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44 overdose deaths in county in 5 years

■25 males among victims of fatally using toxic drugs since 2011.

By BOB HIGH
Staff Writer

There were 16 overdose deaths linked to pills and illegal drugs in Columbus County in 2009. This alarming statistic has dropped somewhat in the past five years, but the average number of deaths per year still tops 10 every 12 months. The latest figures show 11 deaths in 2014 caused by overdosing on prescription pills and/or cocaine. The total for 2015 is still unknown. Five deaths have been linked to the overdose problem, with another six deaths pending reports by the state's Medical Examiner's staff as of last week. Another three deaths in early 2016 have pending causes.

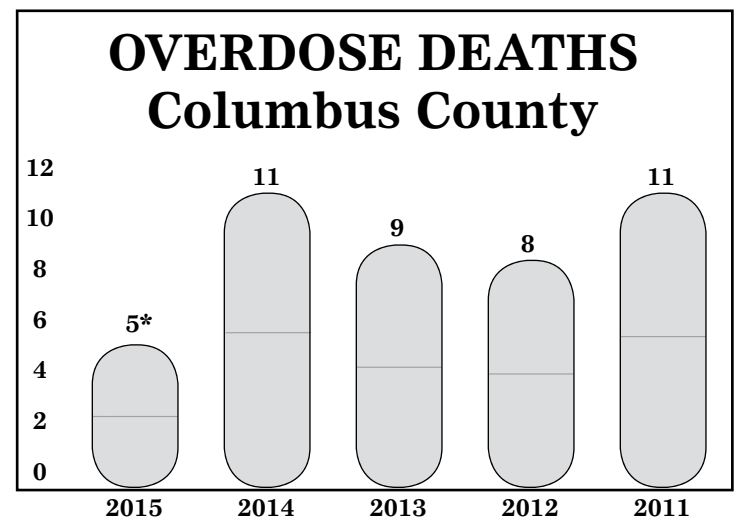
The overdose problem in this county since 2011 has been fatal to at least 44, with 25 males included.

Cocaine, Oxycodone

Reasons cited on death certificates in the 44 deaths show cocaine mentioned 12 times as the culprit or in combination with other drugs, followed by the No. 1 pain medication killer - Oxycodone - 11 times. Oxycodone is the major drug in the family of opioids that is driving the overdose numbers higher across North Carolina, according to state statistics.

The misuse of Fentanyl patches was cited in seven of the deaths, and "multiple drug use" was shown 13 times. Heroin, a very large problem in neighboring counties, was the cause of one overdose death here since 2011.

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*6 deaths pending cause



Will it fall?

With school out for Easter break and the NCAA basketball tournament underway last week, children across the county took to the courts, or in this case, West Nance Street, to play. In this game, and perhaps just off camera, were Jonathan Peppers, Andre Jackson, Shyron Peppers, Nevaeh Pittman, Tre Johnson, Jamaries Thompson, Dashaun Shipman, Arthur Jackson and Tyyquan Davis.

Depot Museum curator has big plans; Lunch on the Lawn at the Lake May 5

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Karen Gore just keeps discovering creative things to do. Since January she has been curator of the Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum and is already making plans for the annual Lunch on the Lawn and a variety of programs, especially for children.

Well known for her award-winning artwork, musical talent, sewing, teaching Sunday school and many other assets, Gore has announced that the Depot Museum's popular spring event, Lunch on the Lawn, will be held Thursday, May 5 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the Depot grounds.

"Tickets are \$20 and will benefit the Depot Museum," Gore said. "This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the menu will consist of baked chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and plenty of cold beverages."

Gore encourages getting tickets early due to limited space for luncheon guests. Tickets are available at the Depot Museum, Lake Waccamaw Town Hall, Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism or from any Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum board member before May 1. Anyone who would like tickets mailed to them should send name, address, phone number, number of tickets requested and a check for tickets at \$20 each to P.O. Box 386, Lake Waccamaw, N.C. 28450. A drawing for a door prize is included in the cost of the ticket.

"We're having wonderful raffle



Karen Gore

items this year and tickets may be purchased at the luncheon," Gore said.

The unveiling of the First Annual Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum's Student Art Postcard Competition will be the highlight of the luncheon. Her plans are to have students submit art of rare and endemic plant species that grow in the Lake Waccamaw area. Winning art will be used to print postcards to sell at the Depot Museum, State Park, Town Hall and N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville. Plants are the theme this year and include the Venus Flytrap, an endemic plant, and the Greenfly Orchid and Venus Hair Fern, both rare plants. Sixth through eighth graders at Central Middle School in Whiteville, where Mary Louise Bannerman is the art teacher, will be the first students to enter this

competition.

Gore believes the competition will serve several purposes: conservation education about rare and endemic plants for students, outreach to the State Park, unveiling of the winning art at Lunch on the Lawn with student, parents, principal, art teacher and Park Director Toby Hall present, coverage in The News Reporter, postcards featuring winning art for sale at the luncheon and in the Depot Gift Shop and the original art will be displayed at the Depot for a year.

There will also be an exhibit of the other competition entries at Lunch on the Lawn.

"I think this art competition will be a highlight for students every year," Gore said.

An accomplished artist who has won prestigious awards and painted portraits, wildlife and other art, Gore is excited about becoming curator of the Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum and is already making plans to make it an even better museum.

"When I came on board, there were already plans to renovate the gift shop, so I'm really excited to be a part of that," Gore said. "We're planning to make it a unique shopping hub for our area. It will feature local and specialty gifts, including an annual Depot collector's ornament by Barlow featuring a historical interest at the Lake, along with coasters and a jewelry line by Barlow. We have specialty soaps, books, T-shirts, hats and other great items.

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Tech firm eyeing Tabor

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Tabor City's town council members held a closed session Friday morning to further discuss an economic development prospect for the town and came away hopeful that the company will be up and running within a few months.

Also attending the meeting were Town Manager Al Leonard, Promotions Director Dianne Nobles Ward and Columbus County Economic Development Director Gary Lanier.

Leonard said later Friday that the company is referred to as Project Alexander until the project is a sure thing.

The company will open with about 12 high-paying computer jobs, then double the available jobs. It will be located in the former incubator building in the town's industrial park.

"We have to fix the incubator and install heating and cooling before they move in," Leonard said. "The building now looks like a warehouse."

Leonard said he thinks a formal announcement about the company will be made within a couple of weeks.

The building, which was built some years ago by Brunswick Electric, is now jointly owned by Tabor City and Columbus County. One thing that must be cleared up before the company can locate in Tabor City is a lease agreement among the town, county and the company.

Leonard said Lanier brought the lease agreement prepared by County Attorney Mike Stevens to the meeting and will take it to county commissioners at their Monday night meeting.

"We have applied to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a grant to renovate the building and the agreement is required to be eligible for the grant," Leonard explained.

"I think it will happen and I feel that Gary will soon make an announcement about Project Alexander," he added.

Police take roll call to street corners

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Whiteville residents will soon start seeing every officer on a shift on local street corners - but not necessarily because of a reported crime.

Starting April 16, evening shifts with the Whiteville Police Department will start with supervisors and officers meeting in neighborhoods, rather than the station house. Chief Jeff Rosier said the new plan is designed to help citizens learn more about the department as well as the officers working their areas.

"It's a good chance for people to ask questions, share information and concerns, and follow up on reports," Rosier said. "We won't share any confidential information, of course, but this will let people put faces to the names and badges."

The program is part of Rosier's plan to put officers in closer contact with citizens, and to

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Hydrants are running throughout Whiteville to help avoid pressure problems while the city renovates its two water storage tanks.

Running hydrants won't raise Whiteville water bills

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Rachel Rivenbark has become accustomed to the calls, along with the rest of the Whiteville city staff.

"The hydrants are not going to run up your water bill," Rivenbark, the city's human resources director, said Wednesday. "That water isn't run through anyone's meter, so it isn't going to show up on your bill."

The hydrants are kept flowing in some areas to help relieve pressure from the entire city system, City Manager Darren Currie explained to the city council recently. The system is set up to store water pumped to each of the tanks, and when sensors show pressure is down, the pumps activate, pumping more water to where the system detects the need.

With the ongoing renovations to the uptown tank, half the city's storage system is offline.

While the valves leading to the Wyche Street tank itself are closed, the lines still provide water to residents and businesses north of the railroad tracks.

The switch valves that allow the towers to provide water to each other in case of

low levels are providing water from the city's southern tank to service customers in the northern areas.

If the hydrants were not open, Currie explained, "we'd

rie said, increasing or reducing the flow from hydrants as needed to maintain the proper pressure. Still, the city's aging water lines sometimes can't handle the strain.

"The hydrants are not going to run up your water bill. The water isn't run through anyone's meter ..."

Rachel Rivenbark
Whiteville Human Resources director

be blowing lines left and right. "The hydrants help relieve the excess pressure on the entire system," he said.

Part of the problem, Currie said, is nearly impossible to fix.

The main lines running under the railroad bed downtown are too few and too small to hold the pressure required when the well system attempts to fill the currently cut-off tower.

"Adding lines under a railbed is a difficult, expensive proposition," he said.

"They have to be protected from the weight of the trains, and they have to be deep enough not to interfere with any work on the railroad."

City workers have been keeping a close eye on flow rates across the system, Cur-

"I think the guys were out at 5 a.m. the other day fixing one of the places where a line broke," Rivenbark said. "They're staying busy."

"We have to remind people that if the hydrants weren't running, we'd have a lot more breaks all across the city."

Removal of the lead paint and asbestos from the uptown tank was completed last month as well as the repainting.

Currie said a number of additional issues were discovered by the contractor, and those problems had to be fixed before crews could repaint the Wyche Street tank, and move on to the city's other storage tanks.

Officials hope the two tanks will be completely repaired and repainted, then back on line by summer.



Migratory purple Martins resting before their aerial acrobatics around their nesting gourds.

Assorted omens of spring are welcomed signs for county

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

The almanac, calendar and temperature tell us that it is now spring.

But two more enjoyable signs that we have left behind — for a few weeks, anyway — frosts and freezes and shortened days and heating fuel bills have made their appearances during the last few days.

We're referring to nature's springtime welcome, locally grown strawberries, and the passive pleasure of watching the migratory purple martins do their aerial acrobatics around their nesting gourds.

Jerry Robinson of Robinson's Produce off U.S. 701 Bypass North, just south of the U.S. 74-76 overpass, put his first sizeable picking of strawberries on sale Monday. The berries were grown in Robinson's field a short distance from his sales shed.

His first offerings of the year were as expected: big, juicy and red. And delicious.

