do is sign up for neighborhood watch reports that will automatically email a break-

down of recent crime activity.

The Community Crime Map automatically syncs with Perquimans Sheriff's Office records system to keep crime information updated online and in the mobile app. Community Crime Map cleans and geocodes the crime data, then displays all of the incidents on a map, grid and analytics dashboard along with some basic information about the incidents, including the type of crime, location type, block-level address, date and time.

As of last week the map showed 30 days of data and there were just four dots showing where a crime occurred. But users can go search back to the first of the year.

White said the Currituck Sheriff's Office and the Edenton Police Department are using the system.

WRECK

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hour.

"She had just picked up a kid so she wasn't traveling fast," Davis said. The maximum speed for a yellow bus is 45 miles per hour.

A review of the security cameras on the bus confirmed that Holley had fallen asleep.

Davis confirmed there were no serious injuries.

"Everybody was walking and talking. Everybody was OK."

Holley complained she had hurt her hand, he said.

The wreck happened shortly after 7 a.m. on Holiday Island Road near Pender Road.

"It appears the driver may have fallen asleep," Bunch said. "As she was driving down the road, the bus

veered onto the side of the road and several trees were clipped and the bus ended up in a ditch."

"I think we are really blessed that no one suffered serious injuries," Bunch said. "The students were helping other students, which is something we like to see."

After the accident the school system had two additional nurses at the middle school plus more support staff.

The entire front window of the bus was smashed out and there were multiple broken windows down one side of the bus.

Responding to the wreck were the Bethel Fire Department, the Perquimans Sheriff's Office and Perquimans EMS. No patients were transported to the hospital by EMS, according to Perquimans EMS Director Jonathan Nixon.

ALBEMARLE CHORALE



The Albemarle Chorale will perform May 5 at 4 p.m. in the auditorium at Perquimans County High School.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SHERIFF

■ 4/21 Cedric Cunningham, Belvidere Road, damage-injury to personal property.

■ 4/22 Felisha Guertin, Wynne Fork Court, second-degree trespass, possessing stolen property, larceny, \$1,000 unsecured bond.

■ 4/22 Gary Steinhoff, Chestnut Street, larceny, obtain property by false

pretense, \$1,000 unsecured bond.

■ 4/22 Shawn Myers, Levi Creevy Road, Edenton, marijuana paraphernalia possession, possession of Schedule VI controlled substance, second-degree trespass, \$800 secured bond.

■ 4/22 Randy Boyce, Meads Circle, larceny, obtaining property by false pretense, uttering forged endorsement, \$1,700 unsecured bond.

■ 4/23 Nathan Hay, Candlewood Drive, Virginia Beach, three counts failure to appear, \$6,000 secured bond.

■ 4/23 Heather Stane, Tuscarora Trail, no operator's license.

■ 4/23 Louwanda Harris, Wynne Fork Court, simple assault, no bond.

■ 4/25 Randy Boyce, Meads Circle, failure to appear, \$2,000 secured bond.

PRIMARY

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nomination in Tuesday's primary election, raised \$317,994 and spent \$204,435 during the first quarter, leaving his campaign with \$113,558.98 cash on hand, Federal Elections Commission records show. Murphy's fundraising includes a \$50,000 loan he made to his campaign.

Thomas, a former Greenville mayor and one of six Democrats seeking their party's nomination in today's primary, raised \$255,390 during the first quarter, the bulk of it — \$200,000 — coming in the form of a loan he made to his campaign, records show. Thomas' campaign spent \$116,489.63 during the first quarter, leaving it with \$138,900 in cash on hand.

Murphy's campaign reported 190 donations over \$200. Of those, 50 were for at least \$2,500 — close to the \$2,800 maximum that can be donated per election cycle. Murphy raised a total of \$11,530 from donors giving less than \$200. He also reported raising \$16,000 from eight other entities such as political action committees.

A large portion of the Murphy campaign's expenditures went toward media buys, such as online or television advertising.

Thomas reported six contributions over \$2,500

and \$7,583 from donors giving less than \$200. Thomas also received \$1,000 from a PAC registered in his own name, and \$2,000 from a PAC registered under the name of U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C.

A large portion of Thomas' expenditures went toward direct mail advertising costs, with his campaign spending about \$47,000 on mailers.

Also reporting significant fundraising in the first quarter were Republican primary candidates Joan Perry and Eric Rouse and Democratic primary candidate Richard Bew.

Perry's campaign reported raising \$15,435, which includes a \$30,000 loan she made to her campaign. She raised \$3,000 from other entities. Her campaign reported expenditures in the first period totaling \$75,408.60, leaving her with \$78,936 in cash on hand.

Rouse reported raising \$147,610, which includes a \$101,740 loan he made to his campaign. Rouse's expenditures totaled \$86,794, leaving his campaign with \$60,816 in cash on hand. Bew reported raising \$124,513, which includes a \$11,300 check he gave his campaign. Bew raised a total of \$109,713 from donors, with \$36,045 of that coming from donors giving less than \$200.

Bew also received \$2,500 from a PAC called VoteVets and a \$1,000 donation from a PAC registered under the

name of Amy McGrath, who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in Kentucky in 2018.

Other 3rd Congressional District candidates' fundraising totals for the special election are as follows:

Republicans

■ Francis de Luca: \$119,410, which includes a \$75,000 loan from the candidate

■ Chimer Clark: \$111,530, which includes an \$80,000 loan from the candidate

■ Jeff Moore: \$104,781, which includes a \$8,400 check from the candidate

■ Celeste Cairns: \$75,089, which includes \$7,800 from other entities

■ Phillip Shephard: \$70,500, which includes \$4,000 check from the candidate

■ Samuel Boyd: \$48,592, which includes \$7,617.09 from other entities

■ Michele Nix: \$48,203

■ Philip Law: \$26,480, which includes a \$200 check from the candidate

■ Michael Spiale: \$15,670

■ Donald Cox: \$8,988,

which includes a \$4,075 check from the candidate

■ Kevin Baikor: \$4,750, which includes a \$4,500 loan from the candidate

■ Michael Payment: No fundraising data was reported

Democrats:

Dana Outlaw: \$18,353, which includes a \$10,800 check from the candidate

Ike Johnson: \$16,229, which includes a \$270 check from the candidate and a \$4,085.34 loan from the candidate

Gregory Humphrey: No fundraising data was reported

Ernest Reeves: No fundraising data was reported

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House unveils North Carolina budget proposal

By Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

RALEIGH — North Carolina House Republicans rolled out their full proposed state government budget for the next two years Tuesday, providing additional funds to address school safety and student mental health and to give teachers pay raises. The GOP plan would spend \$23.9 billion in the fiscal year starting July 1, which is 3% higher than current-year spending, according to the General Assembly nonpartisan fiscal staff.

Not included in the bottom-line number is hundreds of millions of dollars for state building repairs and construction. Republicans are proposing a small personal income tax cut and some business tax reductions, spread out over several years. They'd also attempt to collect more sales taxes from consumers buying online.

The proposal distributes more money already set aside last year to address Hurricane Florence recovery and begins to build back up the state's current \$1.2 billion rainy-day reserve fund. Lawmakers

took nearly \$800 million from the fund right after the storm for aid.

Budget writers were expected to describe publicly the pay raises for teachers and government employees later Tuesday. The House wants to give final approval to its plan by the end of the week. The Senate, also controlled by Republicans, should pass a competing proposal by late May, setting up negotiations between the two chambers.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, who offered his own budget proposal in March that spends several hundred millions dollars more than the House, should have more leverage in comparison to the previous two years, when GOP lawmakers overrode his 2017 and 2018 budget bill vetoes. Democrats won enough seats in the fall to end the Republicans' veto-proof majorities.

Pay for teachers and school support staff will get special interest as public school teachers and their supporters planned out a massive march and rally for Wednesday at the Legislative Building.



The seventh annual Ellerbe Mayfest is set for this Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be several activities including a coin and ring toss, a dunk tank, and a game truck and food and craft will be present as well.

Ellerbe Mayfest set for Saturday

By Jasmine Hager
Staff Writer

ELLERBE — Members of the Mineral Springs Improvement Council, Inc. are counting down the days until their seventh annual Ellerbe Mayfest, scheduled for Saturday May 4.

Secretary and Program Coordinator Barbara Moton said she's looking forward to everyone coming out and enjoying themselves.

"I'm very excited,"

said Moton. "I'm looking forward to lots of people and everyone having fun."

Last year, Moton said around 500 people attended the festival — which will run this year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — and she's hoping for a similar turnout.

A new addition to the Ellerbe Mayfest will be a game truck, but there will be some returning favorites including a dunk tank where attendees will have a chance to dunk police officers.

Moton said the dunk tank is a crowd favorite. "Usually everyone will stop what they're doing and come dunk the police," she said. "It's the life of the party."

In addition to the game truck and dunk tank, there will also be a coin and ring toss, bingo, a visit from the fire department, live food demonstrations and entertainment including Ray Charles Lindsay, who sings Motown classics like The Temptations and a one-hour Zumba session. They will also have a booth set up where they will sell fresh produce from their garden.

Moton said she's excited for the Zumba presentation and hopes to be able to hold a Zumba class for residents over the summer. "I'm hoping we can start a Get Moving

(Zumba) program," she said. "It's something I would love to start here."

Money raised from the Mayfest will go towards the Mineral Springs Improvement Council, Inc.'s after-school and summer program as well as their food bank.

This year, students will learn about youth entrepreneurship during the summer program as well as take care of the garden. The six-week program begins the first full week after school lets out in June and will run until the end of July.

Moton said there's still an opportunity for vendors to participate. For more information, call Moton at 910-434-3160.

Reach Jasmine Hager at 910-817-2675 or jhager@yourdailyjournal.com.

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Washington County Hospital reopens

STAFF REPORTS

PLYMOUTH — Washington County Hospital reopened its doors today after being closed since February when bankruptcy proceedings were initiated.

"The staff of WCH are excited to embark on this once in a lifetime chance of reopening," said Melanie Perry, the hospital's chief executive officer. "There are so many rural hospitals nationwide that have closed, but do not have the opportunity to even entertain the thought of reopening, so we are blessed beyond measure. As we move forward, we look at the future of our facility with vigor and will continue to work hard for the members of our community."

In January, the hospital stopped accepting ambulance-transport patients

and on Feb. 14 suspended all clinical services because of ongoing financial trouble. Washington County Commissioners voted to file suit to force the hospital's parent company to file bankruptcy and to activate a contract clause that would revert the facility back to the county's ownership.

When the hospital ceased operations, Plymouth Primary Care Rural Health Clinic remained open for prescription refills and has resumed certain operations under the direction of Dr. Robert Venable.

The Plymouth facility serves a large rural area in Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties. Residents have had access to critical care through Vital and non-Vital hospitals and medical practices in and around Washington County.

OBITUARIES

Virginia King Chappell

BELVIDERE — Virginia Mae King Chappell, 88, of 1141 County Line Road, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019, in Sentara Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, VA.

Mrs. Chappell was born in Norfolk on January 2, 1931, and was the daughter of the late Douglas McIlwaine "Buck", Sr. and Ida Mae Mizzell King. A homemaker, she was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Edenton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Rountree Chappell; a sister, Ruth Ann Curling; and by two brothers, infant "Teeny Bud" and Douglas M. "Yebbo" King, II.

Surviving are her three daughters, Jennifer Leigh Lamm of Belvidere, Donna Neil Davis and husband, Charles, of Tyner, and Nancy Harvina Maitland and husband, Terry; a son, Alan Harvey Chappell and wife, Angela, all of Belvidere; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was held Monday at 11:00 a.m. in St. Anne Catholic Church. A private entombment was in the Chappell Family Cemetery near the home. Friends joined the family in the Parish Hall of the church immediately following the service on Monday, and all other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is handling arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

Martha Ann Shuford

ALBEMARLE — Martha Ann Shuford, 84, of Albemarle, passed away Tuesday April 23, 2019 in Trinity Place. Her funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday April 28, 2019 in the Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care Chapel of Albemarle with Rev. Danny Laws and Rev. Tab Whitley officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Memorial Park. The family received friends from 12 until 1:30 p.m. prior to the service and at other times the family was at her home.



Martha was born January 18, 1935 in Stanly County, NC and was the daughter of the late Odom Lee Pennington and Mellic Katherine Guder Pennington. Mrs. Shuford was the former owner of the Colonial Restaurant in Edenton, NC and was a member of South Albemarle Baptist Church. Martha, throughout her life, she always appreciated a good sermon and on any day of the week. She attended any service she could with her husband Bob to thank God for his many blessings.

Mrs. Shuford is survived by her husband Bob Shuford. She is also survived by two sons Gary Fincher (Kathy Smith) of Ansonville, NC and Frank Baker, III of Cameron, NC; daughter Beverly Baker of Merry Hill, NC; sister Betty Mason of Albemarle, NC; six grandchildren Jeff Smith of Wilmington, NC, Greg Fincher (Rachel) of Clanton, Alabama, BJ Potts (Yvette) of Edenton, NC, Tiffany Potts of Edenton, NC, Charissa Tracy (Paul) of Wilmington, NC, and nine great-grandchildren Jonah, Brooklyn, Jonathan, Brandon, Paulie, Scarlett, Trey, Johnna and Kendall. Martha was also preceded in death by a brother Dwayne Pennington.

A special thank you to all the care givers at Trinity Place, whom she loved with all of her heart.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Place Resident Care Fund, 24724 US Highway 52 S., Albemarle, NC 28001.

Stanly Funeral and Cremation Care of Albemarle is serving the Shuford family.

Tracy Hocutt Spruill

PLYMOUTH — Tracy Ann Hocutt Spruill, 49, of Plymouth, NC, passed away Monday, April 22, 2019, in her home.

Born in Pasquotank County on February 16, 1970, she was the daughter of Jeffery Ferrell Spruill of Creswell and Sandra Russell Spruill of Plymouth. Employed with Regulator Marine for many years, she attended Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Preston Hocutt.

Surviving are her two daughters, Kendra Spruill of Greenville, and Shauna Armstead; a son, R.J. Armstead; a brother, Larry Hocutt, all of Plymouth; a granddaughter, Jorunee Vanterpool; a special niece, Ariyona Armstead; and her god-son, Emmanuel Williams.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, and were conducted by Pastor Danny Gurganus. Friends joined the family for a time of visitation in the funeral home the hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1008, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

Deborah K. Palmer

HOBBSVILLE — Deborah Kay Wypasek Palmer, 61, of 110 Gliden Road, passed away on Friday, April 26, 2019 in Autumn Care of Chesapeake, VA. Mrs. Palmer was born in Richmond, Virginia on February 25, 1958, and was the daughter of the late Andrew V. and Victoria Kowalski Wypasek. She was homemaker and a seamstress.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Jeffery Randall Palmer.

Surviving are her husband, R. Randall Palmer; her daughter, Kelly Becker of Acworth, GA; her sister, Barbara Vellenga of Mount Carmel, TN; her brother, Raymond Wypasek of Union, KY; and two grandchildren, Elisabeth Anna Kay Palmer and Jeffery Joseph Palmer.

A gathering for family and friends will be held Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfh.com.

DEATHS

EDENTON — Shirley Ann Smith Marshall, 72, died on Thursday, April 25, 2019. Funeral was held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Emmanuel Baptist Church. Visitation was held 7-8 p.m. Monday in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory.

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CYCLE NC

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Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Edenton has its charms be it the grand houses, the shops on Broad Street, the friendly people and their pride in preserving history.

"Edenton is beautiful—a little historic town," said Kahrl, a retired school teacher. "A lot of us really love history."

Barbara Parrott added, "We loved the trolley tour. We loved the historic, beautiful mansions. It's just how well everything has been preserved. It's amazing how you have some of these homes built in the 1800s. And we learned that the Barker House was moved—chimneys and everything."

The group from central Ohio enjoyed the pancakes, eggs and that giant sausage before their ride to places near and far.

"The breakfast was lovely," Parrott said.

Kahrl added, "This is the biggest piece of sausage that we've ever been offered."

Earlier in the week, the group biked from Edenton to Hertford and now was planning a multi-mile trek across the Albemarle Sound to Columbia. Jeff Hunter said the breakfast was good as he explained why he traveled from Columbus, Ohio, to Chowan County.

"I figured this would be a good ride early in the season to help get in shape," he said. "And it looked like it was going to be pretty in the water, and from what I've seen, it is. I like the water and all the old homes, along with the quaint storefronts."

Kahrl's stepson, Michael, said described the trip as delightful, particularly as he is familiar with the area from his tour of duty

serving in the Navy during his time in Norfolk, Va.

"It's nice to come back to see the Sound and the water," he said.

As to the ride, he said, "Compared to Ohio, the roads are much smoother. We got caught in a rain, but we were able to stop in an engine repair shop until the storm blew over. An old man opened up his barn for us. Overall, a good trip. We've been to Hertford and back—Rocky Hook too."

For this group of Buckeye cyclists, this was their first trip to Edenton and eastern North Carolina.

Asked if he would return, Kahrl said, "Yes, I think we'll all come back. We don't have too many bike tours where we live this early in the year. The people here have been very friendly."

Parrott added, "Have the people been friendly? Oh yes, yes. And we love the

shops. Susan and I went shopping Friday at the consignment store. If I lived here, that would be the only place I would go. There were so many lovely things—good deals too. And I got a two-dip ice cream cone at Blount's Mutual Drug for \$2.67—that's unheard of where we're from."

The group had their tents set up by Elizabeth Van Moore Park by Queen Anne's Creek—the perfect spot for launching a kayak.

"We're going to go out with some kayaks later—can't wait," Parrott said.

When all was said and done after the bicycles, kayaks and tent villages were cleared from various waterfront venues, Hoffer offered this observation.

"I think they enjoyed the hospitality of the local town folks, but also the waterfront camping and beautiful scenery that Edenton offers," he said.

TURNER

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forth.

Monday night at Perquimans Central, Jackson said one of those attending apologized for "stealing" Turner from the Chowan school system. Jackson said that wasn't a problem.

"We thank you for losing Tanya Turner to us for the last 17 years," Jackson told the crowd.

School board Chair Annie White said it must be rare to have a former student return to the school system where they were raised and become



PETER WILLIAMS, PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ROB JACKSON SPEAKS Monday Turner was one of the first teachers at what is now Perquimans Central and how Turner herself got her start there. She talked about her father who served eight years on the Perquimans County Board of Education.

superintendent. She also pointed out that a former student of Turner's, John

Lassiter, is now principal at Hertford Grammar School.

Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole led the honors of swearing Turner in.

For her part, Turner talked of "home."

"I believe there is a lot of truth in the phrase, 'home is where your heart is,'" Turner said.

She talked about a grandmother who was one of the first teachers at what is now Perquimans Central and how Turner herself got her start there. She talked about her father who served eight years on the Perquimans County Board of Education.

HOURS

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Edenton State Historic Site, Edenton Historical Commission, Cupola House Association, Masonic Lodge, Chowan Arts Council and Destination Downtown all pitching in, she wrote in an email.

Throughout the event, town and county agencies worked to ensure Cycle NC's success.

"Edenton and Chowan County Departments from Emergency Management, Edenton Police Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Office, Edenton Chowan Public Schools, Edenton Chowan Parks and Recreation, Edenton Chowan Chamber of Public

Works were not only on call throughout the four days but worked long, very long hours keeping everyone safe and the Town looking beautiful with an abundance of trash pick-up, bathrooms cleaned and well-stocked to installing all that was needed for shower trucks, parking and traffic control," Nichols said.

Chowan County businesses, as well as others along the routes, all worked overtime, she noted. Exact figures of the economic impact of Cycle NC was unavailable at press time.

Among those businesses staying open beyond their normal hours were Sugar Bears Candy and Gifts.

Owners Jeanne and Michael Wilson put out extra outdoor seating and

stayed open longer during the weekend.

"He was here making ice cream until 9 p.m. yesterday," Jeanne Wilson said of her husband Michael Wilson during an interview Saturday.

Jeanne Wilson noted that in terms of sales, business was off the charts.

"People really appreciated that we stayed open late," she said. "We had extra seating for people to sit down and they really appreciated having a spot to sit outside."

Malcolm King, owner of Edenton Bay Trading Company, also noted that business was going very well. He noted that the Cycle NC crowd is always fun. "It's great to see Cycle NC here. We always have a really nice group of people."

During Cycle NC, the Edenton Coffee House opened its door at 5:30 a.m. Owner GIGI Charlebois noted the staff rolled in around 2:30 a.m. to prep for the day ahead.

Business remained steady during the weekend with Edenton Coffee House serving between 300 and 500 people a day. Charlebois estimated, "We've had really good people come in here," she said. "They're respectful and nice, the sweetest group of people."

Charlebois noted that all-in-all, events like Cycle NC are good for Chowan County businesses.

"A lot of people who have come in remember us from last time, and are repeat customers," she said.

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Consumer advocates, employers resist Duke Energy rate bill

By Emery P. Dalesio
AP Business Writer

RALEIGH — Duke Energy Corp. is pushing North Carolina legislators to allow the company's largest electric company to line up profitable infrastructure projects years into the future and bypass lengthy regulatory battles.

The state Senate could take up legislation later this week after it was cleared by a committee Tuesday.

The measure comes after state utilities regulators last year wouldn't approve a \$13 billion, 10-year Duke Energy proposal on electricity grid updates with profit margins tacked on.

The company could continue with work and come back later to request permission to raise rates and recover what it spent, the North Carolina Utilities Commission said.

Commission said. Duke Energy also projects charging consumers up to \$10 billion for coal-ash cleanup lasting a decade or more.

The legislation has been blasted by lobbyists for large manufacturers and other industrial customers, Google, Walmart, the AARP and clean-energy groups who see it as increasing Duke Energy's ability to raise power rates by reducing the ability of consumers to resist.

"Being skeptical by nature, I smell this as a green light to raise rates," periods between rate-setting cases if it determines the result would be just, reasonable and in the public interest.

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allow Duke Energy or Virginia-based Dominion Energy, which operates in northeastern North Carolina, to set a key component of electricity rates for up to five years without the power company having to justify its reasons in trial-like hearings as are now required.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission — which oversees the operations and financial health of the companies that are legal, regional monopolies — could allow multi-year periods between rate-setting cases if it determines the result would be just, reasonable and in the public interest.

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costs that are ultimately passed on to consumers. The years-long gap between rate increase requests, followed by customary increases, could be smoothed out and made more predictable by multi-year rate plans, supporters said.

The legislation "is a measured step forward to help us all better plan for our energy future here in North Carolina," said Alex Glenn, a top Duke Energy attorney on regulatory matters.

The proposal represents a dramatic restructuring of the state's process for deciding electricity rates, said Bradford Sneeden, Attorney General Josh Stein's legislative adviser. The legislation also surfaced about a month ago without consultation from affected

groups, opponents said. Duke Energy has been talking to interested groups about its desire to allow for multi-year rate plans and other regulatory alternatives, company spokeswoman Grace Rountree said.

Opponents are pushing back with full-page newspaper ads, an online campaign and their own legislative lobbying effort. Electric utilities have long based their business on building expensive infrastructure like power plants, adding a regulator-approved profit margin, and persuading regulators to raise electricity rates to pay for it all.

"The more money they spend, the more money they make," said Chris Carmody, executive director of the trade group North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance. But utilities are facing

a changing landscape as the need for big generation projects has fallen after decades of energy conservation and fewer factories. So Duke Energy and other electric companies are touting to Wall Street the increasing importance of grid spending to replace aging equipment, block malicious hackers, minimize outages, and accommodate the upsurge of wind and solar power.

Dozens of regulated utilities across the United States are devoting hundreds of billions of dollars to upgrade the software, switches and wires to enable a much more flexible distribution of electricity. Increased investment in the distribution grid will be the primary source of growth for most utilities over the next five to 10 years, said investment research firm SSR.

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Firefighters contain Linville Gorge blaze

MORGANTON (AP) — Officials say a wildfire in the Linville Gorge Wilderness has been 100 percent contained.

News outlets report the U.S. Forest Service says firefighters contained the Brushy Ridge fire on Monday.

The Brushy Ridge fire was reported on April 28 in a remote

area near the Linville River on the northeast side of the Linville Gorge Wilderness Area in the Pisgah National Forest in Burke County. Officials suspect an abandoned campfire ignited the fire.

Forest Service spokeswoman Lisa Jennings said fire crews returned to the

scene to monitor and mop-up remaining hot spots near the fire lines.

Jennings said this doesn't mean fire danger is over. While there are currently no active flames, hot spots may remain in the interior of the fire until there is significant rainfall.

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Lumberton through 3 p.m. Tuesday

Temperature

High/Low: 87/64

Normal high/low: 78/52

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Record low: 35 in 1961

Precipitation

24 hours through 3 p.m. Tue.: 0.00"

Month to date: 4.90"

Normal month to date: 3.04"

Year to date: 12.47"

Normal year to date: 13.89"

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Sunset tonight: 8:00 p.m.

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New Moon: May 4

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City	Today	Thu.
Boone	76/55	85/62
Greensboro	85/62	86/64
Winston-Salem	85/64	87/62
Charlotte	87/65	88/63
Fayetteville	88/65	89/64
Rockingham	88/64	89/64
Raeford	88/64	89/64
Bennettsville	88/63	89/64
Dillon	87/63	88/63
Marion	87/63	88/63
Conway	82/64	88/63
City	85/63	86/64
Goldensboro	85/63	86/64
Henderson	85/63	86/64
High Point	85/63	86/64
Jacksonville	85/63	86/64
Lake City, SC	85/63	86/64
Laurinburg	85/63	86/64
Laurens, SC	85/63	86/64
Maxton	85/63	86/64
Monroe	85/63	86/64
Myrtle Beach	79/68	78/69
Parkton	88/65	87/64
Pembroke	88/65	87/64
Red Springs	88/65	87/64
Rockingham	88/65	87/64
Chapel Hill	87/64	88/63
Cheraw, SC	88/63	87/64
Darlington, SC	88/63	87/64
Durham	87/64	88/63
Fairmont	87/63	88/63
Florence	89/64	87/64

River Levels

Flood 7 a.m. 24-hr Stage

Water temp 69 degrees

Myrtle Beach: Partly sunny today

Wind south 6-12 knots. Seas 1-2 feet. Visibility clear. Water temp 68 degrees.

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Atlanta	86/65	85/66
Baltimore	59/56	74/58
Boston	68/59	86/64
Boise	61/41	66/40
Buffalo	66/51	60/52
Chapel Hill	87/64	88/63
Chicago	64/44	58/42
Cincinnati	81/63	78/60
Cleveland	80/61	71/60
Dallas	78/61	81/66
Denver	51/30	61/34
Detroit	74/56	70/53
Hartford	57/48	60/45
Honolulu	83/70	83/69
Houston	85/73	86/71
Indianapolis	74/62	72/54
Jackson, MS	85/66	85/65
Kansas City	66/52	64/45
Las Vegas	76/58	83/63
Los Angeles	69/53	71/55
Louisville	84/66	82/63
Memphis	82/69	81/65
Miami	84/76	85/76
Minneapolis	54/40	50/40
Nashville	66/66	85/62
New Orleans	85/71	84/70
New York	56/52	71/50
Omaha	60/46	65/43
Philadelphia	60/55	85/57
Phoenix	87/66	91/69
Pittsburgh	82/62	77/63
Portland, ME	53/40	47/39
Portland, OR	57/48	65/45
Providence	57/47	65/43
Sacramento	78/49	80/49
St. Louis	76/65	72/54
Salt Lake City	54/39	63/44
San Diego	68/58	70/58
San Francisco	69/49	68/49
Seattle	60/45	60/45
Tampa	90/73	87/73
Washington, DC	75/66	88/70

Critics of school choice in NC gain ground

By Lindsay Marchello
Carolina Journal News Service

RALEIGH — Raleigh Charter High School is one of the top schools in the country, but it's not what one would call a typical public school.

The school doesn't have a cafeteria or an auditorium. Students don't have a gym or sports facilities, though students can still participate in athletic activities at a neighboring park. The school building itself on Glenwood Avenue is fairly dated; it certainly isn't what someone would call a 21st-century state-of-the-art facility.

Yet despite all the either real or perceived — or esthetic — shortcomings, students at Raleigh Charter are performing better than most students in the state.

Supporters of school choice say that choice empowers parents to pick the best place for their children to attend school. Critics argue school-choice programs, including charter schools, siphon money and resources from traditional public schools.

The Republican Party has enjoyed a supermajority in the General Assembly for years, and lawmakers have passed a number of school-choice initiatives expanding access to various educational opportunities.

But that supermajority is gone, and critics of school choice, including Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, now have more of a say in terms of education policy in the state.

Critics of school choice claim the state hasn't done enough to hold school choice programs accountable and have devalued public schools in the pursuit of expanding school choice.

"The emphasis on nebulous values of choice and competition have led us astray from the intended purpose of public schools serving the public good," Keith Poston, president and executive director of the Public School Forum of North Carolina, said in an op-ed for WRAL.

Poston said charter schools were promised as "laboratories of innovation," but today the landscape is much different.

"Early on, charter schools were by and large managed as home-grown nonprofits with local community boards," Poston said. "Today ... one-fifth of North Carolina's charter schools are operated by for-profit

charter management companies, 80 percent of which are headquartered outside of the state, far away from the communities they purport to serve with educational innovations sensitive to local needs."

Proponents of school choice often point to the variety of charter schools in the state as proof that increased flexibility and innovation can lead to improved student performance.

Henderson Collegiate, a charter K-12 school in Henderson — in Vance County — serves predominantly economically disadvantaged students, with 95 percent of the student body from low-income households. Despite coming from poverty, a majority of the students are scoring proficient in math and reading. The charter school has earned an A+ on the N.C. School Report Card and has exceeded growth for the past few years. One hundred percent of Henderson Collegiate graduating class in 2019 has been accepted into a college.

Raleigh Charter high school enjoys similar success to Henderson Collegiate. U.S. & World News Report Best High Charter school ranked 64th nationally and second in North Carolina, behind The Early College at Guilford in Greensboro.

Students and parents have taken notice.

Raleigh Charter got 1,423 applications for admission for the 2020-21 school year, including 1,152 for ninth grade. An admissions lottery was held March 22, and 150 rising freshmen were accepted, the school's website says.

"Due to the high number of applications," the site says, "non-sibling ninth-graders had a 7% chance of being accepted to RCHS in this year's lottery."

Raleigh Charter continuously earns an A-plus on N.C. School Report Cards, but the actual reasons for its success depends on who you ask.

Lisa Huddleston, principal of Raleigh Charter, said she has made it easier to personally connect with each student. The school has about 560 students, and the average class size is 19.

"We are a smaller school, and so we think by being smaller it allows us to get to know our kids on a level that is harder when you have

four times as many kids. So, being a small school helps us," Huddleston said. "Our faculty is focused on really building relationships with kids and taking those relationships and focusing on the curriculum and helping kids grow individually."

Huddleston says the school doesn't have all the glitz and cool things some may want or desire, but it allows educators to focus on building relationships and helping students learn.

Nearly 62 percent of teachers are licensed at Raleigh Charter high school, compared to a 90 percent average for North Carolina schools. A little more than 92 percent of students start school at Raleigh Charter prepared for the next grade level, while only 38.6 percent of the students entering ninth grade across the state are ready. Only 5 percent of students at Raleigh Charter come from economically disadvantaged homes, while a little more than 49 percent of students across North Carolina are economically disadvantaged.

Unlike traditional public schools, charter schools aren't required to provide transportation or participate in the federal school lunch program. Oftentimes parents are responsible for getting their kids to school or making sure they're fed, but some charter schools have worked out ways to provide transportation and lunch through non-profit and state-funded programs.

Charters also have calendar flexibility and don't require all their teachers to be licensed. They can experiment with different curriculums and methods of teaching, as well.

Huddleston said she wishes all public schools had the same flexibility and ability to focus on a narrow goal in the way Raleigh Charter does. While magnet schools and early college program schools can provide a narrowly tailored education, most traditional public schools are too large to come even close to providing such individual attention.

The 2019 legislative session has seen a push for a statewide school construction bond to renovate, repair, and even build new traditional public schools. Charter schools don't receive capital funding to build their facilities and often have

to retrofit existing, older buildings — instead of building brand new facilities.

"Are there problems with school choice across the board? Sure, but we always have to look at how we can improve the situation all around," Huddleston said.

School choice first became a reality after the N.C. Supreme Court ruled in 1985 that parents can homeschool their children. A few years later, in 1996, the General Assembly allowed public charter schools to set up shop in the state. It wasn't until 2011, when the General Assembly lifted the charter school cap, that the number of charter schools exploded.

Today, North Carolina has 184 charter schools serving around 7 percent of the state's about 1.5 million students.

Terry Stoops, vice president of research and director of education studies at the John Locke Foundation, said North Carolina is one of the few states that offers such a wide range of education options.

"This year, approximately one in five children are attending a school of choice in North Carolina," Stoops said.

That number is likely to increase in years to come as more and more families opt for alternatives to traditional public schools.

Lawmakers have been busy this legislative session. Fights over Medicaid expansion and alcohol reform have taken center stage, but several school-choice bills also have been filed. While

some aim to expand school-choice opportunities for North Carolina families, a handful of bills intend to roll back the progress.

The charge to limit school-choice options is mostly led by Democratic lawmakers. The Democratic Party picked up nine seats in the House and six seats in the Senate after the November 2018 General Election, and Republicans lost their supermajority.

The gain in seats doesn't mean Democratic members can pass every piece of legislation on their wishlist, including school-choice rollbacks. What it does mean, though, is the Republican Party will have a tougher time getting more ambitious school-choice legislation past a Cooper veto.

Senate Bill 247, introduced by Sens. Dan Blue, D-Wake; Jay Chaudhuri, D-Wake; and Mujtaba Mohammed, D-Mecklenburg, would create a joint legislative committee to study the impact of charter schools on the local school districts. While the committee conducts its study lawmakers would place a moratorium on charter-school growth.

"The bottom line is we need to take a break, review what's working and what doesn't work and then decide how to move forward," Chaudhuri said during a news conference for the bill.

The joint legislative committee would study and make recommendations on a series of subjects, including the academic performance of all charter school students,

as compared to students in local school districts; the extent to which charter schools have an impact on segregation in local school administrative units and charter schools; and the suspension and expulsion rates in charter schools as compared to local school districts.

Another bill, Senate Bill 583, would reduce funding for the Opportunity Scholarship program. The bill, introduced by Sens. Natasha Marcus, D-Mecklenburg; Sam Searcy, D-Wake; and Wiley Nickel, D-Wake, would appropriate money toward employing additional school-based personnel. Unexpended funds would go to the Public School Building Capital Fund.

Stoops said school-choice supporters probably don't need to worry about the aforementioned measures.

"Unless Republicans decide to betray some of their most enthusiastic supporters, neither bill is likely to pass in 2019," Stoops said.

But, Stoops said, it's imperative lawmakers continue listening to parents.

"Public school advocacy groups and radical union educators generate a lot of noise," Stoops said. "It is critical that the manufactured emotion generated by anti-choice forces in the state do not drown out the voices of those who know, better than anyone, the education that their children need."

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FASHION SHOW

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TOUCH-A-TRUCK Junior League of Raleigh's event features emergency trucks, construction equipment, big rigs. Proceeds go to Back-Pack Buddies Program, feeding food-insecure children in Wake County. Kids can meet first responders, truck operators, builders. Face painting, food trucks, bounce house. Spring Hill Lot, 701 Barbour Dr., Raleigh (enter through Dix Park). May 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (quiet hour 9-10 a.m. for kids sensitive to light, sound). From \$6. jlraleigh.org/fund

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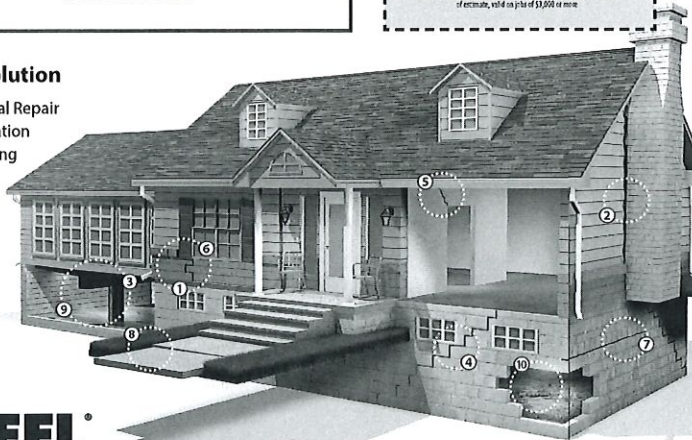
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Hookerton strives for development

BY DONNA MARIE WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

HOOKERTON—The town of Hookerton is continuing its efforts to enhance economic development.

The town applied in March to be considered for this year's Retail Academy program in September.

Retail Academy is offered by Retail Strategies and is an award-winning service that provides tools, education and guidance to communities seeking economic growth.

The program would provide the town with market analysis, trade area data and analytics, real estate opportunities, retail

and restaurant prospects, marketing flyers that include key demographics, community retail and an aerial overview, and a six-hour educational course.

Retail Strategies has partnered with ElectriCities to cover 50 percent of \$10,000 cost of the course. The town is obligated for the remaining cost.

Town clerk April Vinson informed commissioners Monday that the town was also selected as a scholarship recipient from Retail Strategies to cover the town's match.

Up to three representatives from the town will be eligible to participate in the program.

The town is also still working to establish additional eatery

options.

The town recruited two mobile food trucks, The Red Hot Mobile Café and Williams Catering LLC. However, the days the food trucks have come have been inconsistent.

Gigi's Snack Shack had expressed interest. Hookerton Mayor Bobby Taylor reported at the board's April 6 meeting.

Gigi's has since agreed to come to Hookerton Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. through May 26.

As of right now, Gigi's will only be serving a lunch menu, but owner, Jason Romano, expressed an interest in offering breakfast items in the future.

In addition to its regular menu, Gigi's offers daily specials, including ribs, brisket, pulled pork and steak.

"Sunday, he sold out of the ribs within an hour," Vinson said.

Menu items include hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken wings, chicken tenders, BLT sandwiches, chicken sandwiches and more. Gigi's also created a special "Hookerton Burger" just for the town.

In other town news:

Vinson informed the board of the dates for municipal filing and of the cost. Taylor, Mayor Pro-tem Arthur Robinson and Commissioner Herb Stocks are up for re-election.

*Set the date for the town's

budget workshop at 6 p.m. May 7 and May 20.

*Taylor expressed concerns that the town could possibly gain more benefits from another bank. No action was taken.

Vinson informed the board she spoke with N.C. Rep. John Bell to ask if he could get information on reopening the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles office in Hookerton. Bell was unable to provide any updates, she shared.

*Stocks commended town workers for their efforts during Clean-up Day.

"We appreciate it, and we recognize how much of a job it was for the town employees," Stocks said.

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252-218-1312, Edwin Hardy at 252-560-8539 or Barbara Briggs at 252-714-7407.

South Greene 1969

The planning process of the 50th class reunion of South Greene High School's Class of 1969 is underway. Alumni are asked to email 69secreary@gmail.com. For more information, search "South Greene Class of 1969" on Facebook. The reunion is Memorial Day weekend in May. The Greene Central Class of 1969, who attended South Greene as freshmen and

sophomores may attend, too.

Greene Central 1969
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TOWN OF SNOW HILL PUBLIC HEARING: FY 19-20 SUBMITTED BUDGET

The Town of Snow Hill, NC will hold a Public Hearing on its Submitted Budget for FY 19-20 as follows:

Day: Monday

Time: 6:30pm or sometime soon afterwards

Date: May 13, 2019

Place: Town Hall, 908 SE Second St., Snow Hill, NC 28580

A copy of the Submitted FY 19-20 Budget will be available for public inspection on May 9, 2019. On this date:

1. The Budget is submitted to the Town Board.
2. A copy is available in the Town Clerk's Office on file for public inspection and,
3. A copy is available for all news media.

The submitted FY 19-20 Submitted Budget for the General Fund totals \$1,141,670. Revenues equal Expenditures. The property tax rate remains constant at \$3.4 per \$100 valuation based on a tax base of \$92,902,772.

The Public is welcome to make comments. The Submitted FY 19-20 Budget cannot and will not be adopted at this meeting.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or auxiliary aids should contact the Town Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled hearing to make any special arrangements. For more information call 747-3414.

John Bauer, Town Manager

GREENE COUNTY SCHOOLS
Teaching 21st Century Students 21st Century Skills

Invitation

Attention all parents of Greene County private/home school students with disabilities.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 4:00 at the Greene County Board of Education for private school representatives and parents of private/home school students with disabilities. The purpose of this meeting is to allow these parties an opportunity to consult with a Greene County School representative about the appropriate share of federal funds that are available for special education services for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact Doris Brown at (252) 747-3425 if additional information is needed.

Senior Center Advisory Boards

Senior Center Advisory Board Vacancies: Application required. Applications are available at the Senior Center 104 Greenridge Road Snow Hill, or call 252-747-5438 for more information. An application with a list of volunteer job descriptions is available online at www.greencountync.gov in the Departments then Senior Services. Return completed applications by May 13th, 2019 to Sharon Harrison-Greene County Senior Center- PO Box 36 Snow Hill NC or at our location on 104 Greenridge Road Snow Hill, NC 28580.

Greene County Senior Center Advisory Board: Senior Citizens to serve on this board with the purpose of advising the County Commissioners on the development, implementation, and administration of Senior Services in Greene County, promoting the well-being of the Senior Population, and advocacy on the behalf of Greene County Senior Citizens. Meets on the third Wed. of Jan, March, May, July, Sept., and Nov. at 2:00pm at the Greene County Senior Center. Appointments to this board are approved by the Greene County Commissioners. Advertisements for expired terms will be published locally. Terms of appointment, which are two years, begin July 1st. Officer elections are in July during the first regularly scheduled meeting. Advises and provides input to the Senior Center Director for consideration on policies, procedures, events, activities and requests for adoption by the Greene County Board of Commissioners. Training on items specific to the Senior Center Advisory Board will be provided within 2 months of appointment including Senior Center Policies, Advisory Board By-Laws, HIPAA Laws, and Volunteer Handbook.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: VACANCY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR NURSING & ADULT CARE HOMES: Greene County

The Greene County Senior Center is now taking applications for the Greene County Nursing Home /Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Application Deadline is Monday May 20th, 2019.

Duties for the Greene County Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Advisory Committee include visiting all Nursing and Adult Care Homes every three months, and Family Care Home Annually by the committee. As a committee, advocate for residents in Long Term Care Facilities, insure that the Residents Bill of Rights are followed, work on the local level to resolve complaints, and promote Elder Abuse Awareness. Members will be working with the Regional Ombudsman through the Area Agency on Aging. Who Cannot Serve on this Committee? No one with a financial interest in a facility served including being an employer or member of the facility governing board. Have an immediate family member or resident in a facility. Immediate relative of an employee or owner/operator of a facility serve in this community. As a Member, you are expected to attend committee quarterly meetings, make quarterly visits to facilities & homes, and attend training sessions. Meetings will be held at the Greene County Senior Center 104 Greenridge Road, Snow Hill, NC.

*Prior to service, applicants will be trained and screened by the Regional Ombudsman, then approved by the Greene County Commissioners. Training will be provided at the Senior Center Board Applications along with a copy of County Board Policies, and BYLAWS available at the Greene County Senior Center 104 Greenridge Road Snow Hill, NC. A copy of the Greene County Board Application, along with County Board Policies can also be found www.greencountync.gov

GREENE COUNTY SCHOOLS
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Public Notice

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that the Greene County Public Schools proposes for Federal funding for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 28-31, 2019. Please contact Doris Brown, Director of Exceptional Children Programs, at (252) 747-3425 to schedule an appointment. Greene County Schools is located at 301 Kingold Blvd., Snow Hill, NC.