Robinson says this year's crop is a good one, thanks in part to the weather. Strawberries are notorious in their reactions to changes in spring-time weather. An early spring

warm period will cause the berry plants to blossom and begin growing this year's crop. Then along comes a late spring spell of freezing weather that kills the new, tender fruit and blossoms.

This bugaboo was dodged this spring. The berries set fruit and ripened on schedule, and we, the berry lovers, are the blessed ones.

The martins, in a way humans will never fully understand, return year after year to their natal gourds where they were hatched the year before to ensure that the species continues.

Martins provide free entertainment with their dipping and diving as they speed around the neighborhood with their specialized beaks wide open, capturing high-flying insects as food for their babies in the gourds and for themselves.

Contrary to the old belief, a few gourds of martins will not guarantee you a mosquito-free summer. Mosquitoes feed at lower altitudes than do the martins, who dine and feed their babies with higher-flying insects that were in the paths of the birds' opened-beak, twisting flights.

David Hooks, who works at Gurganus Milling where gourds have been erected, cleaned and, if needed, replaced for years, says the iridescent visitors each spring attract visitors who park in their vehicles and watch the acrobatic maneuvers of the birds.

The aerial performance is a relatively short one; as soon as the year's hatchlings are able to make the long flight, the martins return to their homes in Brazil. The birds provide us with a few weeks of entertainment to our pleasure but not so in their home territory. Martins spend their time in coffee-growing country, feasting on growing coffee beans, much to the chagrin of the coffee plantation owners.

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We also have a children's section with tee's, trains and other toys along with onesies for infants.

"I'm so excited to have this opportunity to work at the Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum, a social hub where so many people in the area have a personal connection to the museum and really care about it," she said.

"The museum was started by the Lake Waccamaw Woman's Club in 1977, and the collection of accessions has just grown. Instead of just being a museum, the members have socials, fundraisers, speakers, trips and activities going on throughout each week. There's Zumba with Pickett Ellis and Rummikub on Mondays, Railroad Bridge on

Tuesdays, Music Jams once a month and the State Park gives a monthly Sunday afternoon talk."

The museum is open Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"It's steeped with history in and around the area and it's so wonderful to work in a place where many of the residents are from here and can remember how things were back in the days," Gore said.

Gore and her husband, retired Columbus County Tax Administrator Richard Gore, are both musically gifted and play often with local groups at area events.

She plays bass. He plays guitar and sings harmony. Some of the groups they perform with are Half & Half with Darryl and Wanda Diefes, W.B. and the Dockers with Woodrow Noble, Preston Gore and Danny Hutto, and the LKR Band with Lora Harper.

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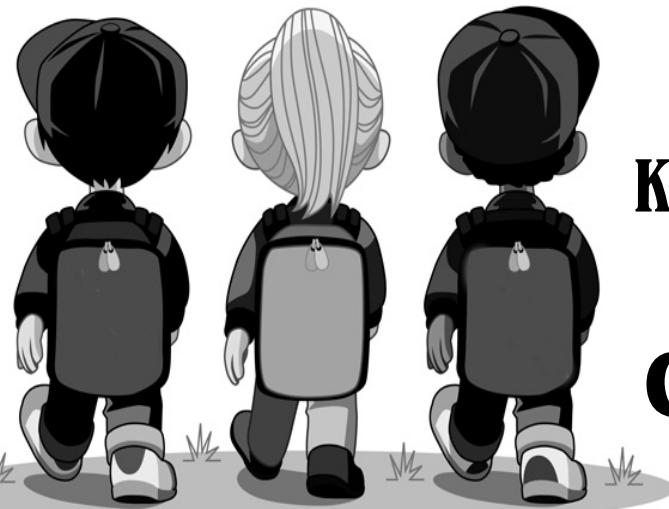
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Daily musical triumphs keep Barkley going

By SHALON SMITH
Staff Writer

Current Tabor City Middle band teacher David Barkley remembers the time years ago he took the South Columbus band to play in the N.C. Strawberry Festival Concert Band Festival in the air-conditioned Chadbourn Elementary School gym.

The students were sitting there in full uniform with sweat pouring off of all of them while they played "On A Hymnsong of Phillip Bliss," a piece based on the hymn "It is Well With my Soul." Barkley said it was the best he had ever heard the band play.

"It was so touching to hear that expressiveness and know they were playing their hearts out for me despite the intense heat. I almost cried during that performance I was so moved by my students," he said.

This moment from years ago will never leave Barkley, yet he pinpointed student achievement that occurs almost daily as what is most memorable to him as a teacher.

"When a child says, 'Hey I can play this!' that's what keeps you going. It's not the one time in 28 years that I remember the Strawberry Festival, it's all the other almost daily successful moments when a student realizes they can do what you're trying to teach them. Then they get motivated and enthused and it's exciting for them," he said.

Before joining Columbus County Schools 28 years ago, Barkley taught at a private school in Orange Park, Fla. right out of college. After that, he directed music at two churches in Wilmington before beginning his public school career.

Barkley has been at TCMS 28 years, but this is the first year he has been at one school



Tabor City Middle School Teacher of the Year David Barkley works with students.

full-time—in the past he split time between two schools each school year. Over the years he taught at TCMS, the old Tabor City High School, Tabor City Elementary, South Columbus, and Chadbourn Middle.

He said he became a teacher because he loves music and wanted to help others learn to love music as well. He likes teaching because every day is new and different. Barkley is always looking for ways to improve and new ideas that

will help his students achieve faster, which isn't exactly easy. "Sometimes, the best way is just good old hard work, repetition, and dedication," Barkley said.

His favorite lessons to teach involve the interpretation of the music. He said this step typically only becomes teachable after the student masters notes and rhythm. "I love to show students how to make music more interesting when they play or sing with dynamics. When the first wave of

music they create builds and breaks over their heads and ears, you can see the students realize how much better it is," he said.

Barkley said it takes a lot of work and repetition to get the students to remember to do it consistently though, and that some students simply haven't developed the patience to repeat this step, hindering their ability to play it that way every time.

He wishes the parents of his music students would

push their children to practice a lot more at home so they will get faster at learning and playing the pieces when at school. "Just like a sports team, students that want to achieve faster will practice. The school day is not the place for practice, it is where they get instruction and group rehearsal of the skills they have practiced at home," he said.

Admittedly, Barkley said practicing at home might be difficult for some students because it requires putting

down cell phones and making substantial noise at home—something many parents may not want to hear until their child gets better. "[Practicing at home] is work for both parents and students, but so worth it," he said.

Two of the biggest challenges Barkley said teachers face are poverty and apathy, with the home environment being a strong influence on the student. He said when a student decides he or she wants to learn something, they will work harder and do what it takes to be successful.

"We only have the students for seven hours a day and the rest of the time their home environment takes over. If a parent wants their child to really achieve, the parent should become encouraging and supportive of the student's efforts to learn and the teacher's efforts to teach their child," he said.

Being elected teacher of the year for TCMS made Barkley "proud" to be an educator and appreciative of his coworkers for thinking so highly of him to select him as their representative.

Barkley graduated from Southeastern University in Lakeland, Fla. with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education degree. He completed a Masters degree from UNC-Pembroke and has started a Doctoral program with Boston University, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Outside of teaching, he plays music at festivals, weddings, and in community bands. A surprising fact about Barkley is that he is a Class V whitewater rafting guide and tour leader, taking groups down rapids in inflatable rafts and kayaks.

"It is outside and completely different from what I do every day," he said.

Barkley and wife Cheri live in Tabor City with their two Beagle dogs, Bailey and Brenlee.

Police

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encourage cooperation.

"People are curious about how the police department works, and this is a way they can get an idea," Rosier said.

Supervisors and their patrols will meet on different corners every two weeks through the spring and summer. The first Neighborhood Roll Call is set for Martin Luther King Boulevard and Lewis Street at 7 p.m. on April 16.

Rosier said officers will have educational material as well as small gifts featuring the police department logo and safety slogan.

"We need to be partners with our citizens," he said. "They have eyes and ears on their neighborhoods all the time. A resident is going to see more than an officer passing through on routine patrol, but if they don't have a relationship with the officer who works their street, they aren't going to be as forthcoming as they might be.

"The goal here is for our officers to get to know their neighborhoods, and for neighborhoods to get to know their officers."

After supervisors handle the routine business of a shift start - including briefing on departmental business, alerts, and other information needed by officers on patrol - the officers will be encouraged to spend some time with citizens, learning about specific concerns in particular neighborhoods.

"We really hope this works well," Rosier said. "Hopefully,

people will turn out to meet with us and tell us what's happening in their communities. Everybody benefits."



Officer Trent Lewis

Neighborhood Roll Call will begin at 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Martin Luther King Blvd. and Lewis Street, April 16;
- Woodfield Road and Oliver Street, April 30;
- Pinewood Drive and Burkhead Street, May 14;
- Pinckney and Oliver streets, May 28;
- Sunset Avenue and Spruce Street, June 11;
- Lewis and Thompson streets, June 25;
- Love Mill Road and Hay Street, July 9;
- Evergreen Street and Mary Lane, July 23;
- Holly Circle and Vine Street, Aug. 13;
- James and Pine streets, Aug. 27.