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PROPOSED SERVICE DISTRICT

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

BEFORE THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Greene County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Monday May 20, 2019 at the Tech Center, 402 S.E. Second St., Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the creation of a Service District for fire, ambulance, and rescue and laying of a Service Tax pursuant to NCGS §153A-300 et. seq. A map of the proposed district and the report required by North Carolina General Statute Section 153A-302(b) and submitted to the Greene County Board of Commissioners by the President of the Maury Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. are available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk to the Board, 229 Kingold Blvd., Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580. The public is invited to attend this hearing and offer comments relative to the proposed Service District. Published May 1, 2019 and May 8, 2019.

Kyle DeHaven, Clerk to the Board
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NEWS

Sheriff investigates FB post

By Chris Miller
Chris.Miller@
StanlyNewsPress.com

North Stanly Middle School students and parents arrived Wednesday morning to find increased security precautions at the school.

Stanly County Sheriff Jeff Crisco was contacted by a North Stanly Middle School parent and teacher about safety concerns Tuesday night surrounding a social media post.

Five sheriff deputies were at the mid-

dle school Wednesday morning as a precaution.

"In lieu of what took place in Charlotte yesterday, we just wanted to be extra cautious," Crisco said of the shooting at UNC-Charlotte Tuesday evening. "Safety is our primary concern."

Superintendent Dr. Jeff James confirmed Wednesday that the dispute was over a post seen on Facebook Tuesday night.

Students can apply for SEC

Contributed

Stanly Early College programs are taking applications for current ninth grade students who want an opportunity to attend Stanly Early College or Stanly STEM Early College as 10th graders next school year.

Students who are in ninth grade and have been doing honors level work this school year can apply for next school year.

Students who may not have applied

during their eighth grade year can get a second chance to earn their associate's degree and high school diploma tuition free.

Ninth graders can complete the online application at ecchs.stanlycountyschools.org.

Students must complete their application by May 10.

For more information call Principal Kevin Adams at 704-991-0185.

— Stanly Early College

#ThrowbackThursday The life of Dr. Essex C. Noel

By Lewis Bramlett
for the SNAP

Dr. Essex C. Noel was born June 3, 1923 in Salem, Va. He spent much of his early life in Beckley, W. Va., where he graduated from Stratton High School in 1940. He received his bachelor's degree from Virginia State College in 1944.

On May 22, 1948, Noel married Aline Sroufe from Georgetown, Ohio. The following month he completed his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

After graduation Noel interned at Lincoln Hospital in Durham. He then spent several months practicing in Wadesboro before moving to Albemarle, where he opened a clinic at the corner of Lundix and Avery streets.

Noel became the second African-American doctor to practice in Stanly County.

In addition to his clinic, Noel spent the next 11 years on the staff of the Stanly County Hospital. He also spent time in the United States Air Force at a hospital in Orlando.

About August 1960, Noel moved to Greensboro and opened a new practice. He also was on the staff of L. Richardson



Dr. Essex C. Noel was the second black doctor to practice in Stanly County.

Hospital and later became one of the first four doctors to integrate the staff at Moses H. Cone Hospital.

In 1965, Noel moved to Washington D.C. where he served his psychiatry residency at Howard University until 1968. He then had a neuro-psychiatry practice in addition to his work as a family practice physician.

From 1970 to 1973 he served as the director of

the D.C. Mental Health Administration.

In 1985 he moved to Barbados to serve on the hospital staff in geriatrics. After five years there, he returned to Washington D.C. and retired.

Noel died Feb. 11, 1992 at his home in Bethesda, Md.

Lewis Bramlett is a member of the Stanly County Historical Society.

Family Reunions

Shoe

The descendants of Will Shoe will have their reunion at 1 p.m. Sunday at the fellowship building of Bear Creek Reformed Church of Christ.

Reunions

Reunion announcements appear as space permits. Email reunion information to bj.drye@stanlynewspress.com.

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1. Gator's relative
2. Place for a workout
3. Cave dwellers
4. Trademark
5. Overturn
6. Tech problem
7. Drive
8. Erode
9. Little songbird
10. Revive
11. Mix
12. Thoroughly
13. Gush greeting
14. Baby hooter
15. Horrific
16. "beloved..."
17. Artist's workshop
18. Unit of temperature
19. Catalog
20. Borders
21. Mused
22. Strong cord
23. Miles
24. hour
25. Volcanic output
26. Heavy metal
27. Tourist's stop
28. Give off
29. Auto-mishap reminder
30. Pump purchase
31. Adept
32. Musical staff sign
33. Fictional monster
34. Negative points
35. "Magnolias"
36. Spinnet or grand
37. Likely
38. Weep
39. Farmer's measure
40. Formerly
41. Propel
42. Bareheaded

DOWN

1. Christening
2. Holds
3. Strange
4. Wile
5. Winkie's size
6. Linger
7. Sin
8. Wordplay
9. Total
10. Tell a tall tale
11. Salmon for bagels
12. Type of evergreen
13. Sports ring
14. Comedian
15. George
16. Very dry
17. Dull person
18. Atop
19. Teepee, e.g.
20. Appeal
21. Mary's pet
22. Harmful
23. Engagement
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101. Estate

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The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of BETTY L. JERNIGAN, deceased, late of Brunswick County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This the 10th day of April, 2019.
TO FRIEDMARTIN EXECUTOR
808 Country Land Court
Monroe, NC 28110
(4-10-17-24;5-1pd)

ESTATE NOTICE
The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of CHARLES THOMAS MANCARI, deceased, late of Brunswick County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This the 10th day of April, 2019.
REBECCA MANCARI EXECUTOR
2721 Michelle Park
Lexington, KY 40511
(4-10-17-24;5-1pd)

ESTATE NOTICE
The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JERRY C. HELMS a/k/a JERRY CLAYTON HELMS, SR., deceased, late of Brunswick County, North Carolina, does hereby notify

NOTICES

all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
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This the 10th day of April, 2019.
TO FRIEDMARTIN EXECUTOR
808 Country Land Court
Monroe, NC 28110
(4-10-17-24;5-1pd)

ESTATE NOTICE
The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of MARGOT C. SLOUP a/k/a MARGOT S. SLOUP a/k/a MARGOT STANTON SLOUP, deceased, late of Brunswick County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 10th day of April, 2019.
WILLIAM C. SLOUP, JR. EXECUTOR
3559 Members Club Blvd.
Southport, NC 28461
(4-10-17-24;5-1pd)

ESTATE NOTICE
The undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of RICHARD DENNIE YOUNG, deceased, late of Brunswick County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before three months from the date of publication of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
All persons indebted to said estate will please make

immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 15th day of April, 2019.

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immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 24th day of April, 2019.
SANDRA E. YOUNG EXECUTOR
392 Tall Oaks Trail
Fort Mill, SC 29715
(4-17-24;5-1.8pd)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF
MARIE F. SCOLA
NANCY S. JONES, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARIE F. SCOLA, late of 21 Margaux Way, Norfolk, MA 02056, on or before July 16, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 21 Margaux Way, Norfolk, MA 02056, on or before July 16, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 15th day of April, 2019.

City of Boiling Spring Lakes PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to NCGS 159-12 (b), the City of Boiling Spring Lakes will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall 9 E. Boiling Spring Road, to receive public comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for review on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at City Hall and on our website www.cityofbsl.org.

Jane McMinn, CMC
City Clerk

(4-24, 5-1)

Town of Caswell Beach PUBLIC HEARING

ADVANCE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2019/20 BUDGET

A public hearing is to be held at the Caswell Beach Town Hall (1100 Caswell Beach Road), on Thurs., 05/09/19, at 5:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter. This will be an opportunity for citizens, both resident and non-resident, to provide their input for FY 2019/2020 budget deliberations. The annual budget is the financial and service plan for the community for the fiscal year beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

All Caswell Beach residents and property owners are encouraged to attend and/or provide their comments by electronic mail to: chicks@caswellbeach.org or in writing to: Chad Hicks, Town Administrator, Town of Caswell Beach, 1100 Caswell Beach Road, Caswell Beach, NC 28465.

(4-24, 5-1)

Town of St. James PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

May 7, 2019 4:00 PM

The St. James Town Council will be holding a Public Hearing on May 7, at 4:00 PM in the Earl Dye Council Chamber, 4140A Southport-Supply Road.

The Public Hearing is to for the recommended adoption of proposed text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance. The proposed text amendment would change the definition of Streets. The proposed text amendment is as follows: All references and provisions applicable to Public Streets in the Town's Unified Development Ordinance shall also include private streets and shall be equally applicable and controlling as to private streets. Public Streets are defined as an interior circulation road designed and constructed to carry vehicular traffic from public streets within or adjoining a site to private residences or land uses, to parking and service areas and which is not maintained by the public.

Gary Brown, Town Manager
Town of St. James

(4-24, 5-1)

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NANCY S. JONES
Executor of the
Estate of MARIE F. SCOLA
Douglas W. Basley
Attorney for the Executor
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P.O. Box 36
Shallotte, NC 28459
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(4-17-24;5-1.8e)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF**
MARILYN GALLAGHER
TROY

DAVID A. TROY, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARILYN GALLAGHER TROY, late of 210 Hedgecliff Drive, Aurora, OH 44202, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 210 Hedgecliff Drive, Aurora, OH 44202, on or before July 16, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make

immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of April, 2019.
DAVID A. TROY
Executor of the Estate of
MARILYN GALLAGHER
TROY

Kimberly B. Smithwick
Attorney for the Executor
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(4-17-24;5-1.8e)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS OF**
PAUL A. LEARY

MATTHEW A. LEARY, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of PAUL A. LEARY, late of 1236 Ellen Drive, South Charleston, WV 25303, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate

of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1236 Ellen Drive, South Charleston, WV 25303, on or before July 23, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of April, 2019.

MATTHEW A. LEARY,
Executor of the
Estate of PAUL A. LEARY
Douglas W. Basley
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(4-24;5-1.8,15e)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF**
JOY POTTER JONES
BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Public Hearing Notice

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Village of Bald Head Island PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearings

May 17/June 21, 2019

Proposed Manager's Budget FY 2019-20

The Council of the Village of Bald Head Island will hold the first of two public hearings on Friday May 17, 2019 at 9:45AM at the Public Safety Multi-Purpose Room, Bald Head Island, NC.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input on the proposed Manager's Budget FY 2019-20 of the Village of Bald Head Island.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public review at Village Hall during regular working hours after the presentation of the budget on May 17, 2019. All citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings and offer comments. If you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk at 457-9700.

Daralyn Spivey
Village Clerk

(5-1)

Town of Caswell Beach PUBLIC HEARING

DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL

WHEREAS, there exists certain property owned by the Town of Caswell Beach which has no further beneficial use to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Caswell Beach Board of Commissioners determines that the certain property should be disposed of;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Caswell Beach that the property listed below will be declared surplus at the May 9th 2019 regular Commission meeting (5 pm 1100 Caswell Beach Road); and the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to dispose of said property by exchange for landscaping services, in accordance with appropriate provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes (GS 160A 271) and Town policy, as follows:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION/REASON FOR DISPOSAL
1	2008 Masd. Dats Ford Crown Vic 4 door (mln) 140396 2FADP1V1V0K10218	Poor Condition

(4-24, 5-1)

Town of St. James PUBLIC HEARING

RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2019/2020

A public hearing is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on May 7th at the St. James Town Hall for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed budget. The Council is scheduled to adopt the budget on June 4 at their regular meeting.

The public will take notice that the proposed budget and budget message for fiscal year 2019/2020 will be presented to the St. James Town Council on May 7, 2019. The budget will be available for public inspection at the St. James Town Hall, located at 4140 Southport-Supply Road, Suite A, during regular office hours Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Town of Oak Island PUBLIC NOTICE

The Oak Island Town Council will hold a Public Hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 in Council Chambers at the Oak Island Town Hall, 4601 E. Oak Island Drive. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive citizens' comments on a text amendment to modify the text in the Unified Development Ordinance Section 5.2 Pre-Application Meeting & Sketch Plan and Section 10.18 Approval/Appeal; to modify the timing requirements for major subdivision and building facade design plan review. Each speaker will be allotted three minutes. Written comments may be provided for the record to the Town Clerk prior to or during the hearing.

Lisa P. Stites, CMC
Town Clerk

(4-24, 5-1)



EASTER SERENADE: By way of song, gifts and many hugs, the Washington Montessori Public Charter School little ones serenaded the seniors of St. John Housing in Washington on April 18. Easter baskets, which included flowers, stuffed animals, candy and beautifully decorated hand-made cards by the students, were given to each resident. As an additional special gift, the teachers and parents included a dollar bill in each Easter egg. The residents were elated and discussed amongst themselves what much-needed items they might purchase. Jo Dee Anderson, Montessori teacher and coordinator, with the help of the parents and staff, executed this event with much love and splendor. The residents of St. John Housing are very appreciative of all the Washington Montessori Public Charter School does in bringing joy into their lives.

**Bath High School
Preservation
Annual Meeting**
Tuesday, June 4, 2019
7:00 pm

Bath Christian
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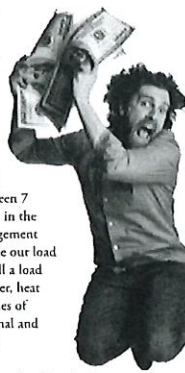
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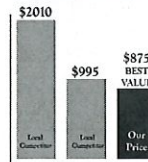
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Georgia Dem Stacey Abrams won't run for Senate in 2020

By Bill Barrow
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams says she will not run for a U.S. Senate seat in 2020, dimming her party's hopes of a Senate majority and renewing speculation about her political future after last year's unsuccessful run for governor catapulted her to national acclaim.

Abrams, 45, came within 60,000 votes of being the first black woman elected governor in U.S. history. She told The Associated Press she hasn't ruled out a presidential bid, though she's in no rush to join a Democratic field that already includes 20 candidates.

"I'm going to continue to watch how the national conversation around the presidency unfolds," Abrams said in an interview after she told Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, her chief Senate advocate, of her plans. "I'm not taking myself out of that conversation, but I'm not ready to make a determination, and I don't think one is necessary at this moment."

Abrams said she was "deeply gratified" to Schumer for recruiting her to run for the Senate and giving her ample time to make a decision. A Senate seat, she said, is "an extraordinarily persuasive idea" and a "critical role" but "not the role that I want to play."

For now, Abrams said her emphasis remains on two advocacy groups — one focused on voting rights, the other on educating residents ahead of the 2020 census — that she helped launch after her November loss to Republican Brian Kemp.

She also will consider a rematch against Kemp

in 2022, and some of her confidants say that office still rests at the center of her near-term ambitions. Separately, Abrams has been floated as a potential vice-presidential pick for an eventual Democratic nominee, particularly if former Vice President Joe Biden, a 76-year-old white man, claims the nomination. The two met recently in Washington, but Abrams later downplayed the idea of teaming up, at least for now. "You don't run for second place," she said on ABC's "The View."

Abrams met Schumer on Monday in Washington, ending months of eager courtship by the hard-charging New Yorker and leaving him to plot another uphill path to reversing Republicans' 53-47 Senate advantage.

"He was extraordinarily



In this April 3 photo, former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams speaks during the National Action Network Convention in New York. (SETH WENIG/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

gracious," Abrams said.

Georgia is among a handful of states with Senate races where Democrats need an upset to have hopes of a new majority. Schumer has been open in his belief that Abrams would have the best shot

to defeat Republican Sen. David Perdue, who in his first term has become one of President Donald Trump's most loyal Capitol Hill allies.

Schumer also is looking to Montana and Texas for unlikely but possible

victories. But as in Georgia, he has not yet landed headliner candidates. Democrats in Washington want Montana Gov. Steve Bullock to take on Republican Sen. Steve Daines, but Bullock, twice elected governor in a state Trump won, is eyeing a presidential run instead.

In Texas, former Rep. Beto O'Rourke is running for president instead of reprising his 2018 Senate bid that fell short against Republican Sen. Ted Cruz. Texas Democrats could turn to Rep. Joaquin Castro as their best shot to unseat Sen. John Cornyn. Castro's brother, Julian, is running for president.

Beyond Senate implications, national Democrats had hoped an Abrams candidacy would fuel turnout among young and nonwhite voters to help the party's presidential nominee in

an emerging battleground state. Trump won Georgia by 5 percentage points in 2016 but fell short of a majority.

Schumer began his Georgia recruiting effort by inviting Abrams to deliver Democrats' response to Trump's State of the Union address in February, making her the first black woman to give an opposition response and further elevating her status in the party despite her loss.

"I began with skepticism," Abrams said of her deliberations, influenced in part by the years she spent leading the Democratic minority in Georgia's General Assembly.

Abrams said she could envision "the best day and the worst day" in a chamber known for its slow pace and increasingly bitter partisanship.

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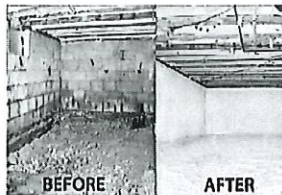
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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Elizabeth White Hinnant

Aug. 29, 1920 — April 29, 2019

KENLY — Dorothy Elizabeth White Hinnant, 98, died Monday, April 29, 2019. Arrangements are by Kenly Funeral Service.

George Russell Bassan Jr.

June 6, 1978 — April 28, 2019

SELMA — George Russell Bassan Jr., 40, died Sunday, April 28, 2019. Arrangements are by Parrish Funeral Home, Selma.

Mildred Ann Horne Deans

Nov. 29, 1940 — April 27, 2019

KENLY — Mildred Ann Horne Deans, 78, died Saturday, April 27, 2019. Arrangements are by Kenly Funeral Service.

William Douglas Keck

April 27, 2019 — April 27, 2019

KNIGHTDALE — William Douglas Keck, infant, died Saturday, April 27, 2019. Arrangements are by Cornerstone Funeral Home, Nashville.

Lynwood Daniel Williford

GOLDSBORO — Lynwood Daniel Williford, 79, died Sunday, April 28, 2019. A service to celebrate his life will be 2 p.m. Friday at First Christian Disciples of Christ Church, 1609 E. Ash St., Goldsboro. A time of sharing will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

Mr. Williford was the owner of L. Williford Co. of Goldsboro.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.seymorefuneralhome.com.

Howard York

GOLDSBORO — Howard York, 80, died Monday, April 29, 2019. Arrangements are by William Toney's Funeral Home, Spring Hope.

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John Jay Covolo

Marcy 7, 1951 — April 28, 2019

ROCKY MOUNT — Judge John Jay Covolo passed away Sunday, April 28, 2019 after a long battle with bladder cancer. He was 68.

Born on March 7, 1951 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he was the son of Angelo and Doris Covolo, and his early years were marked by his love of cowboys and the old American West. After the unexpected death of his father in 1963,

John and the rest of his family moved to South Carolina, where John would ultimately graduate from the University of South Carolina with a degree in radio broadcasting in 1973.

After proudly serving his country as a lawyer's assistant while stationed in Germany in the United States Army from 1973 to 1976, John would work as an employment specialist with the N.C. Employment Security Commission before graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law in 1985. John would then begin his incredibly distinguished legal career in 1986.

Known for his compassion, quick wit, sense of fairness and an infectious sense of humor, John Covolo served tirelessly as an assistant district attorney for 16 years, prosecuting more than 500 jury trials prior to his judicial appointment in 2006. He was a district court judge for the 7th Judicial District, serving Nash, Wilson and Edgecombe counties.

A testament to John and those who loved him can be found in an article written by Olivia Neeley of The Wilson Times in January 2017. Neeley speaks of the time when multiple members of the judicial community shaved their heads as a sign of solidarity in John's fight against cancer, and she quotes John's dear friend, Judge Albert Thomas, as saying, "Covolo's such a special person. He's someone who really cares about people...always has. He's the most pleasant person to have in the courtroom. It's easy to want to do anything to help him." A devoted father and friend, avid movie-watcher, animal lover and maker of his famous spaghetti, John was loved dearly by his coworkers and his family, and he will be truly missed.

John was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Covolo, father, Angelo Covolo; and sister, Linda Covolo Jordon of Conetoe.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his three children, Duncan Barnes of San Jose, California, Cameron and Clark Covolo; and their mother, Beth Covolo, of Rocky Mount; as well as his nephew, Joshua Jordan, and his wife and son, Betty and Angelo, of Greensboro.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Lakeside Baptist Church, 1501 Sunset Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804 with Dr. Jody Wright officiating. Following the service, the family will receive friends in the Sugg Foyer of the Kincheloe Building.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Animal Crackers at P.O. Box 8860, Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wheeler and Woodlief Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 1130 N. Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, NC 27804. You may share memories and condolences with the family by visiting www.wheelerwoodlief.com.

Franklin Ivey Baker

July 3, 1931 — April 29, 2019

Franklin "Bud" Ivey Baker, 87, of Wilson, passed away Monday. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Marsh Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church, Rock Ridge. The Rev. Ray Wells will officiate.

The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Joyner's Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway, Wilson, and other times at the home.

Bud is survived by his wife of 10 years, Nancy Matthews Baker of the home; son, Greg Baker, and wife, Lynn, of Sims; stepson, Jay Matthews, and wife, Vicki, of Bridgeport, West Virginia; stepdaughter-in-law, Cindy Matthews of Flower Mount, Texas; five step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and his sister, Neta Eaton, and husband, Bobby, of Sims.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, of 57 years, Polly Owens Baker; son, Larry Baker; stepson, Ricky Matthews; parents, Norwood Lee and Patty Holloman Baker; and his sister, Mildred Evans.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Free Will Baptist Children's Home of Middlesex, P.O. Box 249, Middlesex, NC 27557.

Condolences may be directed to Joyner's Funeral Home at www.joyners.net.



Franklin Ivey Baker

Earl Lewis Creech

Jan. 29, 1928 — April 26, 2019

KENLY — Earl Lewis Creech, 91, passed away Friday, April 26, 2019 in Perry, Georgia.

Earl was born Jan. 29, 1928 in Johnston County, a son of the late Willie and Sudie Edwards Creech. In addition to his parents, Earl was preceded in death by two sisters, two brothers, a daughter from a previous marriage and his grandson, Adam Josiah Creech.

Earl served his country honorably, retiring from the U.S. Army with 20 years of active service. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Masons. Earl was a member and deacon of Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Middlesex where he was actively involved in all church activities.

Earl is survived by his wife of 24 years, Annie Louise of the home; sons, Jimmy Creech, and wife, Kerri, of Byron, Georgia and Lenny Creech, and wife, Robin, of Kenly; grandchildren, Jason, Annika, Jacob, Kevin and Justin; great-grandchildren, Daisy, Rylee, Jackson, and Khoo. Also surviving are a son and daughter from a previous marriage.

Funeral service for Earl will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 3, at Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, 10748 Bissette Road, Middlesex. The Rev. Daniel Lancaster and the Rev. Dr. Rudy Owens will officiate. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

Entombment with military honors and masonic rites will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in Cumberland Memorial Gardens, 4509 Raeford Road, Fayetteville. The Rev. Daniel Lancaster will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests all donations and memorials be made to Heart of Georgia Hospice, 103 Westridge Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088 and/or to Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, 10748 Bissette Road, Middlesex, NC 27557.

Condolences may be directed to Joyner's Funeral Home at www.joyners.net.

Larry Marshal Lindsey

June 29, 1949 — April 28, 2019

Larry Marshal Lindsey of Wilson departed this life April 28, 2019 after a period of declining health. Prior, Larry was a catalyst who brought many a smile to others' faces. He worked hard his entire life, beginning at Watson Electrical Construction Co. right out of apprenticeship school. He worked his way up to vice president of the company. He was an amazing

electrical contractor and had the respect of his peers as well as the companies for which he worked. His contracting skills eventually led him to other companies, but he never forgot his coworkers and friends. If someone needed a job, Larry would make sure he found one for them.

Larry was a dedicated man. He was especially dedicated to his wife, Joyce of Wilson who survives him. They were married 49 years. Larry was also a dedicated father to Heather Stewart, and husband, Lance, of Savannah, Georgia, who also survives him. He was a loving "Grappa" to his two granddaughters, Mia and Indie Stewart. Also surviving is his brothers-in-law, Larry Brock (Gwin) and Ronnie Brock and his daughter, Angela Tart.

Since Larry worked so hard, he loved his downtime. "Good food, good friends and family" was a favorite motto. On the weekends, you would find him on the deck in front of one of his many grills, smilingly saying, "It doesn't get any better than this!"

All in all, Larry was a well-respected man who always had a smile on his face; he would like to be remembered that way.

The family will receive friends 6 - 7 p.m. Friday in the sanctuary of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 1100 Forest Hills Road, Wilson. A memorial service will follow starting at 7 p.m. Friday officiated by his longtime friend, the Rev. Keith Cobb, and Pastor Chris Greenwood of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to be made to Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 1100 Forest Hills Road NW, Wilson, NC 27896.

Online condolences may be directed to our website www.joyners.net.



Larry Marshal Lindsey

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removed. This leads me to believe that someone is, or at least was, actively working this area," said Chad Parker, Standards Division measurement section manager. "We have completed our sweep and now our inspector is returning to these stores for his annual inspections."

Skimmers are electronic devices placed inside a gas pump which collect data whenever a credit or debit card transaction is made at that pump. The owner of the skimmer then returns and collects the device, along with the credit or debit card information stored on it.

For the average customer, there is no way of knowing if there is a skimmer inside a pump, said Parker. Despite that, there are a few steps that consumers can take to reduce the risk of having their information stolen.

- If possible, do not use a card at the pump. Paying for your gas inside, with either a card or cash, allows you to pay at a machine that has an employee watching over it all day.

- If you do use a card outside, run it as a credit transaction, rather than debit. This way, the machine will ask for your ZIP code instead of your PIN, which leave you less vulnerable if a skimmer picks up your information.

- Ask the store what kinds of measures they have taken to protect your information from being stolen.

The Standards Division inspects gas dispensers for accuracy and fuel quality. Inspectors with the division check dispensers for the presence of skimmers by request, complaint or during routine gas pump inspection.

YME Bocce ball activities...

The clients at Yellow Mountain Enterprises will begin playing Bocce ball each Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m.

USDA opens application portal for new ReConnect Rural Broadband Infrastructure Program...

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue recently announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting online applications for funding through the new ReConnect Rural Broadband Pilot Program. These funds will enable the federal government to partner with the private sector and rural communities to build modern broadband infrastructure in areas with insufficient internet service. Insufficient service is defined as connection speeds of less than 10 megabits per second download and 1 megabit per second upload. ReConnect funding applications can be submitted at reconnect.usda.gov.

"Reliable, high-speed broadband internet e-Connectivity is critical for economic prosperity and quality of life in the 21st century, from education to health care to agriculture to manufacturing and beyond," Secretary Perdue said. "We at USDA are very excited to begin accepting applications for funds from this new and innovative program, which will bring critical infrastructure investments to homes, farms, ranches, schools and health care sites in rural America."

Congress first appropriated funds for the new Rural e-Connectivity Pilot Program, known as ReConnect, in 2018. The program will be

a proof-of-concept, enabling USDA to create and implement innovative options for rural connectivity by providing various financial packages to our customers.

In this first round of funding, USDA is making available at least \$600 million in rural broadband projects, through \$200 million in grants, \$200 million in loan and grant combinations, and \$200 million in low-interest loans. The application deadlines for each of these funding packages are as follows:

- May 31, 2019, for projects seeking federal funds from the grants-only package;
- June 21, 2019, for projects seeking a combination of federal loans and grants; and
- July 12, 2019, for projects seeking low-interest federal loans.

This \$600 million appropriation from Congress more than doubles federal funding available through USDA's long-standing broadband programs. Future rounds of funding for ReConnect will be announced later this year.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure, including rural broadband infrastructure, is a cornerstone recommendation of the task force.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, click to www.rd.usda.gov.

Wildlife Commission extends Small Game Award nomination period to May 31 ...

RALEIGH — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has extended the nomination period for its Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award until May 31. The award recognizes an individual or organization whose actions have significantly and positively impacted North Carolina's small game populations through habitat management, education, research, the Hunting Heritage Program or other efforts. These actions also benefit other species, including nongame animals such as songbirds, reptiles and amphibians.

The nomination period was extended due to an incorrect email address listed for nomination submissions due May 1. Those who submitted nominations previously should re-submit to stacey.thorp@ncwildlife.org. Or nominations can be mailed to N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Wildlife Management Division, c/o Diedrick Small Game Award, 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1722.

Winners are selected by the Commission's Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee and will be recognized formally at the Commission's business meeting in October with a plaque and wildlife print.

The awards are named for the late Larry Diedrick, a lawyer and a former Wildlife Commissioner from Rocky Mount who died in 2002. Diedrick was well known for his passion and advocacy of wildlife conservation, in particular small game.

In the individual category, past award winners have been landowners who improved and integrated small game habitat into their forestry or farming operations. In the organization category, past award winners have included corporations, government agencies and non-government organizations whose actions improved small game habitat.

Anyone interested in submitting an award nomination must submit a nomination form, located by clicking

to www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/News/documents/Diedrick_Award_form_1.pdf, and a written explanation describing why the nominee should receive the award. The written explanation should be no more than two pages, should include the following:

- Methods the nominee has used to further conservation of small game species;
 - Commitment, effort, and longevity of the nominee's efforts;
 - Accomplishments and results of the nominee's efforts;
 - How the nominee's efforts impact small game populations at the local, regional, or statewide scale; and
 - The long-lasting benefit to small game populations which will result from the nominee's efforts.
- For more information about small game management in North Carolina, click to www.ncwildlife.org/hunting.

NCDA&CS agronomist offers home garden tips...

RALEIGH — As the weather warms up, garden enthusiasts, community gardeners and landscapers gear up for the spring and summer growing seasons. Whether it's a home vegetable garden or establishing plants that will turn into breathtaking beds of flowers and ornamentals, many North Carolinians love to garden.

"Now is the best time to submit soil samples as the peak season for the soil lab has passed," said Jagathi Kamalakanthan, an agronomist with the Agronomic Services Division. "Soil samples are analyzed free of cost and the turnaround time to get results during spring and fall is usually just a little over a week." Information on submitting soil samples for home gardens is available at www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/pdf/Files/HomeApr2014.pdf.

Lime: If your garden or lawn has not been limed in the past two to three years, it may need it, Kamalakanthan said. The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Agronomic Services Division suggests you test your soil to optimize lime or fertilization needs.

Lime takes several months to react and there is no real substitute for time. Some people, in a rush to get

plants established, end up buying soil from big-box stores or from lawn and garden suppliers instead of improving the fertility of the existing soil.

Topsoil: Kamalakanthan cautions that it is always buyer beware when purchasing topsoil, because the sale of topsoil is not regulated in North Carolina. "Many times these soils have high soil pH and high nutrient levels," she said.

It is a popular misconception that more nutrients are better when it comes to soil fertility. Some nutrients such as zinc and copper are beneficial to plants in very small amounts, while those same nutrients in excess can be toxic to plants, Kamalakanthan said. Additionally, excessive phosphorus which can be harmful to the environment is sometimes found in purchased topsoil. Before buying topsoil, it is best to test soil so you are aware of its quality, especially if buying large quantities. More information on topsoil can be found at www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/pdf/Files/sfu4.pdf.

Compost: Another common mistake is the misuse of compost and bagged manures. Plants should not be grown directly in compost or manures. These materials should be used as an amendment to improve the physical properties of the soil and provide additional nutrients. Hence, it is best used by mixing well with the native soil or as a topdressing, applied as a thin layer to the soil surface. Growing plants directly in compost or animal manure alone can possibly harm plants with excessive nutrients or salts associated with these products. Pure compost and manure can also retain too much water causing poor rooting.

Composts can be purchased, but also can be made by homeowners. To find out more composting how-to's, click to https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/extension-gardener-handbook/2-composting#section_heading_5154. Whether made at home or purchased, consider having compost tested for its nutrient value by the division's Pant/Waste/Solution/Media lab of Agronomic Services. <https://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/documents/WasteSampleForm2017.pdf>. Both native clayey and sandy soils in landscapes

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Violations

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other employers with similar work environments."

According to state documents, four employees were inside the Knox Road tower when Stringer died.

Stringer, a graduate of Guilford Technical Community College, was a part-time employee. She had worked at other water-treatment companies before coming to the city.

Jake Keys, a city spokesman, said Tuesday that Stringer was inside the tower as part of a program where employees could learn about other parts of their department.

"An opportunity to climb the Knox Road tank was offered to departmental employees in Water Resources in September and October of 2018 as part of an initiative to allow employees to learn about various aspects of Water Resources operations," Keys wrote in an email.

Among the violations, the state said:

- The city didn't properly train

employees in how to recognize and minimize hazards that could lead to falling or how to use and inspect their safety equipment.

- The employees hadn't been trained to use the specific ladder-safety system that was inside the tower.

- The city supplied Stringer with gloves that were too big and not appropriate for climbing.

- A rope used as a lifeline at the top of the tower wasn't inspected for wear and deterioration.

The city has 15 days to appeal the citations, which were issued on April 18.

City Manager David Parrish issued a written statement Tuesday that said, in part, the city may wish to "exercise" that right.

"First and foremost, we regret any loss of life," Parrish said. "This has been very traumatic for the family and for our work family. Safety and training is imperative in all that we do and we take it very seriously."

"We never want anything like this to happen again."

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TIM RICKARD/News & Record

Consumer advocates and employers resist Duke Energy rate bill

■ The country's largest electric company is pushing N.C. legislators to allow it to line up years of profitable infrastructure projects all at once.

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Duke Energy Corp. is pushing North Carolina legislators to allow the country's largest electric company to line up profitable infrastructure projects years into the future and bypass lengthy regulatory battles.

The state Senate could take up legislation later this week after it was cleared by a committee Tuesday.

The measure comes after state utilities regulators last year wouldn't approve a \$13 billion, 10-year Duke Energy proposal on electricity grid updates with profit margins tacked on. The company could continue with work and come back later to request permission to raise rates and recover what it spent, the North Carolina Utilities Commission said. Duke Energy also projects charging consumers up to \$10 billion for coal-ash cleanup lasting a decade or more.

The legislation has been blasted by lobbyists for large manufacturers and other industrial customers, Google, Walmart, the AARP and clean-energy groups who see it as increasing Duke Energy's ability to raise power rates by reducing the ability of consumers to resist.

"Being skeptical by nature, I smell this as a green light to raise rates," Republican Sen. Jerry Tillman of Randolph County said Tuesday. "There's something that don't smell right when 100 or more of our big-business people who have weighed in on this and opposed this."

The change would allow Duke Energy or Virginia-based Dominion Energy, which operates in northeastern North Carolina, to set a key component of electricity rates for up to five years without the power company having to justify its reasons in trial-like hearings as are now required.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission — which oversees the operations and financial health of the companies that are legal, regional monopolies — could allow multi-year periods between rate-setting cases if it determines the result would be just, reasonable and in the public interest.

Duke Energy's legislative supporters argue that rate cases require tons of expert testimony and are expensive to mount, costs that are ultimately passed on to consumers. The

years-long gap between rate increase requests, followed by customary increases, could be smoothed out and made more predictable by multi-year rate plans, supporters said.

The legislation "is a measured step forward to help us all better plan for our energy future here in North Carolina," said Alex Glenn, a top Duke Energy attorney on regulatory matters.

The proposal represents a dramatic restructuring of the state's process for deciding electricity rates, said Bradford Sneed, attorney General Josh Stein's legislative adviser. The legislation also surfaced about a month ago without consultation from affected groups, opponents said.

Duke Energy has been talking to interested groups about its desire to allow for multi-year rate plans and other regulatory alternatives, company spokeswoman Grace Rountree said.

Opponents are pushing back with full-page newspaper ads, an online campaign and their own legislative lobbying effort.

Electric utilities have long based their business on building expensive infrastructure like power plants, adding a regulator-approved profit margin, and persuading regulators to raise electricity rates to pay for it all.

"The more money they make," said Chris Carmody, executive director of the trade group North Carolina Clean Energy Business Alliance.

But utilities are facing a changing landscape as the need for big generation projects has fallen after decades of energy conservation and fewer factories. So Duke Energy and other electricity companies are touting to Wall Street the increasing importance of grid spending to replace aging equipment, block malicious hackers, minimize outages, and accommodate the upsurge of wind and solar power.

Dozens of regulated utilities across the United States are devoting hundreds of billions of dollars to upgrade the software, switches and wires to enable a much more flexible distribution of electricity. Increased investment in the distribution grid will be the primary source of growth for most utilities over the next five to 10 years, said investment research firm SSR.



JOHN SIMMONS/The Charlotte Observer via The Associated Press

Emergency vehicles cluster on Mary Alexander Road on the UNC-Charlotte campus after a shooting Tuesday in Charlotte. The shooting left two dead and several wounded, prompting a chaotic scene in the state's largest city. A suspect was in custody.

Shooting

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the numbers could change.

Aerial shots from local television news outlets showed police officers running toward a building, while another view showed students running on a campus sidewalk.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department later said that the campus had been secured and that officers were going through buildings to let people who had sheltered in place know that it was safe.

Police said one suspect was in custody, and it didn't appear that any

other people were involved.

It was not immediately clear whether the victims were students.

The university, located in North Carolina's largest city, has more than 26,500 students and 3,000 faculty and staff members. The campus is northeast of the city center and surrounded by residential areas.

Sam Rice, a senior on UNC-Charlotte's tennis team, told Spectrum News that he was in the library studying for a final exam when he heard people yelling "shooter, shooter." He said he heard police yelling for people to stay down and stay on the floor.

He was "waiting for someone to tell us everything was going to be OK."

When people were told to leave, he ran out in his socks, running over glass on the floor.

His reaction is "just shock," he told the cable television channel. "It doesn't feel real."

Susan Harden, an UNCC professor and Mecklenburg County commissioner, was at home when she heard of the shooting. She went to a staging area, she said, to provide support.

Harden said she has taught inside the Kennedy Building.

"It breaks my heart. We're torn up about what's happened," Harden said. "Students should be able to learn in peace and in safety, and professors ought to be able to do their jobs in safety."

Schools

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to keep it under capacity.

Besides the Gateway supporters, there were other major groups represented in the public comment period.

Members of the Page High School community spoke about their desire for renovations at their school, especially the school cafeteria, which they say is inadequate to house and feed the students.

Members of the Greensboro Business League, NAACP and allies spoke in favor of increasing the schools' use of minority businesses. Others spoke in favor of funding for Career and Techni-

cal Education, especially proposed renovations to go with new career and tech academies the district is starting. A few spoke in support of Hampton Elementary, the tornado-damaged school that officials proposed be closed next year.

Later in the meeting, Superintendent Sharon Conteras brought an option for the school board to request reallocating \$1.89 million for repairs of Gateway Education Center, including replacement of the roof and some window repairs.

Under that option, they would modify the request they had made to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners to reallocate \$7 million in project funds toward renovations at high schools to support

the new career and technical education career academy programs.

Guilford County Schools Chief Financial Officer Angie Henry said if the board approved the change, the superintendent would recommend a change to her budget proposal. In their separate request to the commissioners for \$12 million for the capital budget, they would reduce the amount of the request for

school maintenance funds and instead slot the remaining needs for the career tech renovations into that request.

As of 9 p.m. the board had started discussion, but not yet gotten to a vote on the potential new option that could include repairs for Gateway.

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2 dead, 4 injured in campus shooting

BY TOM FOREMAN JR. AND
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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE — A man armed with a pistol opened fire on students at a North Carolina university during the last day of classes Tuesday, killing two people and wounding four, police said. Officers who had gathered ahead of a campus concert raced over and disarmed the suspect.

The shooting prompted a lockdown at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and caused widespread panic across campus as students scrambled to take shelter.

"Just loud bangs. A couple loud bangs and then we just saw everyone run out of the building, like nervous, like a scared run like they were looking behind," said Antonio Rodriguez, 24, who was visiting campus for his friend's art show.

Campus Police Chief Jeff Baker said authorities received a call around 4:40 p.m. that a suspect armed with a pistol had shot several students. He said officers assembling nearby for a concert rushed to the classroom building and arrested the gunman in the room where the shooting took place. Authorities did not immediately release the suspect's identity.

"Our officers' actions defi-



People gather across from the campus of UNC Charlotte after a shooting incident Tuesday at the school in Charlotte.

nately saved lives," Baker said at a news conference.

He said two people were killed, and three remained in critical condition late Tuesday. He said a fourth person's injuries were less serious. Students were among the victims, but officials would not say how many.

Monifa Drayton, an adjunct professor, was walking onto campus when she heard the shots. She said she directed students fleeing the scene to take cover inside a parking deck.

"I heard one final gunshot and I saw all the children running toward me," she said. "We started to get all the children pulled into the second floor of the parking deck and the rationale was if we're in the parking deck and there's a shooter and we don't know where he is, he won't have a clear shot."

She added: "My thought was, I've lived my life, I've had a really good life, so, these students deserve the same. And so, whatever I could do to help any child to safety, that's what I was going to do."

Shortly after UNC Charlotte issued a campus lockdown, aerial shots from local television news outlets showed police officers running toward a building, while another view showed students running on a campus sidewalk.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department later said that the campus had been secured and that officers were going through buildings to let people who were hiding know that it was safe to come out.

In a tweet, Gov. Roy Cooper praised the officers'

quick response.

"This is a tragic day for Charlotte and this great university," he said. "We mourn the lives lost and we will all be here to support each other."

The university has more than 26,500 students and 3,000 faculty and staff. The campus is northeast of the city center and is surrounded by residential areas.

Spenser Gray, a junior, said she was watching another student's presentation in a nearby campus building when the alert about the shooting popped up on everyone's computer screens.

She said she panicked: "We had no idea where he was ... so we were just expecting them at any moment coming into the classroom."

Susan Harden, an UNCC professor and Mecklenburg County Commissioner, was at home when she heard of the shooting. She went to a staging area, she said, to provide support.

Harden said she has taught inside the Kennedy building, where the shootings occurred.

"It breaks my heart. We're torn up about what's happened," Harden said. "Students should be able to learn in peace and in safety and professors ought to be able to do their jobs in safety."

Jury finds Noor guilty in 911 caller death

BY AMY FORLITI
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — A Minneapolis police officer was convicted of third-degree murder Tuesday in the fatal shooting of an unarmed woman who approached his squad car minutes after calling 911 to report a possible rape, a rare guilty verdict for an officer asserting he faced a life-or-death situation.

Mohamed Noor was also found guilty of manslaughter in the July 2017 death of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, a 40-year-old dual citizen of the U.S. and Australia whose death bewildered and angered people in both countries.

Noor, a two-year veteran who testified that he shifted to policing from a career in business because he "always wanted to serve," was acquitted of the most serious charge of intentional second-degree murder.

Minnesota sentencing guidelines call for up to 15 years on the murder conviction and nearly five years on the manslaughter conviction, although

judges aren't bound by the guidelines and can impose much lower sentences.

Noor was handcuffed and taken into custody immediately despite his attorney's request that he be free on bond. He'll be sentenced June 7. He showed no visible emotion and did not look back at his family, but his wife was crying.

Members of Damond's family, also in the courtroom, showed no evident emotion.

Besides the tragic circumstances of the shooting, the case carried elements of race and immigration. Damond, 40, was white; Noor, 33, is among the many Somali immigrants who settled in Minnesota after coming to America due to civil war in his home country. His hiring was celebrated by city leaders eager to diver-

sify the police force in a city rich in immigrants; after he was charged, he was fired.

The verdict came swiftly, with the jury deliberating about 11½ hours over two days.

Damond's father, John Ruszczyk, said the family was satisfied. He said the jury's decision reflected respect for the rule of law

and the sanctity of life.

"Justice was killed by a police officer, an agent of the state," he said. "We believe he was properly charged with a crime."

Ruszczyk also bitterly criticized police, saying the family believes "the

conviction was reached despite the active resistance of a number of Minneapolis police officers, including the head of the union, and either active resistance or gross incompetence" by state investigators early on.