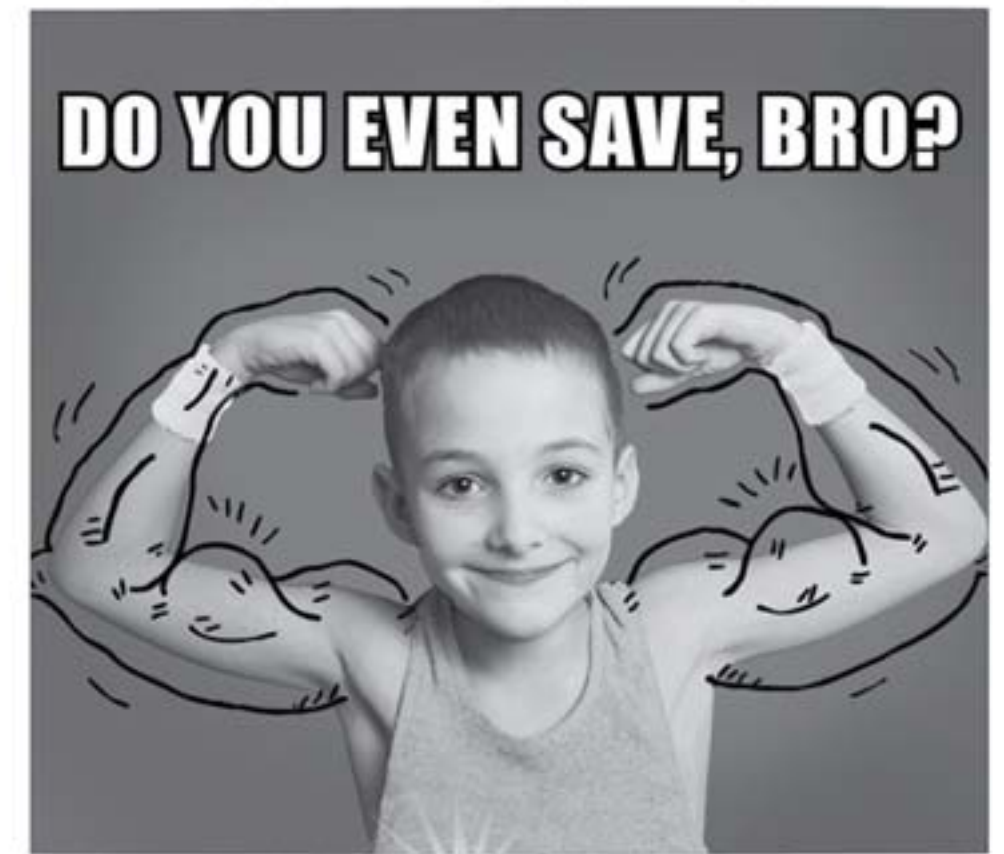
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Crime briefs

Dismissed

Charges of possession of a stolen vehicle and being an habitual felon have been dismissed in Columbus County against Israel Moore Lennon Jr., 38, of Elon. The reason given by an assistant district attorney is that the victim and witness in the case have been uncooperative, and can't be found. The charges come from an August 2012 case.

Unsupervised

Torrie Darnell Brown, 38, of Georgetown, S.C., was put on unsupervised probation for a year here last week after he pleaded to breaking and entering, and attempting the same crime in January 2014 cases.

Brown got a suspended jail term of 45 days. His prior record shows convictions for breaking into vehicles in 1999, possession of drugs in 2006 and DWI in 21009.

Break-in

Christopher Paul Clark, 26, of Bolivia, has been arrested on charges of breaking and entering, and larceny involving the entry of Bryan Williams' home along N.C. 11, Riegelwood, on March 8, and theft of cash, a computer game system, computer games, and controllers. The items were valued at \$1,120.

Burglary

Hannah Leanne Andrews, 23, of Old Lumber Road, Whiteville, has been arrested on a charge of first-degree burglary on a warrant obtained by a sheriff's deputy. Andrews is charged on March 23 of forcibly entering the home of Leslie Blair Andrews in the 4200 block of Princess Ann Road, Evergreen, between the time of 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. with intent to commit the felony of assault upon Leslie Andrews by punching her several times.



Andrews

Pleads

Jermaine Devon Bellamy, 35, of Chadbourn, is serving a prison term of 15 to 27 months after he pleaded last week in Superior Court here to four counts of fraud involving the use of stolen checks to make purchases in August and September 2014. A charge of being an habitual felon was dismissed in the plea deal.



J. Bellamy

Bellamy has "zero" days credit toward the prison time, records show. His prior convictions include fraud in 2015, 2014, 2009 and 2007, uttering (passing) forged documents in 2014, forgery in 2007, identify theft in 2008, assault on a female in 2007 and driving with a revoked license in 2013.

Robbery-Assault

Kwamaine Demetrius Bellamy, 24, of Whiteville, has been arrested on warrants charging him with shooting Dexter Thomas here on March 19, plus possession of a firearm by a felon, both charges in warrants obtained by Whiteville Police Detective Scott Moody. The assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injuries, involved a pistol. Bellamy was convicted in September 2010 of armed robbery in a July 4, 2009 case.



K. Bellamy

Shooting

Nickolas Wayne Smith, 24, of Bolton, was put on probation for a year here last week after he pleaded to shooting into an occupied vehicle in February 2015. A prison term of 150 days was suspended.



Smith

Smith's prior record includes convictions for possessing drug paraphernalia in 2011, 2012 and 2013, all in Brunswick County, plus possession of marijuana in New Hanover County in 2014, and injury to property in 2009.

Copper

Timothy William Lewis, 28, of Rutha Lane, Clarendon, was placed on probation for two years here last week in Superior Court after he pleaded in two fraud cases from June 2014. One of the cases involved 46 pounds of copper welding lead cut into scrap wire sold to a recycling firm. A prison term of 12 to 34 months was suspended in the plea. Lewis' prior record shows a conviction for misdemeanor larceny in 2015.



Lewis

Probation

Brenton Allen Britt, 26, of Reaves Ferry Road, Nakina, was placed on probation for 18 months here last week after he pleaded to manufacturing marijuana in a September 2014 case.



Britt

Britt will also do 40 hours of community service, and a prison term of four to 14 months was suspended. Britt's prior record shows convictions for possessing drug paraphernalia in 2010, and tampering with a utility meter in 2013.

Opiates

Justin Kyle Ward, 29, of Marshall Cain Road, Bladenboro, was arrested here recently on a charge of trafficking in opium/heroin by possession of four, but less than 14 grams, of prescription medication containing opiates, according to a warrant obtained by Chadbourn Policeman Ricky Soles. The offense date was Feb. 16.



Ward

Prison

Cornelius "Dirty Mel" Jamal Watts, 27, of Whiteville, was sent to prison for 13 to 25 months last week after he pleaded here to possession of marijuana with intent to sell and two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon. Seven other felonies were dismissed in the plea deal.



Watts

Watts was arrested in September 2012 with 13 packets of marijuana in one case, and was also arrested the same month for dealing in cocaine when sheriff's drug detectives found him cooking cocaine. Some of charges from the cocaine case were among those dismissed.

Watts has only six days credit toward his prison time. His prior record shows convictions for felony fleeing to elude arrest in 2006, possession of a firearm by a felon in 2011, and going armed to the terror of the public in 2008.

Fiery crash Saturday kills two on N.C. 11

A man and a woman, the only occupants of a minivan, were killed in a fiery, head-on crash with a loaded log truck Saturday, April 2, at 9:45 p.m. on N.C. 11 west of Riegelwood.

Assistant Coroner William Hannah identified the female victim as Crystal Beth Ivey, 40, of Little Trail Lane, a private road off N.C. 11. The man's identity is uncertain.

Ivey was seen with a Riegelwood man about two hours before the crash, but it was not known early Monday if the victim was the same person seen with Ivey. Both bodies were sent to the state's Medical Examiner's office in Raleigh for autopsies on Monday (today).

Highway Patrol Sgt. Daniel Hilburn, stationed again in Columbus County after several years in adjacent Robeson County, said both victims were ejected from the van that was traveling north on N.C. 11 about a half-mile north of the N.C. 87 intersection.

The log truck driver's identity was not available Monday morning. He sustained minor injuries but refused medical transport to a hospital, Hilburn noted.

Both the van and log truck burst into flames on impact. The bodies of Ivey and the man were thrown onto the right shoulder, and both sustained burns, Hannah said.

Lennon gets prison for break-ins, thefts

Brandon D. Lennon, 26, of Chadbourn, was sent to prison last week for 59 to 83 months after he pleaded in Superior Court here to being a habitual felon, plus breaking and entering and larceny, and theft of a firearm.



Lennon

Lennon was convicted in cases where the U.S. Department of Agriculture's offices were entered and items stolen - including a gun safe and weapons - by three suspects on Dec. 1, 2014. The guns were recovered.

Nine other felony charges against Lennon were dismissed in his plea deal. Lennon's prior record includes convictions for breaking and entering in 2012, two thefts in 2013, fleeing to elude arrest in Brunswick County in 2011, and carrying a concealed weapon in New Hanover County in 2013, according to state records.

Opioid overdose reversal drug now more available in N.C.

The managed care organization responsible for public funds for mental health, substance use and intellectual and developmental disability services in the state's most western counties - announced an initiative to partner with the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition to distribute naloxone nasal spray kits throughout the 23 mostly rural counties served by the mountain organization.

Smoky Mountain used \$100,000 in Medicaid savings to purchase 2,668 naloxone kits, which the Harm Reduction Coalition will distribute through volunteers and at

opioid treatment centers and will make available to law enforcement agencies.

Last week, Trillium Health Resources, the LME/MCO serving 24 counties in the eastern region of the state, announced a similar partnership with the coalition, donating \$15,000 to expand NCHRC's distribution efforts and providing 100 naloxone kits to the Jacksonville and Manteo police departments.

According to the state Division of Public Health's Injury and Violence Prevention Branch, 808 North Carolinians died from opioid overdose in 2014, up from 109 in 1999.

Another arrest

Hattis Galloway, 34, of Kin-law Drive, Tabor City, was arrested during the weekend on charges of insurance fraud and felony conspiracy to commit fraud.



Galloway

She is one of several women and men involved in a scheme to collect vehicle damage money after a staged wreck in 2015, according to the N.C. Department of Insurance.

Assault on bus

A 14-year-old female was assaulted by a 16-year-old male Friday afternoon on a school bus transporting students from the Columbus Career Academy in Fair Bluff, according to a sheriff's report.

The assault had "sexual motives," Deputy Paul Rockenboch's report noted, and took place in the Clarendon community. The incident was reported at 4:48 p.m.



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Overdose

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Although pain medication of some type is the prevalent pill traced to overdose deaths, several of these "accidental" overdoses could be traced to Xanax and Valium in true or generic form.

Dishonest recipients

"The overdose problem is due to the overwhelmingly large amounts of prescription pain medication prescribed in Columbus County, and the nearby surrounding areas," points out Sheriff's Drug Detective Lt. Steven Worthington.

A 2009 study showed there were more than three pain-medication prescriptions issued in Columbus County for each resident - 163,000 prescriptions for approximately 55,000 people.

"When some people decide to become dishonest recipients of controlled-substance prescriptions, the availability floods the streets of this county. This ultimately results in the large number of overdoses, including deaths," Worthington added.

46 a day

The national Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports 46 deaths a day in the nation from overdoses of prescription painkillers. Healthcare providers in 2012 wrote 259 million prescriptions - enough for every American to have a bottle of pills, the CDC noted.

Ten of the states with highest prescription volume are in the South, including North Carolina.

"We continue to send a message by prosecution that illegal narcotics are not welcome in our community," said Assistant District Attorney Heath Nance. "In many cases, the laws allow for mandatory active prison time for those illegally selling prescription medication," Nance added.