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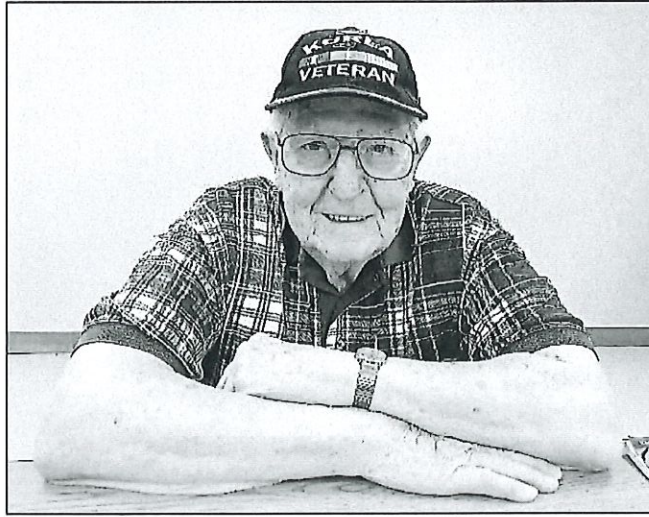
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Above: Davidson County Silver Arts participant Wanda Jolly specializes in plastic canvas and crocheting. Last year she won second-place in plastic canvas at the Davidson County Silver Arts. Below left: State champion Reggie Bayse is pictured here shortly after winning last year's men's horseshoe championship. Bayse said he appreciated the competition, as well as the road trip with others who competed at the event in Raleigh. Below right: State Champion Reggie Bayse will once again be a serious contender in the horseshoes competition this week. He is signed up to compete in seven events in the Davidson County Senior Games. Officials at Thomasville Senior Center recruited him for the Senior Games after watching him compete in cornhole tournaments at the senior center where he has been a participant for the past 10 years.



GAMES

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

and basketball shoot in the state competition.

He likens the trip on the van to Raleigh to compete in state as a fun road trip with friends. Bayse was recruited for Senior Games when officials from Thomasville Senior Center watched him compete in cornhole.

"We had a ball," he said. "It's a lot of fun. Win or lose. If they beat me, I shake their hand."

Wanda Jolly had to take a break from Senior Games due to a wrist injury, but she will compete in Silver Arts. She earned a second-place in plastic canvas, her first Silver Arts venture.

"Growing up, we listened to the radio and did something with our hands," she said. "I don't sit still. I am always doing something. Mostly I crochet and make crafts with clothespins."

Jolly enjoys craft classes at Thomasville



Senior Games Ambassador Karen Hayworth is gearing up for a big Senior Games season. This year she plans to compete in pickleball, horseshoes, cornhole and badminton. She is pictured here with Thomasville Senior Center Activities Coordinator Stacey Pennington. Both believe that Senior Games and Silver Arts provide a vital link for seniors to stay healthy, active and engaged in the community.

Senior Center such as button art and deco mesh wreath classes. Some of the items she has created are in the display case at Thomasville Senior Center.

"I like taking stuff and recycling it," Jolly said. "I entered a cross made out of clothespins in the miscellaneous

category this year. I also did backyard birds on the plastic canvas. I enjoy learning something new to see if I can do it."

One of eight Senior Games ambassadors, Karen Hayworth, 61, is a young senior but she is dedicated to the concept of participation.

This year she is signed up for Pickleball singles, doubles and mixed doubles horseshoes, cornhole and badminton doubles.

Hayworth said her involvement with Pickleball began with a church group at Pleasant Grove UMC.

"Our choir director Petra Hawker, who is also a DC ambassador, started a Pickleball group at our church," she said. "So I said, 'Sign me up.' We have a big group of people who play there and we have become the best of friends. We play all over the place and have lots of medals. I finally qualified for nationals this year."

If you attended the recent Davidson County Performing Arts Follies, you got a chance to see the talent of Sharon Baldwin, 71, who participated in two dance numbers.

In the course of a week she teaches five line dance groups and two square dance groups. In addition to being the choir director at Our Lady of the Highways Catholic Church. On top

of that, she is the treasurer for two square dance organizations and the president of the Thomasville Optimist Club.

Baldwin's optimism extends to all forms of dance. Staff at the YMCA tell her that when her dance students emerge from class, they are smiling.

My vision for doing the line dance is the ensure that people have a place they can go which is not strenuous exercise. I have met so many people that I would never have been able to contact and they have enhanced my life. I hope I have enhanced theirs.

Here is the great-grandmothers' philosophy for life:

"Everybody don't be a

slouch, get off the couch. Put your feet on the floor and get out the door. Get off your seat and put your feet to the beat."

It is a philosophy shared by Pennington.

"Senior games is great because it not only gets them out of the house, it helps gives them the incentive to get out, socialize, make new friends and continue with an active healthy lifestyle," she said. "It is a good way to keep depression from becoming a problem. It keeps them happy, involved and have fun. They absolutely love it."

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TOE TALK

Toe-Cane Watershed Coordinator Projects

The Toe-Cane Watershed Coordinator is a position under the Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development Council.

As the watershed coordinator, I work in Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties with support from citizens, the local, state and federal governments, local industry and non-governmental organizations.

The goal of this position is to improve the water quality of the watershed around us and build a strong relationship with the local community through on-the-ground projects.

A few of my favorite projects deal with education and outreach. I love getting the opportunity to go into the schools to teach about

water conservation. I've recently been helping with the MAGIC program at some elementary schools, as well as in-class lessons.



Whitney McCurry

Children are so excited about the local flora and fauna and are interested in the lessons, making my job easier. I'm currently coordinating a few river education days with schools. I'm organizing Toes in the Toe, which is a fantastic opportunity for the kids to get outside and get their feet wet. I'm also working with East Yancey Middle School for its river day with sixth graders, Toe Valley Day. The students get to interact with different agencies to learn more about their watershed through various activities such as aquatic sampling, hiking, and other hands-on experiences.

Blue Ridge RC&D also implements several watershed improvement projects, including live-staking events at local parks, storm-water control measures, non-native invasive plant removals, wildfire preparation and education, and water sampling. At Grassy Creek we are working on a

stream corridor restoration project and the extension of the Over Mountain Victory Trail. At Pine Bridge, we are working with Mayland Community College to do a stormwater collection project. These projects, among others like them, are vital in our efforts to protect our community watershed.

Among these projects there are many everyone can do to help maintain our watershed, such as removing invasive plants, planting native plants and allowing them to flourish near creeks and streams and properly disposing of trash.

Caring for our watersheds ensures the natural resources we utilize and depend on are there for

generations to come.

Toe Talk is a monthly article series sponsored by Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development and partners, highlighting watershed and community news. Blue Ridge RC&D is working to improve water quality and gain associated economic benefits in the watershed by providing education and technical resources and implementing on-the-ground projects. Visit www.facebook.com/blueridgedev/ for more information.

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Troxler urges horse owners to vaccinate against mosquito-borne diseases, rabies

Mitchell News-Journal

RALEIGH – Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler is urging horse owners to have their animals vaccinated against Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis and West Nile Virus.

"April until November is prime mosquito-breeding season in North Carolina and when horses are at risk if not properly vaccinated," Troxler said. "EEE is fatal 90 percent of the time in horses, and WNV has a fatality rate of 30 percent. Both diseases are preventable by vaccination."

Last year, North Carolina saw its first case of EEE in July. There were seven recorded cases of EEE and five cases of WNV in horses in North Carolina in 2018, but the mild winter could cause that number to go up this year, State Veterinarian Doug Meekes said. Meekes recommends that equine owners talk to their veterinarians about an effective vaccination protocol to protect horses from mosquito-borne diseases. The combination vaccination initially requires multiple injections for horses, mules and donkeys that have no prior vaccination history.

Mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts for more than four days, so removing any source of standing water can reduce the chance of exposing animals to WNV or EEE. Keeping horses in stalls at night, using insect screens and fans and turning off lights after dusk can also help reduce exposure to mosquitoes. Insect repellents can be useful if used according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Symptoms of EEE include impaired vision, aimless wandering, head pressing, circling, inability to swallow, irregular staggering gait, paralysis, convulsions and death. Once an infected mosquito has bitten a horse, it may take three to 10

days for symptoms to appear.

Symptoms of WNV include fever, weakness or paralysis of hind limbs, impaired vision, head pressing, seizures and aimless wandering.

"If your horses or other equine animals exhibit any symptoms of EEE or WNV, contact your veterinarian immediately," Meekes said.

People, horses and birds can become infected from a bite by a mosquito carrying the diseases, but there is no evidence that horses can transmit the viruses to other horses, birds or people through direct contact.

"It's also a great time to make sure your animal is current on its rabies vaccination," Troxler said. "In North Carolina, we see about five cases of rabies in livestock each year. Horses are naturally curious animals, which puts them at risk for a bite if a rabid animal gets through their fence line."

FSA offers joint financing option on direct loans

Mitchell News-Journal

The USDA Farm Service Agency's Direct Farm Ownership loans are a resource to help farmers and ranchers become owner-operators of family farms, improve and expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure to save farmland for future generations.

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The operation must be an eligible farm enterprise. Farm Ownership loan funds cannot be used to finance nonfarm enterprises, and all applicants must be able to meet general eligibility requirements. Loan applicants are also required to have participated in the business operations of a farm or ranch for at least three years out of the 10 years before the date the application is submitted. The applicant must show documentation that their participation in the business operation of the farm or ranch was not solely as a laborer.

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CAMPBELL

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Daniel's bill features job perks for volunteer firefighters: Property tax breaks on their homes, free hunting and fishing licenses, forgivable loans for firefighter training programs and even a pension option.

"Fair treatment for journalism": Any bill with that title will attract my attention, but Senate Bill 253 really is a fairness issue.

Sen. Michael Garrett, D-Guilford, wants to repeal a vindictive law sponsored by his predecessor that allows local governments to avoid running public notices in a newspaper.

Instead, the notices can go on a little-viewed government website. Having a law that penalizes businesses in a single county just doesn't make sense.

Dangerous pets: I'm not sure why you'd want to buy or breed a lion, tiger, bear, hyena or ape, but I'd be scared to live near someone who has one in their backyard.

So I'm not sure why House Bill 577 from Rep. Rena Turner, R-Iredell, hasn't gotten a speedy hearing yet. It would make it illegal to have one of these large animals.

UNC Board reforms: There's no reason the legislature should have exclusive control of who serves

on the UNC Board of Governors. Rep. Grier Martin, D-Wake, has proposed an alternative with House Bill 843, which would allow the governor to appoint eight of the 12 board members.

It's a small step toward having checks and balances, but since our current governor is a Democrat, Republicans will likely let the bill die at the upcoming crossover deadline.

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He doesn't care about you or your well-being. Best wishes.

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so they can make their own decision. There isn't enough awareness of these diseases or published statistics of local dangers and how real this is.

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JANE MARIE SHARPE SPARKS

RUFFIN — Jane Marie Sharpe Sparks, age 90, of Ruffin, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 28, 2019. She was born on February 16, 1929, in Bethany, the daughter of the late Robert Elisha and Ruby McCollum Sharpe. She attended Bethany High School and was the first female school bus driver in Rockingham County.

She graduated from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte, NC with a registered nursing degree. She has been employed at Annie Penn Memorial Hospital, and also served as a nurse for the American Tobacco Co., both in Reidsville, NC. She was a lifelong caregiver, a committed woman of faith and loved every kind of flower!

She is survived by her sons, Carl Sparks and wife, Wanda and Fred Sparks; her daughter,

Janice Anderson, all of Ruffin, NC; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; foster sister, Demetra Ann Rankin; and a large extended family. Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Terrell Sparks; her brothers, Burke K. Sparks, David E. Sharp and sister, Edith Sharpe Sorrell.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at Wilkerson Funeral Home with Dr. Beal officiating. The burial will follow at Happy Home Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019, and other times at her home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Red Cross, 1501 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, NC 27416 or Hospice of Rockingham County, P.O. Box 281, Wentworth, NC 27376. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilkersonfuneral.com.

MARY ALLEN UNDERWOOD

REIDSVILLE — Mary Allen Underwood, 73, of Reidsville, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Lick Fork Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Gene Hogan officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church and the burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends other times at Cindy and Whit's home.

Mary was born in Rockingham County to the late Charles Houston and Agatha Sutton Allen. She was a homemaker and the owner/operator of Underwood Upholstery for over ten years. She was of the Primitive Baptist faith and attended services as long as she was able.

She was always intentional to be a good friend and was loved by many. Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her son, Stephen Holt Underwood; her sisters, Janie Hansy and husband, Hilton, Janelle Canady and husband, Clarence and Alice Faye Allen; her brothers, Joe Allen, Andrew "Pete" Allen and wife Ruby and Ernest Allen.

She is survived by her husband, Elder David Underwood of the home; her daughter, Cindy Whitley and husband, Whit of Reidsville; her grandchildren, Brittney Breeden and husband, Zach, Hannah Evans and husband, Clyde, Kathryn Underwood Stone and husband, Robert, Morgan Underwood Brooks and husband, Cody and Alison Underwood; her great-grandchildren, Hunter, Bella, Grayson, Henry, Georgia, Blair and Oliver; her sister-in-law, Audrey Allen; and a large extended family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilkersonfuneral.com.

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Watch

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Kirzinger wears it with a new leather band.

For Kirzinger, 67, the watch symbolizes his personal quest to learn what happened to his uncle.

That led to a broader mission: ensuring that families of CIA Cold War contractors killed in action received recognition and closure for their lost loved one.

In years past, Kirzinger fought fires for the U.S. Forest Service and worked as a logger in the Pacific Northwest and on a cattle ranch in Montana.

After returning to the Triad, he started a sports marketing business and helped to develop a Chinese restaurant home-delivery franchise. He took care of his elderly parents, Betty and George Kirzinger of Madison, until their deaths in the last decade.

Since 1981, Kirzinger has spent thousands of volunteer hours on research, calls and meetings with government officials for the United States and foreign countries, pursuing his passion to help honor CIA operatives of yesteryear and their families.

His uncle was among them. A dashing and adventurous pilot from Louisville, Ky., Norman A. Schwartz flew for the Marine Corps during World War II.

He then flew for an airline called Civil Air Transport, later bought secretly by the Central Intelligence Agency. Schwartz became a civilian contractor for the CIA.

When Kirzinger was just a year old, his mother received word that her brother was missing.

They didn't know that he was flying for the CIA.

To keep secret the CIA's clandestine actions in China during the Korean War, the families of Schwartz and Snoddy were told that the men had crashed into the Sea of Japan on a routine flight from Tokyo to Seoul.

"The loss had devastating effects on my grandparents, who went to their graves thinking that the cover story that his plane crashed into the sea of Japan was true," Kirzinger said.

Betty Kirzinger spent years writing to presidents, former POWs, foreign leaders and the International Red Cross to learn more.

It would be 20 years before the government acknowledged the truth to Schwartz's family.

On Nov. 29, 1952, Schwartz and Snoddy were flying a C-47 to Manchuria in northeast China to extract a spy. Two CIA intelligence officers on board, Richard Fecteau and Jack Downey, were there to orchestrate the maneuver.

Chinese soldiers on the ground opened fire with a .50-caliber machine gun. The plane crash-landed. Fire consumed its cockpit and main body.

The pilots were killed. Downey and Fecteau were captured, tried



ERIK KIRZINGER/NEWS & RECORD

Erik Kirzinger's uncle, Norman A. Schwartz, was a CIA contract pilot killed during a 1952 mission. Schwartz's family was told that the men had crashed into the Sea of Japan on a routine flight from Tokyo to Seoul.

and imprisoned for 21 years and 19 years, respectively.

In 1998, Erik Kirzinger took up his family's quest for more information. His mother asked him to try to have his uncle's remains repatriated from China and buried next to their parents in Louisville, Ky.

He wrote to then-CIA Director George Tenet.

Kirzinger's letters and efforts set wheels in motion. In 1999, Tenet honored Schwartz and Snoddy with memorial stars at CIA headquarters in northern Virginia and with the agency's Distinguished Intelligence Cross, its highest medal for valor.

It would be another year before their mission was declassified and their names added to the CIA's Book of Honor at a 2000 ceremony.

At that ceremony, vivid images filled Erik Kirzinger's mind as Tenet described how covert operatives had sacrificed their lives for the country.

Kirzinger pictured each scene. "The idea came to me that they should have an art collection of the milestone events in the CIA's past," Kirzinger said.

He set in motion a project to commission paintings for the CIA Museum.

They would depict missions dating from World War II, through the Cold War, to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan — missions declassified after decades of secrecy.

Kirzinger recruited donors who would be commission artists. He led the research to ensure accurate depictions of each scene.

In 2017, Kirzinger spread those images into public view. He published a 2017 combination wall calendar and art book that reproduced 12 of the paintings and told the gripping stories behind them.

"Ambush in Manchuria" on November's page shows the downing of Schwartz's plane.

In 2018, he published two more calendars and a day planner, illustrated with more of the paintings.

"It's just mind-boggling what he has been able to achieve from Rockingham County," Kirzinger's proud sister said.

Wirtz doesn't recall having met her Uncle Norman. Like her brother, she was just a tot when he died.

The Chinese government initially denied knowing about Schwartz's final flight.

But in 2002, it agreed to let members of the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory dig up wreckage believed to be Schwartz's plane.

An elderly villager led searchers to a site where he said he buried the two Americans.

Scientists found a few teeth and bone fragments, but determined through DNA that they belonged to Snoddy.

They didn't know until years later that the bodies had been moved to another burial site, 500 yards north. In 2004, searchers also unearthed the Rolex watch.

They delivered it to the Central Identification Laboratory. There it stayed for 15 years.

The lab tried to determine whether the watch belonged to Schwartz or Snoddy. Both wore a Rolex Oyster Datejust.

Kirzinger shows a photo in which his uncle wears a watch with a leather band and gold rim, resembling the one unearthed at the crash site.

The found watch didn't have a band attached, although band pins had remained in place. Kirzinger believes that it had a leather band that burned in the fiery crash.

Another photo showed Snoddy wearing a Rolex with a stainless steel band — which would not have disintegrated underground, Kirzinger said. A later book by a friend of Snoddy's indicated that Snoddy had given it to his wife for safekeeping.

Schwartz's brother, Gene, recalled seeing Schwartz's Rolex watch when Schwartz was home on leave. He described scratches and a tiny dent on the back. Those remain.

Kirzinger wants to learn more. The serial number indicates that it was made in 1948.

He wonders what time it stopped working.

A former Christie's Auction House watch specialist suggested that the top Rolex expert examine it. The Rolex expert could decide whether the case can be opened.

But before Kirzinger takes further steps, he plans to attend the CIA's annual memorial ceremony on May 21 at its headquarters.

He will wear the watch. And he'll think of his mother, who died in 2014.

"It's just too bad mother isn't around to be reunited with her brother," he said.

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Coal ash

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Duke subsidiaries that serve North Carolina to charge customers for cleanup work completed through December 2017. The commission rejected Duke's request to add millions of dollars more to cover the estimated cost of future cleanup activities.

For the Duke Carolinas' division that serves the Greensboro area, the increase amounted to additional charges of about \$475 million over the next five years — or roughly \$95 million per year.

Along with increases allowed for other rising costs in addition to coal ash removal, the impact was a jump of just more than \$5 a month for an average Greensboro-area household using about 1,000 kilowatts,

according to Duke's calculations. Brooks said that when the new rates took effect last summer, a typical residential customer using that much power saw their monthly bill rise from \$108.27 to \$113.49.

In his filing, Stein said that Duke Energy should not be rewarded for brushing aside warnings from environmentalists and even some of its own employees that storing coal ash in unlined basins was risky.

He cited the February 2014 spill at the former Dan River Steam Station near Eden, noting that the company pleaded guilty to federal charges stemming from that incident.

"This practice caused the third-largest release of coal ash into the environment in United States history and led to admissions of criminal negligence by Duke," Stein said in the brief. "The leaking coal ash ponds polluted lakes and rivers,

contaminated groundwater and left communities across our state without a permanent source of drinking water."

"Duke's monitoring wells have recorded almost 6,000 test results that show violations of state groundwater rules."

But Brooks said the Utilities Commission had "determined in their ruling that costs to comply with environmental requirements established by state and federal regulators are part of the normal operations of an energy company, and those costs are appropriate to include in customer bills."

"Managing waste and safely closing ash basins is also part of the work of supplying customers with reliable electricity to meet their energy needs," Brooks said.

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CareNet Counseling names new president

WINSTON-SALEM — CareNet Counseling — an affiliate of Wake Forest Baptist Health — the largest network of spiritually integrated counseling services in the state and the largest hospital-based provider in the country, has named Bryan Hatcher, LCSW, president of its organization. Hatcher had been the inter-

im president of CareNet since August 2018. As president, he is responsible for the strategic development of the statewide network and advancing its mission and innovation. He succeeds Steven Scoggin, Psy.D., who was appointed interim chair of Wake Forest Baptist's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

With 35 offices across the state, CareNet serves individuals, couples and families who are dealing with depression, anxiety, grief, work-related stress, addiction, abuse, trauma, relationship issues and many other challenges. "Bryan is just the right person to help continue taking CareNet Counseling into the

future in innovative ways," said Gary Gunderson, M.Div., vice president of faith and health ministries at Wake Forest Baptist. "Bryan has a passion for not only delivering high quality counseling services but also advocating for and serving those who are underserved." Since coming to CareNet in 1999, Hatcher has served in

many roles, and most recently was the chief operating officer. He is an experienced counselor, chaplain and pastor and is an adjunct faculty member of Wake Forest University's School of Divinity. CareNet Counseling has been an active part of the state's behavioral health community for more than 40 years.

Scratch-made cake as easy as a mix

Who knew a French dessert could be as easy as it is fancy?

By Bill Colvard
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When you're in the mood for cake and you want it now, the French repertoire is quite likely not the first place you look for an idea.

Perhaps it should be. Gâteau au yaourt could be the answer to your dilemma. So simple, it is often the first thing French children learn to bake, and you don't even need measuring cups.

The first word, "gâteau," simply means cake, specifically a cake made with leavening, and it rhymes with "cat toe," but with only one "t" in the middle. As a Southerner, if you ever had occasion to say "cat toe," quite likely one "t" is all you'd feel the need to use. The great thing about using French words with a Southern accent is the French chew on their words too, and are even lazier about opening their mouth when they talk. So it's really not all that difficult, if you don't mind sounding like a pretentious twit. The second word is pronounced "yah-on-er" and means "yogurt."

To be honest, saying "gâteau au yaourt" is probably more work than actually making one, so just call it a French yogurt cake and go to the kitchen and get started.

A French yogurt cake is made with yogurt, naturally. It requires no creaming of sugar and butter as most scratch-made cakes do. Ingredients are just mixed together. It's as easy as using a mix-cake, but without a mix. And, if you use the individual-sized, 4-ounce tubs of yogurt, you can use the empty yogurt containers as your measuring cups. Even cake mix doesn't come with its own measuring cups.

The cake can be eaten straight out of the oven, unfrosted, so there's no need to take the time to make frosting or even learn how to make frosting. It can be glazed or dusted with confectioner's sugar, like a pound cake. But, if you want to gussy it up, the options are endless. In France, it's usually served with a little sweetened crème fraîche, but a little

whipped cream is also good. Fruit of almost any kind works well. Soft fruits, like berries, can just be tossed on the cake after it is baked. Firmer-fleshed fruits, like pears or apples or peaches, can be sliced thinly and arranged on top of the cake batter before placing the cake in the oven. The fruit will tenderize as the cake bakes, and the cake will spring up a bit around the fruit. As easy as it is, it starts looking pretty fancy.

Since the cake has a certain tanginess because of the yogurt, it works well with sweeter toppings. It pairs happily with lemon cream, lemon curd or mousse, and is delicious with chocolate mousse or chocolate sauce. Any glaze you put on a pound cake would be right at home. And if you use yogurt with fruit in it instead of plain like the recipes call for, the flavor possibilities are endless.

Several recipes follow with slightly different proportions and different quantities to accommodate different sizes of pans. Pick the one that works best for you and tape a copy of the recipe to the inside of a cupboard door or stick it to your refrigerator door with your kid's or grandkid's artwork. The wee ones can pull up a stool and help, just like they do in France.

Who knew easy could be so fancy?

Gâteau au yaourt

This recipe calls for a 10-inch cake pan which are not all that common in this country, but a Bundt pan or a loaf pan would work great. Cooking time will vary. Watch closely the first time, and make a note on the recipe on your refrigerator or cupboard door. 2-4-ounce tubs of whole milk plain yogurt 2 large eggs 1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 scant yogurt tub of vegetable oil 4 yogurt tubs of all-purpose flour 1-1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. baking soda 1 pinch salt Heat the oven to 350°F, and line a round 10-inch cake pan with

parchment paper. In a large mixing bowl, combine the yogurt, eggs, sugar, vanilla, and oil. In another bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Fold the flour mixture into the yogurt mixture, mixing only until all traces of flour disappear. Be careful not to overwork the dough. Pour the batter into the pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until the top is golden and a tester comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool completely.

French Yogurt Cake

Another recipe with more traditional measurements. For a fun twist, zest in a tsp. of your favorite citrus and serve drizzled with a citrus marmalade warmed and poured over the top.

1-1/2 cup Flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup Oil
2 eggs
3/4 cup yogurt
1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 350°F, and prep your pan by greasing it and dusting it with flour. You can use a bundt tin, a loaf pan, or a square tin. (A loaf tin will take the longest to bake.) Combine the sugar and all the wet ingredients (oil, eggs, yogurt, vanilla extract) in a large bowl with a whisk. Mix together the flour, salt, and baking powder in a medium size bowl and sift into the wet ingredients for an extra tender cake. Gently mix just until well combined. Bake just until a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean, about 30 minutes in a bundt cake pan. Let cool for ten minutes in the pan, then invert onto a platter to cool completely. A bundt pan is perfect to use with fresh berries. The ring-shaped cake serves as a bowl to hold them.

French Yogurt Cake With Marmalade Glaze

This variation with marmalade glaze and ground almonds is a little fancier and veers a little from the category of ingredients you are likely to have on hand all the time, but it's a delightful variation that shows the basic recipe's versatility. 1 cup all-purpose flour 1/2 cup ground almonds (or, if you'd prefer, omit the almonds and use another 1/2 cup all-purpose flour)



Submitted photo

A French yogurt cake is as easy as it gets, and perfect for strawberry season.

2 tsp. baking powder
Pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
Zest of 1 lemon
1/2 cup plain yogurt
3 large eggs
1/4 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup flavorless oil, such as canola or safflower
1/2 cup lemon marmalade, strained, for glazing the top

1 teaspoon water, for glazing the top Center a rack in the oven and preheat the oven to 350°F. Generously butter an 8 1/2-x-4 1/2-inch loaf pan, place the pan on a lined baking sheet and set aside. Whisk together the flour, ground almonds, if you're using them, baking powder and salt and keep near by as well.

Put the sugar and zest in a medium bowl and, working with your fingertips, rub the zest into the sugar until the sugar is moist and aromatic. Add the yogurt, eggs and vanilla to the bowl and whisk vigorously until the mixture is very well blended. Still whisking, stir in the dry ingredients, then switch to a large rubber spatula and fold in the oil. You'll have a thick, smooth batter with a slight sheen. Scrape the batter into the pan and smooth the top. Slide the baking sheet into the oven and bake 50 to 55 minutes, or

until the cake begins to come away from the sides of the pan; it will be golden brown and a knife inserted into the center of the cake will come out clean. Transfer the pan to a rack, cool for 5 minutes, then run a blunt knife between the cake and the sides of the pan. Unmold and cool to room temperature right-side up.

To make the glaze: Put the marmalade in a small pot or a microwave-safe bowl, stir in the teaspoon of water and heat (on the range or in the microwave oven) until the jelly is hot and liquefied. Using a pastry brush, gently brush the cake with the glaze.

Wrapped well, you can keep the cake at room temperature for at least 4 days and, like many pound cakes, it will be better one day later than it was the day it was made. If you do not glaze the cake, you can wrap it airtight and freeze it for up to 2 months; glazing, it's best not to freeze the cake.

Gâteau au yaourt à la framboise

French yogurt cake with raspberries 1 cup granulated sugar 2 tsp. lemon zest 1/2 cup plain, fat-free yogurt 3 eggs 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract 1/2 cup canola or vegetable oil

1-1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour 2 tsp. baking powder pinch salt 1-1/2 cup raspberries 2 lemons, juiced 1/2 cup powdered sugar non-stick cooking spray Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9x2-inch round cake pan. Blend the sugar, lemon zest, yogurt, eggs, vanilla, and oil together in a medium bowl. Whisk or sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Blend the sifted dry ingredients with the wet ingredients until just combined. Alternatively, blend the wet ingredients in a food processor, then add the dry ingredients and pulse. Pour half the batter in the pan, cover with half the raspberries, then repeat with the remaining batter and raspberries. Bake 55-60 minutes, or until the cake is springy when pressed, the sides of the cake have slightly pulled away from the edge of the pan and a cake tester comes out clean. Allow to cool in the pan at least 20 minutes, then flip out so that the top side is showing. Once the cake is cooled, blend the lemon juice with the powdered sugar to make a syrup and pour over the top of the cake. Allow the cake to absorb all the syrup.

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Statue

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more arguments possible on other motions in the case.

The UDC is suing the city Winston-Salem, Forsyth County and Winston Courthouse LLC. The city declared the statue of a Confederate soldier a nuisance on Jan. 30 and removed it and the rest of the monument from the corner of West Fourth and North Liberty streets on March 12.

In 2014, Winston Courthouse bought the land where the statue stood from Forsyth County. When the county sold the land, it excluded the statue and other memorials and items from the sale.

Both supporters and opponents of the Confederate statue attended the hearing, which started with a sheriff's deputy cautioning people to refrain from making noise. The hearing proceeded calmly with about 15 people present, not counting news reporters.

In essence, the argument from the attorneys for the city, county and landowner was that the county gave permission for the UDC to put the statue in place in 1905 but that the permission didn't transfer ownership of the statue to the county.

So when the county sold the land to Winston Courthouse, and when the current landowner told the UDC to remove the statue, the attorneys argued, the UDC either had to remove the statue or in essence abandon it.

"If permission is granted, it doesn't create a permanent right," said County Attorney Gordon Watkins, noting that the UDC itself described in its lawsuit how the county gave the organization permission to put the monument in place.

"This is a very simple case about property rights. What the UDC is trying to do is impose rights that aren't there on the current owner," James Davis, the UDC's attorney, stressed that when the county carved out an exception for the monuments in its sale of the former courthouse to Winston Courthouse, it described them as "public monuments."

Referring to an old photograph and article talking about the county authorizing a "fence to go around

the county's monument," Davis said the county was trying to have it both ways by now arguing it doesn't own the monument.

"If the monument was not the county's, why would they put a fence around it to protect it?" Davis asked.

The ownership of the statue has become a point of contention because of a state law that limits the removal of monuments on public property. The UDC argues that the county owns the statue and that the state law would therefore apply.

Jodi Hildebrand, the attorney representing Winston Courthouse, argued that because the state law doesn't apply because the statue stands on property owned by Winston Courthouse, not public property.

"The remedy for the person who owns the fixture is, they get to come take it back," Hildebrand said. "That land is our land. It is not public property."

He raised the technical points that prompted Morgan to ask Davis to write a brief by today, and for Hildebrand to respond by Friday if she chooses. Hildebrand pointed to the lack of state registration by the local chapter of the UDC mentioned in the lawsuit, and said nothing proves it is the same entity as the one that raised the money for the monument leading up to its erection in 1905.

"None of this exists on the public record," he said. As well, City Attorney Angela Carmon said her research suggests that neither the county nor the UDC may own the statue.

Carmon noted that a newspaper account and other printed sources referred to a group composed of actual war veterans who accepted the donation of the statue from the UDC.

"The ownership is irrelevant, because it was placed with the county's permission, and when the property transferred, permission was withdrawn," Carmon said.

A lot of the arguments Tuesday revolved around whether the UDC has standing, in other words, the legal right to sue. If the UDC doesn't own the monument, the attorneys on the other side argued, it has suffered no injury that would allow it to sue.

"If the plaintiffs gave up ownership 114 years

ago, what injury have they suffered today?" Watkins asked. Davis said the UDC has standing in part because it was drawn into a fight. "We are told in the bully's backyard, 'We are going to do this to you,'" Davis said. "Are we going to sit back on our hands and say 'Go ahead and do what you want to do?'"

Another UDC attorney, James Wilson, told the court he found it suspicious that the "1905 records are missing" that might otherwise clear up the ownership question.

"If a document could be produced ... it could be in favor of the Daughters," Wilson said. Tuesday's hearing didn't even get to some of the motions on Morgan's desk: motions to have the statue put back in place, to disqualify

county commissioners on May 9, as well as an ask for an additional \$40.2 million for teacher supplements, staff pay and capital needs.

Deanna Kaplan, the school board member who chairs the Finance Committee, said the committee's stance is for Simington to make the full request to the commissioners, but to break it down as well.

The district plans to ask for an additional \$15.7 mil-



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Winston-Salem removed the Confederate statue located outside the old Forsyth County Courthouse on March 12.

Carmon in her role in the lawsuit (on grounds she is needed to testify) and to dismiss subpoenas the UDC served on Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Jones and Miranda Jones, who protested the statue.

Carmon said the city has offered to put up the statue elsewhere at no cost to the UDC.

"If it were still there, you might even have incidents where people would remove it physically," Carmon said.

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Charlottesville Confederate statues protected, judge rules

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A Virginia judge has ruled that Charlottesville's Confederate statues are war monuments protected by state law.

Judge Richard Moore's ruling came in a lawsuit filed against Charlottesville City Council members who voted in 2017 to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Moore cited how statues of Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson depict the men in military uniforms and on horses associated with them during the Civil War.

Virginia law makes it illegal for local municipalities to remove war monuments without permission from the state.

Moore acknowledged the controversy that has surrounded Confederate statues in recent years, and said his ruling is limited to the question of whether the Lee and Jackson statues in Charlottesville fall under the definition of war memorials in Virginia law.

"While some people obviously see Lee and Jackson as symbols of white supremacy, others see them as brilliant military tacticians or complex leaders in a difficult time ... and do not think of white supremacy at all and certainly do not believe in, accept, or believe in such. In either event, the statues to them under the undisputed facts of this case still are monuments and memorials to them, as veterans of the Civil War," Moore wrote.

Moore said his ruling

doesn't guarantee that the plaintiffs will win if the lawsuit goes to trial. He said he still needs to rule on several pending issues, including the city councilors' motion that they have immunity from the lawsuit.

The Monument Fund filed the lawsuit in March 2017, alleging that the council violated state law when it voted to remove the Lee statue.

The lawsuit was later amended to also include the Jackson statue.

The statues have not been taken down.

Former City Councilor Bob Fenwick, a defendant in the lawsuit, told WCAV-TV he believes the council still has a good case to remove the statues.

"The important part is, does the council have legislative immunity, sort of like how a judge has judicial immunity so that the conclusions and the decisions that we make as councilors are final," Fenwick said. "It was a lawsuit act that we did."

Hundreds of white nationalists gathered in Charlottesville in August 2017 to protest the planned removal of the Lee statue. One woman was killed and dozens were injured with a self-avowed white supremacist drove his car into a crowd of people who showed up to demonstrate against the white nationalists.

James Alex Fields Jr., of Maumee, Ohio, was convicted of murder and other charges in state court. Fields pleaded guilty last month to federal hate crimes. He is awaiting sentencing.

REQUEST FOR PROJECTS

The Federal Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC, Section 5307) grant program

The Federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program

A Coordinated Approach to Meeting Transportation Needs for Low Income, Disabled and the Elderly in the Winston-Salem Urban Area

The Federal Transit Administration has announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area will receive federal transportation funds to assist eligible agencies in meeting the transportation needs of low-income, disabled and elderly populations in the area. The Request for Projects (RFP) process will accept proposals for funding under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC, Section 5307) grant program and/or the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program.

Dates	Step in the Request for Projects Process (2019)
April 29 - May 3	Legal Notices in Newspaper Advertisement on the Website
May 6 - June 6	30 Day Call for Projects
May 20	Community Workshop and Information Session
June 10 - 24	Review by External Sub-Committee (Greensboro Urban Area's MPO staff)
July 18	Approval by the Winston-Salem Urban Area's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
July to September	FTA Approval Process
September	Execution of Sub-Recipient Contracts (after approval of FTA application)

Applications, instructions for submitting proposals and the date and location of the Community Workshop will be made available on the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation (WSDOT) website at www.dot.cityofws.org. All applications must be received by close of business day on Thursday, June 6, 2019 (5:00 pm). Applications received after this date and time will not be considered. Proposals may be hand-delivered, mailed, or e-mailed to:

Byron Brown, Principal Planner
Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization
Department of Transportation, Room 307
Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building
P.O. Box 2511
100 E. First Street, Suite 307
Winston-Salem, NC 27102
Telephone: 336-747-6871
E-mail: byronb@cityofws.org



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Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy the program of projects (POP) requirements. Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice regarding the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO program has a right to file a formal complaint with Kelly Garvin, Title VI Coordinator, City of Winston-Salem, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102, within 180 days following the date of the alleged discrimination occurrence.

Schools

From Page A1

Committee an updated, balanced budget.

The staff is still working on an additional \$3.1 million in cuts to the local budget to make it balanced at \$117 million, said Kim Slusher, chief financial officer for the district.

At the last Finance Committee meeting, the members asked staff to find those cuts so the district could budget for technology replacements and a higher state salary percentage match.

At Tuesday's meeting, dates for special-called Finance Committee and full school board meetings to move the budget forward to the county had not been selected yet.

Interim Superintendent Kenneth Simington will present the budget to the

county commissioners on May 9, as well as an ask for an additional \$40.2 million for teacher supplements, staff pay and capital needs. Deanna Kaplan, the school board member who chairs the Finance Committee, said the committee's stance is for Simington to make the full request to the commissioners, but to break it down as well.

The district plans to ask for an additional \$15.7 mil-

lion for teacher supplements to bring the district's average supplement pay up in the state; \$17 million for classified staff to be brought up to \$15 an hour and for staff making more than that to receive a raise; and \$8.5 million for existing capital projects that have not been completed yet.

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No. 18 SP 2

Substitute Trustee:

Phillip A. Glass

RE-NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE

SALE

Date of Sale:

May 7, 2019

Time of Sale: 11:30 a.m.

Place of Sale: Yancey

County Courthouse

Description of

Property: See Attached

Description

Record Owner: Anita

Joan Chrisawn and Charles

R. Chrisawn, Jr.

Address of Property:

340 Double Island Road

Burnsville, NC 28714

Deed of Trust:

Book: 689 Page: 24

Dated: April 26, 2013

Grantors: Anita Joan

Chrisawn and husband

Charles R. Chrisawn, Jr.

Original Beneficiary:

State Employees'

Credit Union

CONDITIONS OF

SALE: Should the prop-

erty be purchased by a third

party, that person must pay

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(\$45) per One Hundred Dollars

(\$100.00) required by

N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

This sale is made subject

to all unpaid taxes and superior

liens or encumbrances of

record and assessments, if any,

against the said property, and

any recorded leases. This sale

is also subject to any applicable

county land transfer tax, and

the successful third party bid-

der shall be required to make

payment for any such county

land transfer tax.

A cash deposit of 5% of

the purchase price will be re-

quired at the time of the sale.

Any successful bidder shall be

required to tender the full bal-

ance of the purchase price so

bid in cash or certified check

at the time the Substitute Trustee

tenders to him a deed for the

property or attempts to tender

such deed, and should said

successful bidder fail to pay the

full balance purchase price so

bid at that time, he shall remain

liable on his bid as provided

for in North Carolina General

Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d)

and (e). This sale will be held

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bids as required by law.

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chaser and against the party

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county in which the property

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cupies the property pursuant to

a rental agreement entered into

or renewed on or after October

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the landlord, to be effective on

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than 90 days, after the sale date

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termination of a rental agree-

ment, the tenant is liable for

rent due under the rental agree-

ment prorated to the effective

date of the termination.

Dated: 3/25/19

Phillip A. Glass, Substitute

Trustee

Nodell, Glass & Haskell,

L.L.P.

Posted on 3/27/19

EXHIBIT A

BEING that certain tract

or parcel of land lying in Crab-

tree Township, Yancey County,

North Carolina and more par-

ticularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a spike

or nail set in the eastern margin

of NCSR 1308 (Double Island

Road) and in the line of lands

of Calvin and Violet Wyatt

(Deed Book 119, Page 226,

Yancey County Deed Regis-

try), and running S 74 51 W

10.00 feet to an unmarked

point in the center of Double

Island Road; thence with the

center of the road N 31 52 12

W 13.29 feet to a point; N 25 31 19 W 54.93 feet to a point; N 21 26 12 W 46.54 feet to a point; N 20 38 30 W 105.64 feet to a point; thence leaving the road and running with the line of lands of Ruby Effler (Deed Book 103, Page 78) N 80 01 06 E 20.00 feet to a set iron pin; N 80 01 06 E 149.91 feet to an existing iron pin in a fence line; thence running with other lands of Grantors S 32 27 45 E 256.93 feet to an existing iron pin; thence S 63 49 53 W 73.97 feet to an existing iron pin; thence the same course 15.00 feet to a point in a branch and the Wyatt line; thence with the Wyatt line N 22 21 42 W 59.83 feet to a set iron pin; S 74 51 01 W 111.91 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 1.008 acres. This description is according to a survey and plat by Jim Hughes, PLS L-3515, Coy Austin's line; thence up and with Coy Austin's line and fence to a buckeye tree near a spring; thence up and with Coy Austin's line to a stake where a beech tree once stood; thence down North 100 feet to a stake near an oak tree; thence a straight line to a stake at the highway; thence crossing the highway and continuing a straight line crossing the bottom to Prices Creek to a stake; thence with the creek 100 feet to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre, more or less.

SUBJECT TO the right of way for NCSR 1308, to its full legal width.

SUBJECT TO the rights of others to use the existing gravel road which traverses the above described premises, as shown on the above referenced survey.

THIS CONVEYANCE is also made SUBJECT TO and TOGETHER WITH all easements, rights of way, restrictions of record.

BEING a portion of Deed Book 179, Page 67 and Deed Book 172, Page 539 Tract 3 in the Yancey County Registry.

Parcel ID: 084015620741000

Property Address: 340 Double Island Rd, Burnsville, NC 28714.

Published April 24, May 1, 2019.

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NOTICE OF TAX

FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of an

order of the District Court of

Yancey County, North Carolina,

made and entered in the action

entitled COUNTY OF YANCEY

vs. THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND

DEVISEES OF JAMES BUR-

LESON, and spouse, if any,

which may include, UNIEBA

ROBINSON and spouse, if any,

KAREN LUKER and spouse, if

any, ROBERT L. BURLESON

and spouse, if any, THE HEIRS,

ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF

MYRTLE BURLESON and

spouse, if any, which may in-

clude, THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS

AND DEVISEES OF CHLOE

BLANKENSHIP HOLCOMBE

and spouse, if any, which may

include RICKY DEAN HOL-

COMBE and spouse, if any, THE

HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVI-

SEES OF W. STANLEY HOL-

COMBE and spouse, if any,

which may include MARLENE

HOLCOMBE and spouse, if

any, THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS

AND DEVISEES OF HELEN

AUSTIN and spouse, if any,

which may include BETTY

MCMAHAN and spouse, if

any, SHIRLEY SAYLES and

spouse, if any, BOBBY LEE

AUSTIN and spouse, if any,

JOE DOUGLAS AUSTIN and

spouse, if any, THE HEIRS,

ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF

IRFENE AUSTIN and spouse,

if any, which may include LINDA

KAY AUSTIN A/K/A LINDA

WEBBA/KALINDA THOMP-

SON and spouse, if any, LEE

AUSTIN and spouse, if any,

LISA PONS and spouse, if any,

TODD EMANUEL PONS and

spouse, if any, THE HEIRS,

ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF

RAY BLANKENSHIP and

spouse, if any, THE HEIRS,

ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF

GAY EUGENE BLANKENSHIP

and spouse, if any, which may

include PEGGY JOANN BLANKENSHIP

and spouse, if any, EUGENE

BLANKENSHIP and spouse, if

any, TERESA BLANKENSHIP

and spouse, if any, ANGELA

CASH and spouse, if any, LISA

OLIVER and spouse, if any,

TRACY ROPER and spouse,

if any, KATHY LEACH and

spouse, if any, THE HEIRS,

ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF

GERALDINE BLANKEN-

SHIP BALLEW and spouse,

if any, which may include WALTER

BALLEW and spouse, if any,

ROCKY DEAN BLANKENSHIP

and spouse, if any, BECKY

MARIE BALLEW and spouse,

if any, RANDALL C. BURLESON

and spouse, if any, or any other person or

entity claiming thereunder, et al, 17-CVD-97, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 7th day of May, 2019, offer for sale and sell for cash, to the last and highest bidder at public auction at the courthouse door in Yancey County, North Carolina, Burnsville, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the following described real property, lying and being in Prices Creek Township, State and County aforesaid, and more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Prices Creek Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a locust at Prices Creek; thence up and with the branch to a stake, Hollis Wilson's line; thence crossing the highway to a locust stump, Coy Austin's line; thence up and with Coy Austin's line and fence to a buckeye tree near a spring; thence up and with Coy Austin's line to a stake where a beech tree once stood; thence down North 100 feet to a stake near an oak tree; thence a straight line to a stake at the highway; thence crossing the highway and continuing a straight line crossing the bottom to Prices Creek to a stake; thence with the creek 100 feet to the beginning, containing 1/2 acre, more or less.