Overdose deaths in North Carolina are more often recorded in the mountains and foothills of the state, and the number of overdose deaths in N.C. surpassed highway deaths in 2010, and is rising.

Poisons

"Poisoning" is the official reason for overdose deaths, and the CDC and the N.C. Program Evaluation Division say, "A poison is anything that can harm someone if (1) used in the wrong way (2) used by the wrong person or (3) used in the wrong amount."

"All substances are poisons; there is none which is not a poison," according to Paracelsus, a Swiss-German philosopher and physician.

The CDC and North Carolina Program Evaluation Division notes:

- 48,000 women were overdose victims yearly in 2010 - a 400-percent increase from 1999. The number for men is up 265 percent.

- For every woman who died from an overdose, 30 went to an emergency department for misuse or abuse.

- Methadone contributed to nearly one in three deaths in 2010. Methadone was shown as the cause of three of the 11 overdose deaths here in 2011.

Break-ins, thefts

- April 3 - Shirley Freeman, Green Tree Road, Delco - break-in theft of wallet containing credit cards and other papers.

- April 2 - Malcolm Jamaal Harley, Greenfield Estates Road, Whiteville - theft of Honda Accord vehicle.

- April 1 - Ike Brown, Jack's Drive, Chadbourn - break-in, theft not reported.

- April 1 - Charles Henry Justice Jr., Onslow Road, Riegelwood - break-in, theft of 2002 Honda four-wheeler, mini Honda motor bike, Winchester .30-30 rifle, Marlin Model 60 .22 rifle, sing-barrel 12-gauge shotgun, DeWalt miter box with saw, air compressor.

- April 1 - Monte Pierce Formyduval, 13700 block of N.C. 904

East, Tabor City - theft of red Kawasaki four-wheeler, and second Kawasaki four-wheeler.

- April 1 - Nancy Joyce McKellar, June Baldwin Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft not reported.

- March 31 - Nancy Joyce McKellar, June Baldwin Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of 24-inch and 12-inch TVs.

- March 31 - Saralynn J. Moore, N.C. 214, Whiteville, and Nydir Dasean Carr, Feedmill Road, Whiteville - break-in at Moore's residence, theft or damage to vacuum cleaner, radio and cell phone.

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Syphilis cases on the rise across North Carolina

BY SHALON SMITH
Staff Writer

Syphilis cases in North Carolina have increased 40 percent from 2014 to 2015. These numbers are the highest reported since the year 2000.

State health officials are reminding citizens that regular screening is key to prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

The highest numbers of syphilis cases are in Cumberland, Durham, Guilford, Mecklenburg and Wake counties — some of the state's most populous counties.

Most syphilis cases have been reported in males.

In 2014, men made up 90 percent of those diagnosed, and of the new cases, most were among men who reported having sex with men.

Individuals who are HIV positive are at highest risk of contracting syphilis.

In 2014, 48 percent of males diagnosed with syphilis were co-infected with HIV.

The 2014 N.C. HIV/STD Surveillance Report released by N.C. DHHS ranked Columbus County 63rd in the state for newly diagnosed early syphilis cases by having one new case reported in 2014.

Brunswick County was ranked 71st with one new case; Bladen County was ranked

13th with 6 new cases; Robeson County was ranked 11th with 26 new cases.

Rank is based on a three-year average rate per 100,000 in population for newly diagnosed early syphilis.

Since Jan. 1 of this year, Columbus County has seen 5 new cases of syphilis, a number only expected to rise.

"We haven't tested the contacts [sexual partners] from each of these cases yet, so that number will likely increase," she said.

Evelyn Foust, the head of the Communicable Disease Branch in the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Public Health, said when sexually transmitted diseases go untreated it leads to other issues.

"In the case of syphilis, we are seeing a rise in ocular syphilis, which may cause permanent loss of sight. We are urging individuals to be open with their healthcare provider about their sexual health, and for providers to be diligent in proactively screening and educating their patients," she said.

Delays in the diagnosis and treatment of ocular syphilis by those infected have resulted in significant consequences including permanent visual impairments and blindness.

Health officials stress the importance of safe sex practices and regular testing to limit the exposure of syphilis, HIV, and other STDs.

It is recommended that people be tested for all STDs if they have been sexually active with more than one partner or a partner whose STD status is unknown.

"We give people every chance, we offer an STD clinic every day—it's a mandated service.

"With family planning, we check them for STDs as an extra service, also with maternal health, we check them for STDs," she said.

Memory said there is a tendency for stubbornness when it comes to sex education and the importance of safe sex.

"People do not want to listen to anything about sex. There are so many things out there that can kill you—scare tactics [in sex education] are the only hope we have," she said.

The Columbus County Health Department offers STD/HIV screening, interviewing, treatment, follow-up, and education services. STD/HIV clinics are held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or by appointment.



Matthew 25 donations

Top photo: Matthew 25 board member Dalton Dockery, left, receives a check for \$5,000 from the Rev. Ryan Clore, pastor of Whiteville's First Baptist Church, and Martha Senter and Bob Hensley, members of the church's missions group. Bottom photo: Board members Joyce Mauldin, left, and Garland McCullen, right, welcome Pam Simmons of Nakina, center, to the Matthew 25 project's board of directors as they review a story about the construction project in *The News Reporter*. The donations will assist in the construction of a home near Tabor City to house families visiting prisoners at the two state prisons in Columbus County.

Chadbourn to consider new fire tax, discard 2010 zoning

BY ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

The Chadbourn Town Council will be asked Tuesday to schedule a public hearing on the imposition of a new fire tax in the town.

A memo dated March 28 from Town Manager Robert Jones to the mayor and council members stated, "Staff is recommending that the Mayor and Council discuss a four-cent fire tax totaling \$27,000 starting next fiscal year," according to a March 28 memo from Town Manager Jones to the mayor and council.

Jones is recommending a May 3 public hearing date.

Each cent in tax assessment equals \$6,750 in revenue for the town, according to the memo. Jones could not be reached for comment.

Klondyke/Chadbourn Fire Chief Randy Guyton had not heard of the proposed tax until contacted by the newspaper Friday and Tony Freeman, who serves on the fire department board of directors, said that he had not heard about the proposed tax and that, if

the request had originated with the fire department, he would have been aware of it.

"Based on my knowledge of it, I am 99 percent sure that it's something (town manager) Bob (Jones) wants, something Bob has come up with," Mayor Phillip Britt said Friday.

Councilman David Worley said he first learned of the proposal when he received his board packet Friday morning. He speculated that the tax is being requested to cover the funds the town already appropriates to the fire department.

The county levies fire district taxes on properties outside of municipalities at rates ranging from a low of 6 cents to a high of 12 cents. The county tax levy for the Klondyke Fire District is 7 cents. However, properties within towns are not assessed county taxes to support fire operations. Most towns, including Chadbourn, have a budget line item representing each town's contribution to the fire department serving the town.

In another matter, the board will discuss a town-owned property at 424 N. Brown St., site of the former Kangaroo

Store. The board previously declared the property to be surplus. It was offered for sale at public auction with the bidding to open at \$75,000 (the minimum the board agreed to accept). Only one bid for \$50,000 was received from Rustovian Wrighten.

In March, Town Council accepted that bid in a 3-2 vote. James Green, Rashad Roberts and Colene Kelly voting to accept the bid. Donald Ray Bass and David Worley voted against accepting the bid. Wrighten has since rescinded his bid. The board will need to decide Tuesday whether to authorize Town Attorney Harold G. Pope to re-advertise the property.

In other business, the town board will conduct a public hearing on a request from R.J. Corman Railroad that railroad property be rezoned. Land west of the train depot and across Wilson Street from the depot would be rezoned from B-1 (central business district) to I-2 (heavy industrial district) to permit railroad operations. The Chadbourn

See Fire tax, page 9-A

Traveling bears may visit soon

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Spring is the season for pollen, baseball, soccer, boating—and bears.

With the end of winter, young male bears are generally more mobile. After having spent up to two years with their mothers, the young boars are kicked out of the family and begin wandering, looking for food and new territory to call their own.

With the exploding bear population in North Carolina, human-bear interaction is most common during the spring and early summer months. While this year has been fairly quiet in Columbus County, Wildlife Enforcement Officer J.B. White said residents should be on the lookout.

"Columbus isn't like it was when I was in Jones County," he said, "but we have a good population, and we'll likely be getting calls in the coming weeks." Jones is one of the state's top counties for bears, in size, population and number of conflicts with humans.

"Up there, they were forever getting hit on the highway," White said. "We have some calls down here when they demolish a car trying to cross the road, but not as many."

The lingering lean times of the winter and traveling bachelor boars mean more people see the furry beasts at this time of year.

As crops such as blueberries, grapes and strawberries ripen, bears are more prone to wandering in search of fresh food. Since bears prefer garden varieties of corn to coarser-grained feed-quality corn, undisturbed bears occasionally take up residence near garden patches.

Black bears are usually timid when confronted by humans, according to Ann May, a bear specialist with the Wildlife Resources Commis-

sion, but caution and common sense will reduce the potential for problems.

"If left alone, most bears that have wandered into a residential area will quickly retreat to their natural habitat," May said.

"Humans should not approach or follow bears, or put themselves between a bear and its possible escape route.

"A bear passing through a neighborhood can cause a lot of excitement," May said. "But people should give bears plenty of room to allow them to move out of the area freely. Crowding around a bear can lead to a dangerous situation."

The best way to avoid bears, according to the WRC, is to avoid feeding them, either intentionally or inadvertently.

"Bears get accustomed to feeding on pet food, table scraps, garbage and birdseed," May said, "and they can lose their fear of humans, which could result in property damage."

To avoid problem interactions with bears, May said, securely lock trashcan lids; don't leave garbage out where it can be easily found by wildlife; remove or secure bird feeders; and keep pet feeding areas clean. Fish cleaning areas are also popular with bears — numerous reports of bears around the Lake Waccamaw boat landings are entirely attributable to fish heads and offal discarded by anglers cleaning their catch.

Bears crave fat and grease, and are attracted to barbecue grills and outdoor cooking areas.

"You want to clean food and grease from barbecue grills after each use," May said. "Bears are attracted to food odors, so you don't want to dispose of grease or cooking oil nearby. Be careful with food and food odors in vehicles, as well."

May said the Wildlife Commission rarely traps and relo-

cates bears. "Relocation can be dangerous to personnel and the bear," she explained, "and relocated bears often return to where they were originally captured."

White said humans cause many of the problems with bears, and most of those problems can be avoided.

"Whether it's a coon or a possum or a bear, it won't stay around if there's no food," he said. "Remove the food source, the bear will move off. Most of the time they're passing through, anyway. Just enjoy watching them."