Subject to restrictive covenants and easements of record.

Parcel Identification Number: 97980073364500.

The undersigned Commissioner makes no warranties in connection with this property and specifically disclaims any warranties as to title and habitability. This property is being sold as is, without opinion as to title or any other matter.

This sale will be made subject to all outstanding city and county taxes and all local improvement assessments against the above described property not included in the judgment in the above-entitled cause. A cash deposit of 20 percent of the successful bid will be required. In addition, the successful bidder will be required, at the time the Deed is recorded to pay for recording fees and revenue stamps assessed by the Yancey County Register of Deeds.

This sale is subject to upset bid as set forth in N.C.G.S. Section 1-339.25.

This the 11th day of April, 2019.

Mark D. Bardill, Commissioner

P.O. Box 25

Trenton, NC 28585

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Under and by virtue of an

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WYCOFF and spouse, if any,

and all possible heirs and

assignees of AGNES A. ENZER

A/K/A AGNES A. WYCOFF

and spouse, if any, or any other

person or entity claiming there-

under, THE HEIRS, ASSIGNS

AND DEVISEES OF JOAN MC-

CARTHY and spouse, if any,

which may include JAMES E.

MCCARTHY and spouse, if any,

THOMAS STUART MCCARTHY

and spouse, if any, or any other

person or entity claiming there-

under, et al, 17-CVD-149, the undersigned

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and sell for cash, to the last and

highest bidder at public auction

at the courthouse door in Yancey

County, North Carolina, at 12:00

o'clock, noon, the following

described real property, lying

and being in Egypt Township,

State and County aforesaid, and

more particularly described as

follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Yancey County, North Carolina, to-wit:

Lying and being in Egypt Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot No. 218, as shown on a map of Sheet 1,

Block 5 & 6, Buck Town Section of Wolf Laurel Heights, dated February, 1974, made by Matheson, Hintz & Associates, Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors, Fletcher, North Carolina, of record in the Register's Office for Yancey County, North Carolina, in Plat Book 2, Page 53; and reference is made to said map for a further description of said property.

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John T. Earnest appears for his arraignment hearing Tuesday in San Diego. (NELVIN C. CEPEDA/THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE VIA AP, POOL)

Prosecutors: Attacker had 50 unfired bullets

By Elliot Spagat and Julie Watson
The Associated Press

POWAY, Calif. — The man accused of attacking a Southern California synagogue fired only eight to 10 of the roughly 60 bullets he had before his weapon jammed, prosecutors said Tuesday.

John T. Earnest, 19, pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and attempted murder in the shooting that happened Saturday during a Passover service at the Chabad of Poway synagogue. One woman was killed and three people wounded, including the rabbi.

Earnest was arrested shortly after the attack with 50 unfired bullets, a tactical vest and helmet, prosecutors said during his arraignment.

At the hearing, a bespectacled Earnest stood behind a glass panel, wearing blue jail clothes and showing no apparent emotion. He uttered only one word — “yes” — to waive his right to a speedy preliminary hearing.

The judge scheduled a status hearing for May 30 and denied bail, calling Earnest an extreme threat to public safety.

Earnest was an accomplished student, athlete and musician whose embrace of white supremacy and anti-Semitism has dumfounded his family and others who thought they knew him well.

He made the dean's list both semesters last year as a nursing student at California State University, San Marcos. In high school, he had stellar grades, swam on the varsity team and basked in the applause of classmates for his piano solos at talent shows.

Earnest apparently became radicalized sometime over the last two years. He is also charged with arson in connection with an attack last month on a mosque in nearby Escondido.

Owen Cruise, 20, saw

Earnest every day during senior year at Mt. Carmel High School in San Diego when the two were in calculus and physics together. They were also both in the school's amateur radio club. Earnest's piano performances drew audiences to their feet.

His father, John A. Earnest, is a popular physics teacher at Mt. Carmel, where he has worked for 31 years.

“The way John T. acted is not representative at all of the way he was raised,” Cruise said. “They are an outstanding family. Some of the finest people I’ve ever met.”

The suspect's parents said their son and five siblings were raised in a family that “rejected hate and taught that love must be the motive for everything we do.”

“To our great shame, he is now part of the history of evil that has been perpetrated on Jewish people for centuries,” the parents said Monday in their first public comments. “Our son's actions were informed by people we do not know, and ideas we do not hold.”

The parents, who are cooperating with investigators, refused to provide legal representation to their son, and he was represented by a public defender.

Earnest burst into the synagogue on the last day of Passover, a major Jewish holiday that celebrates freedom, and opened fire with an assault-style rifle on the crowd of about 100.

He fled when the rifle jammed, according to authorities and witnesses, avoiding an Army combat veteran and an off-duty Border Patrol agent who pursued him. He called 911 to report the shooting and surrendered a short time later.

Lori Kaye, a founding member of the congregation, was killed. Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein was shot in the hands, while Noya Dahan, 8, and her uncle Almog Peretz suffered shrapnel wounds.



This image from video provided by Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles shows an impact flash on the moon, bottom left, during the lunar eclipse which started Jan. 20. (GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY VIA AP)

Space rock hit moon hard during eclipse

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A space rock left a big crater on the moon during January's total lunar eclipse.

Spanish scientists reported Tuesday the meteoroid hit the moon at 38,000 mph, carving out a crater nearly 50 feet across. It was the first impact flash observed during a lunar eclipse.

The scientists — who operate a lunar impact

detection system using eight telescopes in Spain — believe the object was a comet fragment up to 2 feet across and 100 pounds. The impact energy was equivalent to 1½ tons of TNT.

Astrophysicist Jose Maria Madiedo of the University of Huelva says it was “really exciting” to catch the brief flash, after many tries during eclipses.

The findings are in the Royal Astronomical Society's Monthly Notices.

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Bertie prison officer was 'murdered in cold blood,' father's lawsuit says

BY JOISH SHAFFER
jshaffer@charlotteobserver.com

RALEIGH The father of Sgt. Megan Callahan, a correctional officer killed in a 2017 inmate riot, has sued the state Department of Public Safety for sending an understaffed crew to handle the dangerous murder convict who killed his daughter with a fire extinguisher.



Megan Callahan

Wissink told authorities at Bertie Correctional Institute (BCI) in rural eastern North Carolina that he was having homicidal thoughts one week before he started a fire in a trash can inside the D block of Tan Unit 2, where somewhere between 80 and 288 inmates were housed, the suit said.

Callahan, a 29-year-old sergeant, was killed in the fire, the suit said, but as she tried to extinguish it, Wissink threw boiling water in her face, having heated it in a microwave.



Craig Wissink

The code went out for an inmate riot. "Inmate Wissink grabbed the fire extinguisher from Sgt. Callahan after she fell down and repeatedly struck her with it," the suit said. "Inmate Wissink murdered Sgt. Callahan in cold blood without interference."

An attempt to reach officials at DPS for comment Tuesday morning was unsuccessful. Callahan's lawsuit said DPS "safe staffing" plan mandated that at least four officers should have been working with his daughter

that night, one of them in the control center and three others with adequate training. Instead, the suit said, one of those positions was vacant, waiting for DPS to hire someone, and two of the other three were new hires with no training in inmate emergencies or use of batons or pepper spray.

"She rushed in to harm's way to attempt to save lives," the suit said, "as the policies and protocols required her to do, without any of the safety support network that DPS and BCI required must be present."

Callahan's slaying brought the death toll from prison attacks to four, prompting a review in the state legislature.

Her family sued Wissink in 2017, seeking more than \$25,000 in damages. At the time of the attack, Wissink was already serving a life sentence for a 2004 murder. DPS lists his status now as "high security/maximum control."

Prison officials promoted Wissink from close to medium custody in 2007, the suit said, then kept him there after a fight in Nash Correctional in 2013. His discipline record showed multiple other offenses, including possession of an illegal drug, before he was moved back to close custody in 2015.

A year later, the state promoted him again. Along with DPS the lawsuit names five prison

officials as defendants: Annie D. Harvey, David A. Mills, Demetrius A. Clark, Anthony K. Spruill and Ory C. Slade. "The actions of the Defendants described above were outrageous, in bad faith, and were taken without any reasonable grounds to support them," the suit said.

Callahan, the plaintiff, is seeking a judgment keeping DPS from placing employees in such dangerous situations in the future. Also it seeks compensation "to adequately make her family whole for what this tragedy has wrought to include for her loss of life, loss of income and benefits, for the emotional injuries this murder caused, and any additional emotional distress, humiliation, embarrassment, and other pain she and her family have suffered."

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The first draft of state House budget released

BY WILL DURAN, DAWN RAUMGARTNER VAUGHAN AND COLIN CAMPBELL
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RALEIGH The North Carolina House of Representatives released its budget proposal Tuesday night, setting the stage for a debate over how to spend billions of dollars over the next two years.

In a news conference Tuesday, Republican leaders said their proposed budget would be amended to include raises for state employees, with principals getting the largest raises.

Most state employees would receive 1 percent or \$500, whichever is larger, said Rep. Donny Lambeth, a Winston-Salem Republican.

Many of the other proposals in the budget had rolled out over the past week in committees. Details included increased spending on school safety measures, funding to address the state's backlog of untested evidence in rape cases, and upgrades to buildings throughout the UNC System including the UNC-Chapel Hill business school and the medical school at ECU.

Education funding has been a hotly contested issue in the past, and thousands of teachers are expected to march in downtown Raleigh Wednesday in a protest that will close school for more than half of the students in North Carolina.

Under the House budget, teachers would get average raises of 4.8 percent; assistant principals would get 6.3 percent and principals would get 10 percent, House leaders said. They also propose reinstating master's degree pay for teachers.

The details of the House budget aren't set in stone. The House can still make changes, and so can the Senate after the House finalizes its preferred version. And for the first time since Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper took office in 2017, the Republican-led legislature lacks a veto-proof majority.

That gives Cooper at least some negotiating power, with the threat of a veto more real than in years past.

Cooper announced his budget proposal in March and said at the time that lawmakers were going to have to pay more attention to his requests than they have in the last two years' budgets, both of which he unsuccessfully tried to veto.

"I know I won't get everything I asked for in this budget," Cooper said when he announced his own spending plan. "But I do believe there is leverage."

TAX CUTS AND BREAKS

In addition to spending, the budget proposal includes tax changes that would raise the standard deduction for personal income taxpayers by 3.75 percent starting in 2021, and that would reduce franchise taxes on businesses while requiring online "marketplace facilitators," such as eBay, to collect sales taxes.

For a married couple filing jointly, the standard deduction would increase from \$20,000 to \$20,750 starting in 2021, with similar changes for other types of personal income taxpayers. When fully implemented, the change would reduce state revenue by about \$88 million per year. That's less than the amount of revenue involved in the proposed franchise tax cut for businesses, which would save businesses more than \$230 million annually starting next year. The franchise tax is based on a corporation's overall tax base in North Carolina.

The budget would also extend tax breaks for airlines, NASCAR and historic preservation projects.

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STATE EMPLOYEE PAY A few groups of state employees would see bigger raises. Certified correctional officers would

get a 3 percent raise, as would trial court coordinators and administrators.

Lambeth said that some UNC system employees may get raises higher than 1 percent depending on how the colleges use allotments.

Lambeth also said that all state employees would get five bonus leave days. There were some other notable proposals.

One idea in the budget is to create new grants to expand "advanced teaching roles." These positions allow schools to "create innovative compensation

models that focus on classroom teacher professional growth that lead to measurable improvements in student outcomes," according to the budget.

It's billed as a way for experienced, driven teachers to earn up to a 30 percent raise if they come up with plans that state officials think will help students do better in the classroom. The program currently receives \$1.5 million a year but would double to \$3 million by the 2020-21 school year under this plan.

The budget would also spend tens of millions of dollars over the next two years on school safety grants. Schools could apply for funding for anything from physical security upgrades, to hiring school resource officers

and mental health professionals, and more. A separate part of the budget would also require a new "census" of school resource officers at public schools around North Carolina to get a better understanding of which areas have the most need, how well trained the officers are, and other related issues.

The budget also seeks to tackle the opioid crisis, by giving an additional \$5 million a year to state-run treatment programs as well as creating new programs like addiction help for people in prison and a "quick response" pilot program for treating overdoses that would start in Wilmington and could expand to other areas if successful.

Another part of the

budget would spend several million dollars, in both state and federal funding, to modernize the state's election security. North Carolina election officials are currently at odds with a Florida company over whether the Russian government might have hacked into the company's software during the 2016 elections, when multiple counties here used the software.

The Finance Committee approved the budget on Tuesday, but it moves on to the Appropriations Committee, where more changes may be made, on Wednesday. It needs to pass that committee before it can go up for a vote by the full House and then, if it passes, be sent to the Senate for further revisions and debate.

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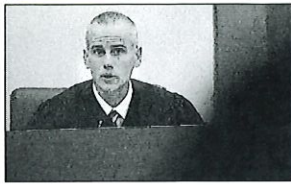
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ROBERT C. HESCH/KNOX DAILY RECORD
Superior Court Judge Nathaniel J. Poovey addresses family members of murder victim Stephanie Charlene Harvey, during the plea deal of Glen McQuay Jr., who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder of Stephanie Charlene Harvey.

Plea

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to 25 to 31 years in prison.

McQuay was originally charged with first-degree murder and faced the death penalty.

Assistant District Attorney Jamie Adams said Harvey, 49, had returned to her home on Second Street SW from the grocery store on the morning of June 8, 2016, and was getting groceries out of her trunk when she was attacked by McQuay.

Harvey was on the phone with a friend who overheard Harvey screaming, "Get off me!" Then the line went quiet. The friend left work and called 911. Authorities found Harvey face down in the grass with burns covering the upper half of her body, according to Adams.

"(The burns were) so bad, the funeral home didn't want us to see her," said Nikisha Jackson, Harvey's niece.

Adams said Harvey's cause of death was smoke inhalation.

McQuay and Harvey were in a dating relationship. Earlier that morning, McQuay had a friend drive him to the gas station to fill up a gas can. The friend was under the impression McQuay needed the gas to mow Harvey's lawn, Adams said.

Investigators believe McQuay came up behind Harvey and doused her with gasoline before setting her on fire. First responders reported they smelled gasoline coming from the back of Harvey's vehicle that morning, Adams said. Through sobs, Jackson and Harvey's two daughters addressed the court, while Harvey's son declined to make a statement.

Jackson said her aunt's death has left their family broken and unwilling to trust anyone. After speaking in court, Jackson told

reporters she also believes McQuay's sentence is not justice.

"I believe that he should have gotten life without parole," Jackson said. "That's what I believe. I believe he knew his intent and what he was going to do."

Harvey's eldest daughter, Dominae Francis, said she wants her mother to be remembered as a strong woman.

"You only broke me for a minute, you didn't break me permanently," Francis said, addressing McQuay. "... Every child needs their mother whether they admit it or not, and you took that from me."

Prior to sentencing, McQuay's attorney Ted Cummings said McQuay did not intentionally set Harvey on fire. Instead, he saw her come home, came up behind her and started her, causing the gas can in his hand to spill gasoline on her. Since she was smoking, she caught fire and McQuay did not call 911 or try to help her.

Cummings also said McQuay has a long history of mental health and substance abuse issues.

Harvey's family and friends cried out in protest in Cummings' reeling of events, resulting in them being escorted out of the courtroom. After a few minutes, Superior Court Judge Nathaniel J. Poovey told the bailiffs those family members could be allowed back in the courtroom if they had had enough time to compose themselves.

"There are probably no words I can say to bring you peace," Poovey said, addressing the family, adding he admired their courage. "I hope today can bring you some closure."

When given a chance to address the court, McQuay declined to say anything. Francis said he has never looked at her at any court appearance.

Two men face drug charges

From staff reports

A Lenoir police traffic stop led to the arrest of two men and seizure of nearly \$22,000 worth of methamphetamine, according to a Lenoir Police Department press release.

A Lenoir police officer witnessed a 2002 Mitsubishi passenger car run a red light at the intersection of Harper Avenue and Fairview Drive early Saturday morning. The officer pulled the vehicle over at West Lenoir



Crane

Bentley

Baptist Church on Abington Road, the release said.

During the stop, a K9 was taken around the vehicle and gave a positive indication of drugs in the vehicle. Police searched the vehicle and found 144.7 grams of methamphetamine, 2.6

grams of marijuana, a glass smoking pipe, two doses of alprazolam and digital scales shoved under the vehicle's steering column, according to the release.

The driver, Justin Ryan Crane, 36, of Puffer, and Phillip Jason Bentley, 42, of Rocky Road in Lenoir, were arrested and charged with a felony count each of trafficking in methamphetamine. They received a \$100,000 secured bond, according to the release.

More charges are forthcoming for Crane and Bentley, the release said.



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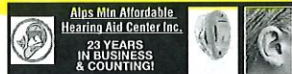
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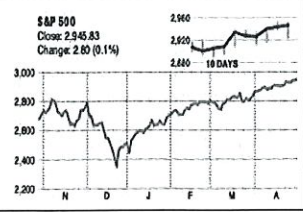
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26,592.91	27,720	25,720	26,592.91	26,592.91	+38.52	+0.1%	1,100,000	+1.5%	+1.5%
2,945.83	3,000	2,800	2,945.83	2,945.83	+2.80	+0.1%	500,000	+0.5%	+0.5%

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Symbol	Price	Change	% Chg	Symbol	Price	Change	% Chg	Symbol	Price	Change	% Chg
AMZN	1,750.00	+10.00	+0.6%	GOOGL	1,100.00	-10.00	-0.9%	GOOGL	1,100.00	+10.00	+0.9%
MSFT	150.00	+1.00	+0.7%	FB	180.00	-1.00	-0.6%	MSFT	150.00	+1.00	+0.7%
GOOGL	1,100.00	+10.00	+0.9%	AMZN	1,750.00	-10.00	-0.6%	GOOGL	1,100.00	+10.00	+0.9%

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Symbol	Price	Change	% Chg	Symbol	Price	Change	% Chg
WELLS	45.00	+0.50	+1.1%	WELLS	45.00	+0.50	+1.1%
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MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets	Assets
AMERICAN FUNDS	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
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AMERICAN FUNDS	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
AMERICAN FUNDS	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

McCreary Modern workers support McDonald House



The employees and management of McCreary Modern Inc. donated \$13,780 to the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem's annual "Sport a Shirt, Share a Night" fundraising campaign. McCreary Modern matched the employees' contributions. Many of the 695 participants wore their shirts on Tuesday for this group photo. The McDonald House provides lodging for the families of critically ill children who are being treated in Winston-Salem. McCreary Modern's president, Rick Coffey, said that the company and its employees have donated more than \$151,000 since 2005.

Consumer confidence improves in April

WASHINGTON — American consumers are feeling more confident this month, though optimism hasn't fully recovered from a period of rolling markets and slowed hiring early this year. The Conference Board, a business research group, said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rose to 129.2 in April, from 124.2 in March. The index, covering the month through April 18, measures consumers' assessment of current economic conditions and their expectations for the next six months. Both rose in April. Economists pay close attention to the index because consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity. The index slipped in March as financial market bucked and a February employment report that showed hiring had tumbled. U.S. employers added only 20,000 jobs, the smallest monthly gain in nearly a year and a half. A slowdown in manufacturing and retail, sluggish housing and construction activity and global pressures, including the ongoing trade war with China, had dampened expectations for economic growth. Hiring rebounded in March as employers added a solid 196,000 jobs, showing that many businesses still want to hire. The unemployment rate remained at 3.8%, near the lowest level in almost 50 years, the government reported in early April. "Overall, consumers expect the economy to continue growing at a solid pace into the summer months," said Lynn Franco, the Conference Board's senior director of economic indicators. "These strong confidence levels should continue to support consumer spending in the near term."

The survey showed consumers' assessment of current conditions improved in April, with respondents saying business conditions are "good" increasing to 37.3% from 34.7%. The short-term outlook also brightened, with the percentage of consumers expecting business conditions to be better six months from now rising to 19.9% from 17.2%. A government report on Friday showed that the U.S. economy grew much faster than expected in the January-March quarter, indicating that

Business Briefs

From wire reports

Apple's fiscal second-quarter revenue, profit sag amid iPhone slump

SAN FRANCISCO — Weak iPhone demand is still causing Apple's overall sales to shrink, despite the company's effort to emphasize services designed to bring in a steady flow of money from its 1.4 billion devices still in use. Revenue for the January-March quarter fell 5% from the same time in 2017 to \$58 billion, the company said in its earnings report Tuesday. That downturn followed a 5% drop in the previous quarter. It's the first time Apple has suffered two consecutive quarterly revenue declines in two-and-a-half years. Apple still earned a profit of \$11.6 billion during its latest quarter, though that was down 16% compared to last year. The company also announced a 5% increase in its quarterly dividend to 77 cents per share.