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By **DIANA MATTHEWS**
Contributing Writer

Pleasant Plains Baptist Church has joined the ranks of religious organizations offering fitness activities for members and the surrounding community. Amy Bowles, wife of recently installed pastor Michael Bowles, is a nurse and educator enrolled in graduate training with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

After working both internationally and in the U.S., she has found a use for her expertise in Columbus County.

“When we first decided to come to North Carolina,” Bowles says, “I didn’t know what my purpose would be here. My husband is passionate about Pleasant Plains Baptist Church and the ministry there.

“I love supporting that, but was praying how I could use my gifts and talents to serve the community. Since I have been in school, I study a lot about health outcomes.

“When I found out that Columbus County was number 100 out of 100 for health outcomes in North Carolina, I knew there was a purpose for me to be here, too. I just had to figure out how I could help.”

Bowles’s commitment to “helping people get and stay well” is not only academic but personal. “Since I personally have lost 90 pounds after many years of attempts, I know how hard that can be. I also know how hard it is to maintain your health and wellness, especially if there is not access to exercise. It’s always more fun in a group.”

When she heard about the Fit and Faith program promoted by the Columbus County Health Department, she began promoting a fitness group at Pleasant Plains, targeting its activities to those members



Photos by **DIANA MATTHEWS**

Feeling great after a workout are, from left: Faye Bryant, Amy Bowles, Donnie Formy-Duval, Shirley Millican, Sandra Benton, Tammy Gattoni and Teresa Powell.

whose health conditions or age prevented them from exercising on their own. She gears class activities to those with bad joints, chronic diseases or balance issues, but anyone can participate at his or her own level of ability.

The class calls itself the Keen-Agers and meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the fellowship hall at 31 Pleasant Plains Church Rd. Participation is free, and no specialized equipment or clothing is needed.

At Tuesday evening’s gathering, Bowles welcomed several newcomers and explained the routine she was about to lead.

Warm-ups would precede strength training, balance exercises and stretching. “Warm-ups are not the same as stretching. We never want to stretch cold. We warm up cold body parts; we stretch warm parts.”

She warned the participants to cease doing any moves that hurt them and to let her know if they suffered



Amy Bowles leads stretching exercises.

any numbness, tingling, swelling or loss of function from any of their exercises.

That evening’s gathering was all women. “Where are the men tonight?” someone asked. Men and women of all ages are welcome.

Before warm-up stepping moves, she reminded the group of the Apostle Paul’s observation in 1 Timothy 4:8 that spiritual fitness is of eternal significance; physical fitness is of importance in a

different way.

She asked members to name benefits of exercise.

“It’s good for your heart.”
“It burns calories.”
“It builds muscle.”

Bowles challenged the class members to say why those effects were important. “Why do we need to build muscle?”

Shirley Millican said, “We need to be able to stand up!” Everyone laughed, but they also acknowledged how much strength Millican had gained within just a few weeks of attending the class. She said, “Now I can get up from the church pew without grabbing on to the one next to me.”

More benefits of exercise mentioned by the group members included diabetes management, improved sleep and mood, and higher energy.

Bowles, clearly a teacher at heart, tries “to connect exercise to real life. If you don’t know why you’re doing something, it doesn’t seem important.”

She called on a class member for a prayer. The woman

prayed for a safe workout for everyone and increased ability for them all to do God’s work in the world.

Then the first round of activity consisted of walking in place or, for some, marching their legs and flapping their arms while sitting in chairs. Bowles said, “Get your heart rate up. The important thing is that you’re moving.”

She distributed small weights for the strength portion of the class. The women did biceps and triceps moves while Bowles offered tips on proper form and reminded them, “Be slow and focus on the muscle.” The group members performed modified push-ups and squats.

Faye Bryant commented to her neighbor, “You’re short. You don’t have as far to come up as I do.”

“It’s just as hard to do squats if you’re short, I promise you,” Bowles said.

The balance exercises had members reaching, leaning, pivoting, and standing on one leg for increasing amounts

of time. “Studies have shown that if you can hold these balance poses for 20 seconds, you have a significantly decreased risk of dementia,” Bowles said. “Balance exercises also benefit your inner ear and your whole nervous system.” She reminded the women to engage the muscles of the body’s core – including abdominals and gluteus muscles – in order to stabilize themselves with arms and legs extended in the balance poses.

The Keen-Agers finished their session with stretching, again with careful instructions from Bowles, and a bit of deep breathing to “reset” before another short walking period and a short discussion of recommended water intake.

Class members have varied reasons for attending. Barbara Hill-Nobles said she hoped to “increase strength, stay limber, and prevent osteoporosis.”

Teresa Powell said, in spite of back trouble and arthritis, she wants to do as much as she is able to strengthen her core muscles and avoid surgery.

Millican named “the fellowship” as another benefit to meeting with her church friends for group exercise. In addition to participating in church activities, leading the Keen-Agers and being a full time student, Bowles is “passionate about swimming.” She competes on an adult swim team in Bolivia.

She calls the beach her “happy place” and enjoys spending time with her husband, grown children and granddaughter.

She has previously served as an emergency room nurse, a health coach and an operator of mobile medical clinics in medically underserved areas.

She says the Keen-Agers “would love to have anyone from the community. Everyone is welcome!”

Professional FORUM



Area Experts Answer Your Questions & Offer Their Best Advice

A special thanks to these professionals for sharing with our readers answers to many “frequently asked” questions in their areas of expertise. We hope you’ll enjoy this series for the next 9 weeks, and will find some helpful information here.

Q. My ankle hurts when I walk. Is there a brace that can help me?

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Q. What causes swimmer’s ear?

A. Otitis Externa (aka swimmer’s ear) is ultimately caused by lack of ear wax. Ear wax waterproofs the ear and its acidity prevents infection. Without ear wax, germs thrive in the moist environment and cause inflammation. The body can have too little ear wax for a variety of reasons. Sometimes swimming can flush the earwax out. Some children let bath water bubble in and out of their ears. Similarly, usage of cotton swabs to clean out ears increases risk of infections. Remember ears are self cleaning so do not use cotton swabs. In fact, to avoid these infections, it is best to remember, don’t put anything in your ear smaller than your elbow.

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Q. What causes whiplash and how long before you have symptoms?

A. Whiplash occurs when the neck suffers from an abrupt forward or back motion. While this occurs most commonly during a car accident, whiplash can also occur during participation in aggressive sports such as body football, soccer, or boxing. Sufferers of whiplash may also experience symptoms that are not easily identifiable such as depression, anxiety, irritability, inability to concentrate and poor memory. Depending on the nature and severity of the injury, these symptoms may develop over a period of days or weeks. Therefore, it is important to seek chiropractic care for your whiplash injury as soon as possible.

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Q. How can I control mosquitos in my yard this summer?

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Deaths

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DEATH NOTICE



MARGARET LOU HYATT BASS

STANLEY -- Margaret Lou Hyatt Bass, 80, passed away peacefully April 1, 2016 at Levine and Dickson Hospice House, Huntersville. Margaret was born March 20, 1936 in Whiteville, to the late John and Daisy George Hyatt. Along with her parents, Margaret was preceded in death by five brothers.

Margaret worked for Hamricks, Inc for 33 years in the shoe dept. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who enjoyed walking, gardening, working puzzles, and riding in her golf cart.

Visitation was held Sunday, April 3 at Westport Baptist Church, Denver. Final rites were held Sunday, April 3 with Pastor Steve Owenby and Rev. Brian Rabon officiating. Burial was in Westport Baptist Cemetery. Raymer-Kepner Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 16901 Old Statesville Road, Huntersville handled the arrangements.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving family; husband of 61 1/2 years, Audrey C. Bass; two daughters, Marsha Bass of Charlotte, Wendy Bass Johnson (Mark) of Kings Mountain; two sons, James Anthony Bass (Angie) of Cerro Gordo, Richard Dean Bass (Amy) of Kannapolis; three sisters, Rose Green, Judy Gore, Kathleen Bullard; one brother J.C. Hyatt; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Levine and Dickson Hospice House, 11900 Vanstory Drive, Huntersville, N.C.

Friends may offer condolences to the family at www.raymerfh.com.

R. DOUGLAS THOMPSON

CLARKTON -- R. Douglas Thompson, 86, died Thursday, March 31, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family after a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was preceded in death by his parents, Preston and Maizie Thompson.

He was the owner of Thompson Accounting Service for a number of years. He was a lifelong member of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

The family received friends Sunday, April 3 at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Bladenboro. Final rites were held Sunday, April 3 at the church. Burial was in the church cemetery with Rev. Jimmy Strole officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Sue Thompson of the home; two sons, "Ritchie" Thompson of Clarkton, Andy Thompson of Elizabethtown; one daughter, Sherry T. Britt of Clarkton; one brother, Jelder Thompson of Morehead City; two sisters, Alma Jean Smith and Ann Dulin, both of Charlotte; and five grandchildren.

HOPD pastor's aid service April 10

The House of Prayer and Deliverance will hold its pastor's aid service Sunday, April 10 at 5 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Aveylene Stephens of Farmers Union Deliverance Outreach Ministry along with her choir and congregation.

The church is located at 1113 S. Madison Street. Barbara Powell is the pastor.

DEATH NOTICE



TARA LYNN WALTERS ADAMS

BLADENBORO -- Tara Lynn Walters Adams, 43, died Saturday, April 2, 2016. She was the daughter of Mary Walters and the late Ellie Richard Walters.

She was a member of Covenant Community Church, Whiteville.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 4 at McKenzie Mortuary. Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 in the mortuary chapel with Revs. London Purifoy and Arthur Smith officiating. Burial will be in Whiteville Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Adams of Bladenboro; three daughters, Breanna Adams, Mikayla Adams and Sierra Adams, all of Bladenboro; three sons, Sebastian Adams, Dakota Adams and Jericho Adams, all of Bladenboro; mother, Mary Spivey Walters of Bladenboro; one brother, Denny Walter (Martha) of Winston Salem; two grandchildren, Maxton Starnes and Chloe Adams; and one niece, Aleighsa Walters of Winston Salem.

LILA M. SMITH
BLADENBORO -- Lila M. Smith, 75, died Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Bladen County Hospital.

Final rites were held Saturday, April 2 at First Baptist Church, 13395 Twisted Hickory Road. Burial was in Pone Cemetery. Viewing was held Saturday, April 2 one hour prior to and following the service at the church. The family received friends Saturday, April 2 one hour prior to the service at the church. Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville handled the arrangements.