'Privacy focused' Facebook puts the spotlight on groups

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Facebook is launching a major redesign of its app and website built around letting people connect with groups that share their interests — an attempt to shift its focus away from the untrammeled public sharing that has helped spread hate speech, extremism, misinformation and livestreamed video of massacres. The new features, announced Tuesday at the company's annual F8 developer conference, are part of CEO Mark Zuckerberg's broader strategy for countering Facebook's growing array of critics, emboldened regulators and competitors. Zuckerberg, who at one point stood in front of a giant display reading "The future is private," acknowledged widespread skepticism of his plan to turn Facebook into a "privacy-focused" social network.

U.S. sales OK'd for cigarette alternative that heats tobacco

WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials on Tuesday said Philip Morris can sell a cigarette alternative that heats tobacco without burning it, a key decision in the tobacco industry's shift toward newer products. The Food and Drug Administration has not yet decided whether to allow the device, IQOS, to be advertised as less harmful than cigarettes. A decision on that key marketing pitch could come later this year. The cigarette alternative is the centerpiece of Philip Morris International's effort to shift the shrinking number of U.S. smokers toward other products, including heating and vaping devices. FDA regulators stressed that IQOS is neither safe nor "FDA approved." But they acknowledged that studies submitted by the company did show IQOS produces fewer toxic byproducts than traditional burning cigarettes.

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Republican branded as Dem plant sues GOP for benefit

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A candidate for the Republican nomination in a still-vacant North Carolina congressional seat is suing the GOP after being barred from debates and access to internal party data. Republicans call him a Democratic plant who cost them a seat on the state's top court last year.

Candidate Chris Anglin of Raleigh said Monday that he wants a state court to force the state Republican Party to give him access to voter lists, calendars and other data already provided to nine others in the 9th Congressional District field. Anglin also has been barred from participating in

Republican candidate forums or debates.

Anglin's lawsuit acknowledges that the state Republican Party is a nonprofit organization, but he claims the GOP also has a public role as one of the two major political parties enshrined in law. Taxpayers also pay for the party's nominating primaries, Anglin said.

The party also is violating its internal rules not to choose favored candidates in primary elections, Anglin said.

"Chris Anglin's frivolous lawsuit to access a private organization's data and resources is nothing more than a publicity stunt," state GOP spokesman Jeff Hauser wrote

in an email.

The state Republican Party last year pointed out that Anglin was a registered Democrat until changing his registration three weeks before filing to run for state Supreme Court. Then-state GOP Chairman Robin Hayes said after Anglin entered the race last month that he's not a real Republican and would not be allowed access to GOP data, information, or infrastructure.

Hayes relinquished his party activities this month after being indicted on federal charges that he tried to bribe the state's insurance commissioner on behalf of a wealthy donor and then lied to FBI agents.

Anglin ran last year against an incumbent Republican on the Supreme Court and a liberal Democrat, who won in part thanks to the divided GOP vote.

State judges blocked a law quickly approved by the GOP-led legislature that sought to block Anglin from being listed as a Republican on the November ballot because he switched his affiliation too close to filing. Anglin argued, successfully, that the law unfairly targeted him.

Now he's running in a special congressional primary on May 14 that was ordered after an operative working for Republican nominee Mark

Harris, who appeared to win last year's 9th District election, was accused of illegally handling mail-in ballots. Harris opted not to run again this year.

Anglin's longshot GOP candidacy is highlighted by the fact he hasn't filed a campaign finance report with the Federal Election Commission. Anglin said Monday that's because he hasn't collected \$5,000 in contributions, beyond which a filing is required.

Anglin has been critical of President Donald Trump's positions on several issues and

statements. He accused the state Republican Party of banishing him because it demands conformity with the president.

"There is no one right way to be a conservative, but there are things that politicians can do to betray their conservative values," Anglin said in a blog post last month. "If members of Congress allow this branch to become a subservient branch to the Executive and simply take marching orders from the president on policy that does not reflect true conservatism, they betray their conservative values."

Tennessee governor to allow sports betting without signature

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee plans to let legislation to allow sports betting become law without his signature, putting a state that has largely shied from expanding gambling in position to become the first to offer an online-only sportsbook.

The bill is headed to the Republican governor after close votes in the GOP-supremacy Senate and House on Tuesday. And though Lee has been no fan of adding more gambling, he has hinted that his administration worked to tailor the bill to make it more palatable to him.

The legislation has a July 1 effective date.

"The governor has said he does not believe that the expansion of gambling is best, but he recognizes that many in the legislature found this to be an issue they want to explore further," Lee spokeswoman Laine Arnold said in a statement Tuesday. "He plans to let this become law without signature."

Lee also had to consider the drawbacks of a veto in Tennessee, where lawmakers would need only the same majority votes required to pass a bill to override a veto.

Tennessee is now lined up with Montana, Iowa and Indiana as states nearing sports betting decisions. They would join six others that switched last year after a U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing it nationwide.

In addition to those states, two tribal casinos in Nevada and New Mexico are offering sports betting without explicit state approval.

On Tuesday, the Senate narrowly voted 19-12 for the bill that would allow regulated statewide mobile and interactive sports gambling for people 21 years old and up. Fourteen Republicans joined the chamber's five Democrats in the bill's passage, with Republicans casting all 12 "no" votes, including Speaker Randy McNally.

The House had passed its own version of the bill in a 58-37 vote last week that similarly split Republicans. The House lost even more votes in a 51-40 tally Tuesday to agree with the Senate's proposal. Fifty votes are needed for House passage.

Proponents of the bill who said they want sports betting to happen under regulation were narrowly able to fend off opposition by some Republicans, who contend it would fuel addiction.

Republican Sen. Janice Bowling, who voted "no," likened the approach to "putting the ambulance at the bottom of the hill, rather than putting the fence at the top of the hill."

"We just seem to be looking in a way that we're going to try to create a gray market, and I think probably if we could get rid of the black market it would be better," said Bowling, of Tullahoma.

DraftKings, one of the likes Tennessee online sportsbooks, tweeted its thanks to Republican bill sponsor Sen. Steve Dickerson of Nashville on Tuesday morning. The industry had a big presence in Nashville this year — DraftKings has seven registered lobbyists, while sports betting firm FanDuel has nine, state records show. Both have had sizeable Tennessee lobbying teams since 2015.

DraftKings also rallied public support for the bill, saying on its "Let Tennessee bet" website that without the legislation money would continue to "flow to illegal offshore bookies instead of staying in Tennessee as a revenue source."

"It's happening anyway," Dickerson said of sports gambling in Tennessee. "What this bill does is, however, it brings it up in the light and has provisions in it for troubled gamblers."

The proposal is projected to bring in more than \$50 million annually — \$40.7 million for the lottery fund that goes toward education, including college scholarships; \$7.6 million for local governments' local infrastructure projects; and \$2.5 million for mental health offerings, including addiction services, a fiscal note estimates.

However, four of the six states with newly legal state-allowed sports betting are still bringing in significantly less

than their own revenue expectations, according to an AP analysis of state fiscal reports.

The bill would bank on technology to ensure people can't place bets if they are underage or located outside the state's borders. It also would ban a variety of people from betting who would have conflicts of access to confidential information about athletes, and would not allow bets on so-called proposition bets in college sports, including on an individual collegiate athlete's performance.

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Prosecutors: Synagogue attacker had 50 unfired bullets

POWAY, Calif. (AP) — The man accused of attacking a Southern California synagogue fired only eight to 10 of the roughly 60 bullets he had before his weapon jammed, prosecutors said Tuesday.

John T. Earnest, 19, pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and attempted murder in the shooting that happened Saturday during a Passover service at the Chabad of Poway synagogue. One woman was killed and three people wounded, including the rabbi.

Earnest was arrested shortly after the attack with 50 unfired bullets, a tactical vest and helmet, prosecutors said during his arraignment.

At the hearing, a bespectacled Earnest stood behind a glass panel, wearing blue jail clothes and showing no apparent emotion. He uttered only one word — "yes" — to waive his right to a speedy preliminary hearing.

The judge scheduled a status hearing for May 30 and denied bail, calling Earnest an extreme threat to public safety.

Earnest was an accomplished student, athlete and musician whose embrace of white supremacy and anti-Semitism has dumbfounded his family and others who thought they knew him well.

He made the dean's list both semesters last year as a nursing student at California State University, San Marcos. In high school, he had stellar grades, swam on the varsity team and basked in the applause of classmates for his piano solos at talent shows.

Earnest apparently became radicalized sometime over the last two years. He is also charged with arson in connection with an attack last month on a mosque in nearby Escondido.

Owen Cruise, 20, saw Earnest every day during senior year at Mt. Carmel High School in San Diego when the two were in calculus and physics together. They were also both in the school's amateur radio club.

Earnest's piano performances drew audiences to their feet.

His father, John A. Earnest, is a popular physics teacher at Mt. Carmel, where he has worked for 31 years.

"The way John T. acted is not representative at all of the way he was raised," Cruise said. "They are an outstanding family. Some of the finest people I've ever met."

The suspect's parents said their son and five siblings were raised in a family that "rejected hate and taught that love must be the motive for everything we do."

"To our great shame, he is now part of the history of evil that has been perpetrated on Jewish people for centuries," the parents said Monday in their first public comments. "Our son's actions were informed by people we do not know, and ideas we do not hold."

Special Olympics of North Carolina Motorists asked to use caution during Torch Run

BY JONELLE BOBAK
Staff Writer

This Friday, motorists will need to plan extra time if traveling on U.S. 70 going east toward Hickory due to a special operation with law enforcement.

In honor of North Carolina Special Olympics, law enforcement personnel from all over the state will be running across their specific county carrying the Special Olympics flame and passing it along until it reaches its destination of Raleigh.

Law enforcement from several agencies in Burke County will start the run at the Old Burke County Courthouse at 9 a.m. and run on U.S. 70 through Burke County being followed by police vehicles.



Runners in last year's Torch Run continue to run on U.S. 70 with the Special Olympics Torch.

Motorists need to plan when driving in these areas when approaching the for an alternate route and are asked to use caution runners.

Fest

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and educational materials to offer the public.

This year's theme is "EMS Strong: Beyond the Call," Buffington said.

"It is the aftermath of the call (as in) how we are going to take care of the community and what can we do to prevent further injury by educating the public," Buffington said.

"A big thing we are trying to do is educating the public on ways to prevent injury ... and educate them on their illness just to help them better understand."

When in a doctor's office, sometimes there is not enough time to explain everything about that patient's particular issue, so they may not understand fully what is happening with their body, she said.

"Education is a big thing right now," she said.

There will be opportunities for people to learn about risk factors and signs and symptoms of heart attacks and strokes. Demonstrations of the new version of CPR will be given, along with other health scenarios.

The festival started seven years ago and has not stopped growing. They have even maxed out the number of departments that can attend due to space limitations, Buffington said.

"It has increased in attendance because we used to have it at the Roses parking lot ... and every year we are learning more of what we should provide for the public," she said.

Along with Burke EMS, Burke County Emergency Management, BCEMS Special Operations, BC Communications 911, Burke County Rescue Squad, Task Force II Team (Regional Response Team) from Buncombe County, MedCenter, WPC paramedic ambulance will be bringing their emergency vehicles and more to showcase to the public.

"This has nothing to do with



Sitting in the drivers seat of the firetruck is a popular must among the little kids.

WANT TO GO?

- » **WHAT:** Emergency Fest
- » **WHEN:** Saturday, May 4, from noon to 4 p.m.
- » **WHERE:** Lowe's Hardware on Burkemont Avenue
- » **COST:** Free

publicity," Buffington said. "We want to educate our community and we want them to become familiar with the different fire departments and different public safety officers."

She believes there is a stigma with emergency medical workers that they are just people who drive you to and from the hospital.

"We actually do a lot more," she said. "The fire departments ... they think that they just come out and put out fires, but they do so much more."

She hopes the event will educate the community on the resources that are available at their fingertips.

"Also (she hopes that people) will not be afraid of us," she said. "We are not here to be scary, but we want to help. That is what we do."

Not only do they want to be the one educating the public, but they hope that people will ask questions and tell them what they would like to

know more about.

"It could be how to take care of a spider bite or sunburn," she said. "We want people to learn from us and there is a huge array of topics that we could talk about."

Local agencies including Oak Hill Fire and Rescue, Morganton Department of Public Safety, Salem Fire and Rescue, Chesterfield Fire and Rescue, Longtown Volunteer Fire Department and Burke REACT will attend the festival.

Law enforcement including the Burke County Sheriff's Office, NC State Highway Patrol, Morganton Department of Public Safety and Drexel Police Department also will interact with the public and share information about their departments.

Carolina's HealthCare System Blue Ridge and Frye Hospital will be giving out health information and Safe Kids Burke County will conduct a Bike Rodeo and a car seat check.

North Carolina State Park officials also will attend. They will be selling a limited amount of Emergency Fest T-shirts ranging from \$12 to \$28 depending on the size.

For more information, visit the "Burke County EMS" Facebook page.

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The Asheville Interagency Hotshot crew walks out of the Brushy Ridge Trail after a day of fighting a forest fire in the Linville Gorge.

Blaze

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day morning, but some hotspots may still be in the interior of the fire scene until there's significant rainfall, according to the latest release from the U.S. Forest Service.

The cause of the fire was an abandoned camp fire, according to a release from the U.S. Forest Service.

"As we move into the summer camping season, the US Forest Service reminds visitors to be careful with fire," the release said. "Make sure all flames are ex-

tinguished with water or soil and coals are out cold before leaving your campsite."

Brushy Ridge Trailhead will remain closed until the fire is fully extinguished.

Anyone with information on the cause of the fire is asked to call the Grandfather Ranger District Law Enforcement Officer at 828-652-2144.

Jonas Ridge Volunteer Fire Department assisted with the initial fire response Sunday night, Jennings said.

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School

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win Hall, Joiner Hall, Jeter Hall and the former NCSD barn. The NCSSM campus in Morganton also will include new construction.

The school, which is expected to be 211,000 square feet, continues to raise money to help fund the campus, which has a projected budget of \$73 million, according to information from the state.

Sharon McBrayer can be reached at smcbrayer@morganton.com or at 828-432-8946.

Clarification

In Tuesday's edition of The News Herald, the article titled, "Group to honor fallen firefighters at ceremony" should have said that seven North Carolina firefighters were killed in the line of duty in 2018.

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Bridge hand: Get the opponents to help you out

By Phillip Alder
United Feature Syndicate

Linus Pauling was one of only two people to win Nobel prizes in two categories, chemistry and peace. Marie Curie was the other, in physics and chemistry. Pauling said, "Science is the search for truth—it is not a game in which one tries to beat his opponent."

Bridge is mostly a science, but occasionally an art. However, in either form, you are trying to beat your opponents. They, of course, are trying to outplay you. In some ways, the most satisfying deals are those in which you call on an opponent to help you out.

How does that apply in this deal? Against South's three-heart contract, West leads a diamond. East takes two tricks in the suit, then shifts to the spade jack. Declarer wins on the board and runs the heart queen. West takes that trick and returns a spade. What happens after that?

North made a game-invitational limit raise, showing 10-12 support points (counting high-card and shortage points) and eight losers (here, two in each suit). South, with a minimum opening bid, passed.

Declarer has lost three

North 66-11-19	
♠ K 6 3	
♥ 10 5 4	
♦ Q 6	
♣ A 10 7 3	
West	
♠ Q 8 5	East
♥ K 2	♥ 7 4
♦ 10 8 7 4 2	♦ A K 9 3
♣ Q 6 5	♣ J 8 4
South	
♠ A 7 4	
♥ A J 9 8 3	
♦ J 5	
♣ K 9 2	
Dealer: South	
Vulnerable: East-West	
South	West
1♥	Pass
2♥	Pass
Opening lead: ♦4	

tricks and is facing losers in each black suit. At first glance, it looks as though he will need considerable luck in clubs. But that is not true. South should lead his last spade.

If the opponent who takes that trick returns a diamond or a spade, declarer discards a club from his hand and ruffs on the board. Or, if the defender shifts to a club (an honor or a low card), South should play for split honors—assume each opponent has one honor.

Posters

• **World of Faith Outreach Ministries** celebrates Pastor Kimberly Bost's 27th church anniversary beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday with guest speaker Apostle Carlene Kellam of Bethel Power. Services continue through Sunday, 500 E. Council St.

• **Vette Set Corvette and Old Chevy Car Club** 22nd annual car show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Salisbury Civic Center. Food available; vendors welcome. 704-738-7049, 704-637-2642 or 704-202-3952.

Corrections

• Trimmy Shoemaker was mistakenly identified in the "Yesterday" photograph of the 1947 Landis High baseball team on Page 2A Tuesday.

• City Parks & Rec Movies in the Park are all held at City Park, 316 Lake Drive. Movies begin at 9 p.m. every other Friday beginning May 31. Information: 704-638-5295 or www.salisburync.gov/play. Information in the Summer Fun section was incorrect.

Stocks of local interest			
	LAST	CHG	%CHG
Ahold Delhaize (AD)	21.46	+0.21	+1.01%
Ahold Delhaize U.S.	24.09	+0.39	+1.65%
Cardinal Health Inc.	48.71	+1.27	+2.68%
Culp Inc. (CFI)	20.52	-0.51	-2.43%
Duke Energy Corp. (DUK)	91.12	+1.54	+1.72%
Innospec Inc. (IOSP)	84.82	+0.83	+0.99%
Lowe's Cos. (LOW)	113.14	+0.92	+0.82%
Norfolk Southern Corp.	204.02	+1.18	+0.58%
Nucor Corp. (NUE)	57.07	+0.19	+0.33%
Red Hat Inc. (RHT)	182.53	+0.23	+0.13%
Rex American Resources	84.51	-1.62	-1.88%
Sonoco Products Co.	63.06	+0.08	+0.13%
Speedway Motorsports	18.35	-0.23	-1.24%
SunTrust Banks Inc.	65.48	-0.36	-0.55%
Wells Fargo & Co. (WFC)	48.41	+0.14	+0.29%
Vulcan Materials Co.	126.11	+3.05	+2.48%
Universal Forest	36.95	-0.12	-0.32%
British American Tobacco (BTI)	39.20	+0.35	+0.90%

S&P 500 index hits new high

Associated Press

Wall Street capped a day of mostly wobbly trading with meager gains Tuesday, enough to nudge the S&P 500 to an all-time high for a third straight day.

Household goods makers, health care stocks, utilities and other sectors helped lift the market, narrowly offsetting a steep decline in communications companies.

The S&P 500 rose 2.80 points, or 0.1%, to 2,945.83, a record. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 38.52, or 0.1%, to 26,592.91.

The Nasdaq, which is heavily weighted with technology companies, fell 66.47 points, or 0.8%, to 8,095.39.

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Students gather on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte after a shooting Tuesday afternoon.

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same. And so, whatever I could do to help any child to safety, that's what I was going to do."

Antonio Rodriguez, 24, who was visiting campus for a friend's art show, described a chaotic scene.

"Just loud bangs. A couple loud bangs and then we just saw everyone run out of the building, like nervous, like a scared run like they were looking behind," he said.

Shortly after UNC-Charlotte ordered a campus lockdown, aerial shots from local television news outlets showed police officers running toward a building, while another view showed students running on a campus sidewalk.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department later said the campus had been secured and that officers were going through buildings to let people who had sheltered in place know that it was safe.

The university has more than 26,500 students and 3,000 faculty and staff. The campus is northeast of the city center and is surrounded by residential areas.

Spenser Gray, a junior, said she was in a campus building near where the shooting happened watching another student's presentation when they were alerted to the shooting.

"During his presenta-



People await word on safety across from the campus after the school ordered a lockdown.



tion which was on one of the campus computers, a popup came up ... that there was an active shooter," she said, adding that she immediately felt panic and worried the gunman could come to her classroom. "We had no idea where he was ... so we were just expecting them

Lunch

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has to equal 40% of just those identified populations to qualify for the program," she said.

Numbers in each category have drastically changed in recent years for China Grove and Knollwood, said Altmann.

"I'm not sure why. Those are two of our highest poverty areas."

She said the provision allowed schools to be clustered and calculated together to reach that 40% marker, but that the two schools still fell outside the qualifying standards.

Crash

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Byler said he and the two men had a test flight with no problems. On April 24, Byler received a call from his insurance company to report the plane was involved in a crash in Henderson City, Kentucky.

Byler believes Baker and Tucker, 48, took the plane for another ride, but Tucker returned to the hangar with Barry Hill, 47.

Witnesses at Mid-Carolina Regional Airport said the plane left Rowan County at 8:30 p.m. April 23.

Byler then received a call from Kentucky State Police and was told that both men who took the plane were killed.

Kentucky authorities said Tucker was piloting

the plane and it apparently ran out of gas, causing the motor to stall and nose-dive into the ground. Both Tucker and Hill were from Sanford.

Byler told Rowan authorities he didn't know Barry Hill. Kentucky media outlets have reported that Tucker is a family friend of Byler. He filed a theft report Friday after a request from his insurance company. The plane was valued at \$45,000.

Cocaine brought in

Rowan County Sheriff Kevin Auten said it's obvious to him that at some point, cocaine was brought to Rowan County, possibly to be put onto the plane.

"Certainly the plane crash takes priority and with two individuals de-

ceased, obviously they could tell the story of that cocaine and that money if they were here," Auten said. "But you just play connect the dots to see what kind of investigation we need to do from here."

Auten said there haven't

been many thefts of airplanes or belongings from the airport, but as with any property, it's a good idea to check it from time to time.

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The nutrition department also will be working to provide a universal breakfast at each site and to explore other means of providing nutrition services or assistance for those in need, she said.

Superintendent Lynn Moody echoed that sentiment, saying the food and nutrition department is "bending over backward to feed as many kids as they possibly can."

"We're not going to just let them stand alone; we're going to be there with them," said Altmann. "That's our passion."

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