Surviving are five sisters, Iris Stevens of Bay Shore, N.Y., Geraldine Boone of Fayetteville, Violet Epps and Marie Pone, both of Paterston, N.J. and Elma Fulmer of Elizabethtown; and two brothers, Carl Pone of Bellport, N.Y. and James Alvin Pone of Bladenboro.

HENRY JURNEY

CHARLOTTE -- Henry Jurney died Thursday, March 31, 2016 at his residence. He was the husband of the former Jane Taylor Pate of Hallsboro.

He was a retired dentist after practicing for 40 years.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Huntersville.

CASSANDRA REAVES BATTLE

CLARKTON -- Cassandra Reaves Battle, 57, died Sunday, March 27, 2016 at the VA Medical Center in Durham.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9 at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 426 Booker T. Washington School Road, Clarkton. Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville is handling the arrangements.

Surviving are one son, Kirk Battle Jr. of North Charleston, S.C.; her mother, Bessie Reaves of Clarkton; and twin brother, Christopher Reaves of Phoenix, Ariz.

Spring Hill MBC revival

Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church will hold its revival Wednesday, April 13-Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Rev. Andy Anderson along with a different choir each night.

Rev. Vince Rouser is the pastor.

DEATH NOTICE



JAMES ROBERT DEW

WHITEVILLE -- James Robert Dew, 76, died Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare. He was the son of the late Audrey Dew and Odessa Suggs Dew and was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Horne Dew.

He was a member of Whiteville United Methodist Church and was very active with the Methodist Men's.

Mr. Dew was a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial for more than 45 years. He was a basketball coach and teacher with Waccamaw School in Brunswick County.

Final rites will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, April 4 at Whiteville United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Stallworth officiating. Visitation will be held from 4-4:45 p.m. Monday, April 4 prior to the service in the church parlor. Burial will be in Whiteville Memorial Cemetery. McKenzie Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

Survivors include one daughter, Deanna Dew Duncan of Whiteville; one son, Robert Christen Dew of Whiteville; two brothers, Charles Dew of Whiteville and Wayne Dew of Ocean Isle Beach; and one grandson, Stephen B. Duncan of Greenville.

Memorials may be made to Whiteville United Methodist Church, 902 Pinckney Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

JANIE MAE MCQUEEN GIBBS

WEST HAVEN, Conn. -- Janie Mae McQueen Gibbs, 77, formerly of Whiteville, died Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Branford Hospice in Connecticut.

Final rites were held Saturday, April 2 at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 4604 Joe Brown Hwy. North, Whiteville. Burial was in Campground Cemetery. Viewing was held Friday, April 1 at Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville and Saturday, April 2 one hour prior to the service at the church.

Surviving are three daughters, Beverly Stephens of Whiteville, Darin Carter and Gwenda McCarter, both of West Haven, Conn.; one son, Maurice Samuel Wright of Hope Mills; four sisters, Ethel McQueen Godwin of Whiteville, Emma Best of Jersey City, N.J., Arvella McQueen Smith of Washington, D.C. and Vanessa Ruffin of Raleigh; three brothers, John McQueen of Bear, Del., James McQueen of Anderson, S.C., and Phillip McQueen of Far Rockaway, N.Y.; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Pre-pastor appreciation service April 9

The pre-pastor's appreciation service is set for Saturday, April 9 at 4 p.m. at Minter's Chapel First Born Church located at 1270 Old Boardman Road for Pastor Elder Dennis Hempstead and Elect Lady Charlotte Hempstead.

Special guest will be Bishop Henry Parks along with the Jesus Christ Gospel Church Choir and congregation. Special guest MC will be Bishop J.C. Jackson (former WVOE DJ) and pastor of Solid Rock in Whiteville.

HomeCare MC sets disabilities support group

A social support group for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities for ages 17 years old and older will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at HomeCare Management Corporation.

HomeCare MC is located at 2208 James B. White Hwy. N., Whiteville. For more information call Tammy Creech-Whitlow at 640-1153.

CHARLES BRYANT STEDMAN -- Mr. Charles Douglas Bryant, 91, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at his home. He was born Nov. 25, 1924 in Andalusia, Ala. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Elva Bullard Bryant and James Cole Bryant; one daughter, Melinda Cole Bryant Bynum of Rocky Mount; and two brothers, James Cole Bryant Jr. and William L. Bryant.

He lived at Santa Rose Beach, Fla., until six, DeFuniak Springs, Fla., until age 10 when his parents moved back to Stedman.

Douglas graduated from Stedman High School in 1942. He attended Louisiana State University and served in the Navy before entering

N.C. State where he earned a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education in 1949. He taught Vocational Agricultural Education at Hallsboro and Stedman High Schools. He earned a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education in 1953 and joined the faculty in Agricultural Education at N.C. State in 1957. In 1958-59 he and his family joined a Stanford University Team to go to the Philippines where he served as an advisor in the teacher education program at Baybay National Agricultural School in Baybay, Leyte.

Upon returning to the states he and his family lived in East Lansing, Mich., where he earned a Doctorate in Education. He returned to N.C. State and was on the Agricultural Education faculty until his retirement in 1984.

For several years after retirement he was active in Stedman Community Development Club, was a Stedman Town Commissioner, trustee to the Cumberland County Library and Information Center and was awarded Trustee Of The Year Certificate by the N.C. Public Directors Association in 1993. He served in many roles at Cokesbury United Methodist Church and the Golden Anniversary Council at Louisburg College.

Final rites were held Saturday, April 2 at Cokesbury United Methodist Church with Revs. Mike Elliott and Caswell Shaw officiating. Burial was in Whiteville Memorial Cemetery. The family received friends Friday, April 1 at Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, and other times at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Virginia Dare Worthington Bryant; one son, Charles "Chuck" D. Bryant Jr. and wife, Katherine, of Cary; son-in-law, Harry Bynum and wife, Melissa, of Rocky Mount; one brother, Thomas Bryant and wife, Emily, of Virginia Beach, Va.; one sister, Ruth B. Maxwell of Covington, La.; four grandsons, Zachary Bynum, Alexander Bynum and Charles Bynum, all of Rocky Mount and Charles D. Bryant III, of Cary; and two step-grandchildren, Marjorie Keel Gately of Charlotte, and James Keel of Raleigh.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Louisburg College, Louisburg, N.C.; Cokesbury United Methodist Church parking lot fund, Stedman, N.C.; or to 3HC Hospice, Clinton, N.C.

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ANNIE MAXINE BULLARD CAIN

WHITEVILLE -- Annie Maxine Bullard Cain, 83, died Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare. She was the daughter of the late Byron Clifford and Ludie Harden Bullard and was also preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth B. Goforth.

She was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church, serving as church treasurer for many years; a member of the church choir and a Sunday school teacher. She was employed by Southern National Bank (BBT) for more than 30 years.

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 2 at Worthington Funeral Home with Rev. Merle Johnson officiating. The family received friends Saturday, April 2 one hour prior to the service at the funeral home in Chadbourn.

She is survived by her husband, Herman Devon Cain of the home; two daughters, Denise Merritt Keeter of Cary and Deborah Merritt Pratt of Wilmington; one son, John Bert Merritt Jr. of Lexington, S.C.; four step-children, Ramona C. Sweerus of Chadbourn, Beth C. Greene of Fuquay Varina, Stephen D. Cain of Lumberton and Darryl Cain of Whiteville; two siblings, Byron Allen Bullard of Kernersville and Elsie Allred of Laurinburg; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

DONALD HALES

ELIZABETHTOWN -- Donald Lee Hales, 67, died Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

He was a retired Army veteran.

He graduated from Elizabethtown High School in 1967, retired from the Army, and was a member of the VFW and the Bladen County Chapter of the Kiwanis Club.

The family received friends Friday, April 1 at Bladen Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. A graveside service was held Saturday, April 2 at Davis Cemetery in Elizabethtown.

He is survived by one son, Daryl Hales of Lexington, S.C.; two brothers, Billy Hales of Laurinburg and Roger Hales of Siler City; and four grandchildren.

Chadbourn library hot dog/bake sale

The Chadbourn Community Library will hold its annual spring hot dog lunch and bake sale Friday, April 15 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Plates include two hot dogs, chips, cookie and soda for \$5.

The bake sale will include homemade baked goods such as cakes, pies and brownies. The sale will be held at the corner of 2nd Ave and North Wilson Street.

For more information call 654-3322.

Agape HOW special service April 10

Agape House of Worship will hold an afternoon service at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 10. The guest speaker will be Rev. Donald Barnes of McCormick AME Church of Lumberton.

The program will be held at 199 W. Forest Drive.

Bennie Benjamin is the pastor.



MARTHA JAYNE BROWN BUFFKIN

WHITEVILLE -- Martha Buffkin, 77, died Friday, March 18, 2016. She was born in Greer, S.C., the daughter of the late John and Edith Brown.

She had a BS degree in nursing from the University of S.C. in Columbia. She worked as a nurse in the Greenville and Charlotte areas.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Buffkin of Whiteville; one brother, Dan Brown of Knoxville, Tenn.; one son, Allen Story of Ioda, La.; two daughters, Allison Jerden of Raleigh and Laura Story of San Francisco, Calif.; three granddaughters; and three grandsons.

MICHAEL 'MIKE' DEAN DUNCAN

TABOR CITY -- Michael "Mike" Dean Duncan, 54, of Tabor Commons Assisted Living, died Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. He was the son of the late Billy Richard Duncan Sr. and Eula Ann Davis Duncan Fowler.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 4 at Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourn. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5 at Flynn Cemetery in Hallsboro with Rev. Larry Hayes officiating.

He is survived by one daughter, Nicole Duncan Campbell of Whiteville; one stepdaughter, Heather Rae Ann Walker of Whiteville; one sister, Jeanette Duncan of Chadbourn; two brothers, Richard Duncan Jr. of Hallsboro and David Allen Duncan of Whiteville; one half-brother, Gary Duncan of High Point; his step-father, Jerry Fowler of Whiteville; one granddaughter; and two step-grandchildren.

RUTH CHRISTINE CARR

HALLSBORO -- Ruth Christine Carr, 72, died Thursday, March 31, 2016 at her residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

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Let's talk about drug overdoses

As many as 11 people from Columbus County died of a drug overdose in 2015. In the last five years, at least 44 people from Columbus County lost their lives to addiction.

Prescription pills or cocaine are the main substances linked to overdoses locally or often cited as being used with a combination of other drugs.

Oxycodone is the major drug in the family of opioids that is driving the overdose numbers higher across North Carolina, according to state statistics. Several of these accidental deaths in the county can be traced to Xanax and Valium in true or generic form. Large amounts of prescription pain medication are being prescribed across the country, state and county.

Painkillers kill more people across the country than cocaine and heroin combined. Oxycontin and hydrocodone are suspected to be the main reason for a rise in fatal overdoses nationwide.

The point
No one wakes up one morning and decides they want to be addicted to painkillers. It's time to start talking about the silent epidemic that is growing leaps and bounds.

Sales of opioids have skyrocketed in recent decades. Sadly, talking about how to prevent these deaths and get better control of prescriptions has not increased much.

These statistics should be a wake up call to parents and physicians. Parents need to talk to their children and families of victims need to know their stories are powerful and could save lives.

Prescriptions have increased dramatically in recent years. North Carolina is one of 10 states with the highest prescription volume. In 2009, there were more than three pain medications prescribed per person in Columbus County. That was 163,000 prescriptions for about 55,000 people.

These are not just numbers we are talking about. We are talking about people—someone's dad, little brother, big sister, mom, husband, son or daughter.

No one wakes up one morning deciding they want to be addicted to painkillers or Cocaine.

Contrary to stereotypes, the people most at risk in this epidemic are often not users of street drugs. It begins very innocently.

Many people's addiction begins with a legal prescription of painkillers for a legitimate medical reason. When their pain or medical problem subsides, they are hooked and keep using. Refills are easy to obtain and many turn to illegal ways of getting the pills, sometimes while their loved ones are completely unaware.

Prescription drugs are important medications but the medical community needs to think twice before writing prescriptions and make an effort to better track doctor shopping. Used correctly, these medicines can alleviate suffering but when they are misused, they can create even more pain and destroy and end lives.

Quotes of the week

"I'm sure there are plenty of families who forgive the people who commit crimes against their loved ones. I stand here today to assure you I'm not one of those people."

— **Kendrick Hill** in a statement read in Superior Court to Beverly Devon Williams being sentenced for the second degree murder of Hill's father, Eddie Jerome Best.

"These families need our help. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated. The one thing they ask the most of is your prayers. Both these families believe in the power of prayer. Please place both these children and their families on your prayer list at church and at home and lift them daily."

— **Renee Kellihan** regarding Cerro Gordo children Drake Johnson, 3, born with a congenital heart defect, and Kaylee Meares, 8, born with cystic fibrosis.

"People do not want to listen to anything about sex. There are so many things out there that can kill you—scare tactics [in sex education] are the only hope we have."

— **Hilda Memory**, nursing director of the Columbus County Health Department, in reference to the increase in



You Decide

Was change greater a century ago?

Dr. MIKE WALDEN
North Carolina
Cooperative Extension

Consider this picture. Your home has no electricity or indoor plumbing.

This means no electronics or instant warm baths and showers, and "using the bathroom" means accessing an outdoor "outhouse."

Heat in your home is generated from a wood- or coal-burning stove, but unless you're close by, most of your home is still freezing in the winter.

Of course, there is no air-conditioning in the summer.

Getting water for cooking or bathing is a major chore, requiring eight to 10 daily trips to the outside source of the water (well or stream).

An individual — usually a woman — carries the equivalent of 36 tons of water each year. Most people live in rural areas, and with no autos, households are isolated.

Horses are the common mode of transportation. In cities, the constant manure produced by horses is an ongoing source of foul smells and breeding grounds for disease.

Entertainment is simple — by today's standards — and infrequent.

Vacations are non-existent. So, too, is retirement. Most people work until they physically can't — or until they die.

This is the picture of average life a century ago as described in a fabulous new book titled *The Rise and Fall of American Growth* by economist Robert Gordon.

As documented by Gordon, this tough life faced by our ancestors fortunately quickly improved.

Between 1900 and 1950 the percentage of households having electricity rose from 0 percent to 90 percent, the percentage with access to an auto jumped from 0 percent to 75

percent, those with access to indoor plumbing increased from 15 percent to 70 percent, households using central heating improved from 0 percent to 50 percent, and households owning a radio went from zero to 100 percent!

In fact, the first half of the 20th century Gordon dubs the "golden age of innovation."

While inventions and improvements to our lives have continued since then, Gordon claims nothing compares to the dramatic gains in everyday life experienced in the 50 years between 1900 and 1950.

But what about all the new technology like computers, smartphones, DVDs and tablets developed in recent years? Aren't they just as significant as the advancements made 100 years ago?

Actually, Gordon claims they're nowhere close.

He sees many of the recent technological breakthroughs focusing on entertainment and communication.

While these devices have certainly increased our enjoyment of life, Gordon says they have not prompted the big shifts in the capabilities of the economy like the automobile, telephone, air flight, radio and television, and indoor plumbing.

In fact, some researchers have found modern technology may reduce our economy's productivity.

Studies show workers are spending significant amounts of work time engaged in social media activities and web-surfing for personal purposes, thereby taking away from their time spent on work tasks.

Statistics show recent gains in worker productivity have been significantly below historical averages, which may be a factor behind the overall economy's slow growth.

Gordon is also pessimistic about the future ability of the economy to deliver meaningful

innovative advances.

He worries about difficulties in improving educational results for a large segment of the population, income losses for those without college degrees, slow growth in the labor force, and federal fiscal challenges related to rising spending on retirees — spending that could otherwise be devoted to research and development of new technology.

However, the economist admits it is difficult — if not impossible — to predict future innovations that could induce big leaps in the economy.

There are optimists who see inventions like 3-D manufacturing, nanotechnology, virtualization, and genomics as eventually leading to big gains in both economic production and the quality of life.

However, as the recent Emerging Issues Forum at North Carolina State University suggested, many of these new technologies might lead to fewer — not more — jobs.

I see two important take-aways from Gordon's impressive book.

First, the inventions created 100 years ago were truly amazing, and although the versions of them we have today are better, much of what we now enjoy wouldn't be here without the originals.

Second, we have relied on technological advances to provide gains in our standard of living in the last century. The future will be no different.

This means applications of new technology will largely determine how much life improves in the decades ahead.

But there are two big questions.

Will new inventions and innovations be as meaningful in the future as those in the past?

Also, how will these inventions and innovations change our everyday lives?

You decide.

We love to hate

By **TOM CAMPBELL**
NC SPIN

After a glorious Easter we took a few days of vacation, turned off the television, unplugged (mostly) the Internet and cell phone and got away to more peaceful environs. It is amazing the perspective you get when you detach from current events and get quieter. One inescapable perspective is that we live in a world that loves to hate.

We're told there are two primal emotions, hate and love. It is easier to hate than to deal with and seek solutions to our own shortcomings. Hate divides us, distracts us and weakens us. When we focus on our differences we cannot be seeking solutions to our problems. Loving takes a lot of work and requires much from us.

We hate people who are different from us, whether it is the color of their skin, their sex, age, sexual persuasion, political affiliation, nationality or religion, among other differences.

Perhaps you think the word hate too strong a verb, but whatever word you substitute the conclusion is much the same.

At the heart of the issue is fear. We fear that those who differ from us will somehow prevail over our beliefs, usurp our power or advantage and infringe on our rights. We have come to believe that our understanding and acceptance of others equates to approval, but this is not the case. For example, I understand and accept that underage boys and girls drink alcohol. I don't condone or approve of it. I just accept that it occurs.

Politicians often pander to our hatred and prejudice because it is easier to stir our emotions than it is to put forward real solutions; besides they get more media attention than those preaching unity. This isn't a rant about the current presidential circus or the bathroom wars in which our state is engaged but a look at a bigger picture.

We hate big business and those who have more money and power than do we. We hate to admit we are getting old, losing the vitality and health we once enjoyed. If pollsters are correct we hate government, that amorphous institution that makes laws and sets policies we don't agree with, yet every day we depend on government to provide roads, schools, public health, defense, clean water and any number of other services we use. We rail against politicians, yet consistently go to the voting booth and re-elect them.

Mind you, we aren't advocating that we must all agree on issues or philosophies. It is actually healthy that we have honest differences of opinion. The history of our country is full of examples where those with differing opinions were able to join together to find solutions to our problems, solutions that more often than not were for the common good. It is hard, if not impossible, to find solutions with those you hate.

Just think about the precedent we are setting for future generations. Can we agree this culture of hate isn't getting us to a better place, doesn't help us feel better about ourselves, enjoy our freedoms and our lives? It is time to seek out and encourage those who unite us rather than divide us. Perhaps we should all call a timeout and think about what we really want.

Campbell is former assistant North Carolina State Treasurer and is creator/host of N.C. SPIN, a weekly statewide television discussion of state issues.

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Aunt Hattie

BY **RAY LUNDY**
Special to The News Reporter

Aunt Hattie returned to her car from shopping with two large bags full of bargains she had found in the clothing store. My, what a shopping spree she had enjoyed. Upon approaching her four door sedan, she suddenly held up and set her bags down in the parking lot. Her car had four males in it, and they were laughing and talking—in her car of all places, carjackers no doubt.

Aunt Hattie reached into her purse and produced a small pistol. Approaching the car from behind, she screamed out, "Get out of my car, you no counts; I've got a gun and I know how to use it," along

with other choice words she did not learn in Sunday school.

All four doors opened at once, and the men flushed like a covey of quail, all running in different directions. "Git, git, git," hollered Aunt Hattie after the men. "The nerve of some people," she mumbled to herself as she threw her shopping bags into the back of her car.

The elderly Aunt Hattie took her keys out of her purse to crank the car. However, Aunt Hattie's key did not fit the ignition switch. She tried again with no success. She got out of the car to look at it—"yep, my car." She tried the key again; nothing doing. Again she got out of the car and stood up. Two cars over was a car just like hers. She walked over to the other

car tried the ignitions key, and the car cranked.

"Oh my, those poor scared men. I had better straighten this mess out," and she drove to the police station to tell them about her terrible mistake. Aunt Hattie spluttered to the police sergeant about the terrible case of mistaken auto identity.

Immediately the sergeant broke into loud laughter as he pointed to the far end of the counter. Four very pale white men were there waving their hands wildly as they told the other policeman about a carjacking by a crazy, gun-toting elderly woman.

The truth came out, and no charges were filed: Borrowed from Lowell Streiker who borrowed it from someone else.)

McDONALD'S PRESENTS

Whiteville High School



Michael Walters

Sophomore Michael Walters is the 15-year old son of Brenda and Michael Walters. What he likes best about his school are the teachers. "I like them because they will sit down with you and explain things to you," he said. He wishes the school day started a little later because he believes "we could all function better." What he does best is talking to people and working, something you can find him doing outside of school other than washing cars. American History has been his favorite class at Whiteville High. "I like that class because of the teacher Dawn Strickland. She helps us a lot and I just find American History interesting," he said. An interesting fact about Michael is that he has his own car at age 15. "I make the payments on it," he said. His plans after high school are to continue working, go to college, and get a degree in physical therapy. His dream after high school and college is to land a good job.

East Columbus High School



Kenji Bowen

Kenji Bowen's life is like his favorite movie—fast and furious. The East Columbus tenth grader plays football, baseball and basketball, runs track, and is active in his church. He also enjoys math, which has always been a good subject for the 15-year-old. "I'm fast, smart and my best sport is baseball," he said. "I plan to go to a four-year college and play ball," he said. "I hope to get good enough to play pro one day." His friends are his favorite thing about ECHS. "They are very friendly and fun to be around," he said. He is grateful for his parents, William and Mamie Bowen, for always being there for him. "They support me and are there for me when I need help," he said. He doesn't really have a favorite book or musical group, but loves the "Fast and Furious" movie series. Macaroni and cheese, and barbecue chicken are his favorite foods. "When I'm not in school, I like riding four-wheelers with my cousins," he said.

West Columbus High School



Frederick Evans

Frederick Evans, a senior, is the 18-year old son of Connie and Dennis Evans of Chadbourn. He says he likes everything about WCHS. "I like my teachers because they push me to make better grades in school." His favorite class is Spanish because "I like saying words in this language." Frederick is involved with football, basketball, baseball and track and his proudest accomplishment is becoming a senior. Asked the most interesting fact about him that most people do not know, he said, "I have small feet. Really small feet." He plans to attend college next year but doesn't say where. He doesn't have a favorite music performer or group and doesn't have a favorite book or movie, but he says his favorite food is "fries and steak."

South Columbus High School



Chase Gore

Chase Gore is the 18-year-old son of Mark Gore and Pam Page. He played Stallion football and baseball all four years and was a quarterback and outfielder, respectively, on the teams. The senior is also a member of the National Honor Society. His favorite activities have been playing football and baseball. What he likes to do best at school is to help out the guidance counselor and to interact with the underclassmen. Weight lifting is his favorite class because he enjoys being pushed and staying healthy. "The teachers push me to be the best I can be." Most interestingly about Chase, he is athletic and a team leader. "I love helping others be the best they can be." Once he has graduated from South Columbus he'd like to attend East Carolina University and major in electrical engineering.



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Left: Tabor City Elementary March Multiplication Madness students compete in Elite 8 while classmates cheer them on. At right: Participants, coaches and Principal Terry Brown.

Tabor City Elementary hosts March Multiplication Madness

By SHALON SMITH
 Staff Writer

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades at Tabor City Elementary competed Thursday morning for the first place title in the school's 2016 March Multiplication Madness (M3) games, a series of timed multiplication exercises where students challenged one another that was modeled after the NCAA basketball tournament.

The competition kicked off with run-in entrances by event emcees Tabor City Elementary School teacher and coach Nick Smith and special guest "Mr. Fish"—Smith's brother Luke who works as an aquatics manager in Charlotte.

"When Nick asked me to help them with M3 for the second year in a row, I was extremely excited and knew it would be worth the drive from Charlotte," Mr. Fish said.

Competition guests eager-

ly hand slapped each of the Sweet Eighteen—the top two students from each class—as they ran down the aisle during their introduction. Music, a fog machine, and strobe lights complemented the rousing run-ins by the competitors.

"If someone were to randomly walk into the TCES auditorium during M3 and they heard the music, they saw the fog lights, and they witnessed the roar of the crowd, they would never guess that it was all centered around a math concept. With March Multiplication Madness we have the opportunity to take multiplication and create a unique, high energy, and extremely fun competition," Coach Smith said.

Warm-up activities for the event included a loudest grade contest and a series of dance-offs between the grades. Coach Smith and Mr. Fish led the dances and even showed off



March Multiplication Madness Winner Dulce Reyes Mondragon, parents, MaHerlinda Reyes Lopez and Fabian Mondragon, and event commentators Nick and Luke Smith.

their acrobatics skills on stage. "We won't even mention how much better they are at dancing than I am. Those younguns can Nae Nae like no other!" Mr. Fish said.

The multiplication competition was performed through a computer-based game called "Grand Prix Pro" where four

students at a time "raced" pink, green, blue, and yellow racecars around a digital race-track projected onto a screen for the crowd to watch in real-time. As a competitor progressed successfully through the multiplication problems on his or her screen, their racecar would drive faster; if

they made a mistake, the car would sputter and slow down.

Racecar "drivers" sat in corresponding pink, green, blue, and yellow chairs at laptops at the front of the stage so their classmates would know whom to cheer on. Many student spectators made posters to support their favorite driver.

Mr. Fish admitted to racing with a couple of students before the competition and getting "roasted" by taking fourth place out of four drivers.

Drivers that made it to the Final Four were third-grader Josiah Hart, fourth-grader Dulce Reyes Mondragon and Kevin Smith, and fifth-grader Amir Gerald.

Before the final matchup took place, a Teachers' Round was held. Fifth grade teacher Amy Wright took the checkered flag against second grade teacher Deborah Godbolt, and fourth grade teachers Tenna Benton and Chris McPherson.

The student winner of 2016 March Multiplication Madness was Dulce Reyes Mondragon, daughter of MaHerlinda Reyes Lopez and Fabian Mondragon. She won a trophy and a one-of-

a-kind March Multiplication Madness "gold medal" printed with the school's 3D printer.

This is the second year the school has hosted the event coordinated and organized by Coach Smith. He believes other schools should adopt the concepts of an event like this one in order to create more successful environments for students to look forward to practicing their subjects.

Principal Terry Brown said she appreciates Smith's leadership in organizing the competition and looks forward to next year.

"Multiplication Madness is a fun way for them to learn their multiplication tables because if they don't, they can't move on to doing fractions. I really enjoy this event," she said.

"Math can be cool. Reading can be fun. Writing can be exciting. We just have to think outside the box. Incorporate music, throw in some dancing, involve your technology and students are left feeling motivated with memories that will last a very long time," Coach Smith said.

Fire tax

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planning board voted unanimously in February to recommend approval of the request.

The board also will hold a public hearing on a request by Megan Williamson for a conditional use permit to remove and replace a doublewide mobile home in the town's extraterritorial jurisdiction along old U.S. 74.

In other business, the board will:

- Discuss a request from the planning and zoning board to consider changing a portion of East 1st Avenue from Brown streets from two-way traffic to a one-way street.

Left turns would no longer be allowed onto East 1st Avenue from Brown Street. A proposal to re-open West

Railroad Avenue to Colony Street to improve access to the Chadbourn Depot Museum and Chadbourn Feed Service is under consideration.

The board will be asked to schedule a public hearing on the requests for May 3.

- Consider a unanimous request by the planning and zoning board to discard the town zoning ordinance adopted in December 2010 and replace it with the previously-existing zoning ordinance.

• Discuss a request from the Chadbourn Community Development Corporation to consider the donation by CCDC-owned "welcome to Chadbourn" signs to the Town in exchange for the Town agreeing to maintain the signs.



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Acme-Delco Middle School seventh-grader Anthony Buck paints a mask in the art class of Nicole Spaulding.

No Congressional Primary June 7

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Only N.C. Supreme Court election on ballot.

While most North Carolinians will have the opportunity to go to the polls to cast ballots in a special June 7 primary to nominate candidates for Congress in the November general election, there will be no Congressional primary in the 7th District, which includes Columbus County, because incumbent Republican David Rouzer and Democrat challenger J. Wesley Casteen have no opposition in their respective party primaries.

Rouzer and Casteen will run against each other in November.

The only race on the ballot for Columbus County residents in June will be a special non-partisan election for the state Supreme Court seat currently held by 15-year court veteran Associate Justice Robert H. (Bob) Edmunds, who is being challenged by Daniel Robertson, Michael R. (Mike) Morgan and Sabra Jean Faires.

The June 7 balloting probably will be expensive, on a cost-per-voter basis, in Columbus County. Officials at the Columbus County Board of Elections have not yet tabulated the costs of the March 15 primary, which had a light voter turnout, but turnout for the June 7 judicial election is expected to be much lower, which will drive the cost-per-voter figure even higher if expenses remain consistent with those incurred in March.

During the March primary, Columbus County offered one-stop early voting at the county board of elections office and at five satellite sites.

Elections director Carla Strickland was out of the office Friday and could not be reached for comment, but elections board member Mack Ward said Friday the board, for now, is operating under the assumption that they will be required by the state to offer similar early-voting hours and sites in June.

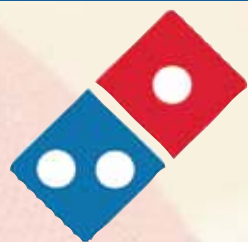
N.C. Board of Elections spokesperson Jackie Hyland could not say Friday whether the requirements on the counties regarding early vot-

ing sites and hours might be curtailed. She did say that a temporary order of the state elections board states, "The so-called 'hours-matching requirement' ... is suspended for the June Primary Election; and State Board of Elections staff will issue a letter of explanation reminding county directors of elections that one-stop early voting must be offered as required by statute."

The State Board of Elections was scheduled to meet by teleconference Friday afternoon but Hyland would only reply, "Maybe" when asked whether the letter of explanation to advise county boards of the early voting requirements would be addressed in the teleconference.

Hyland did say she will not be surprised if county elections boards are allowed to cut back on the number of poll workers authorized to conduct one-stop early voting for the June primary, compared to the March primary.

What actions, if any, the State Board of Elections took during its Friday teleconference were unavailable at press time.



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SCHS junior Watson captures 4 state gymnastics titles; earns berth in Regional



Sara Watson of Tabor City performs on the balance beam during the USA South Carolina Gymnastics championships on March 19 at Easley, S.C. Watson took first place in the balance beam and the vault while taking third in floor exercise and fifth in bars in the Level 10 division. Her overall point total gave her the All-Around State Championship title, and the Ocean Flipper competitors gained the Level 10 Team Championship. Watson, a junior at South Columbus High School, will advance to Region 8 competition set for April 9-10 at Kissimmee, Fla.

Sara Watson, a junior at South Columbus High School, earned four state championship titles at the USA South Carolina Gymnastics Championships held in Easley, S.C. on March 19.

Watson competes as a Level 10 gymnast for the Ocean Flippers from Little River, S.C.

Twenty-five level 10 gymnasts from across the state of South Carolina qualified for the state championship meet. Watson earned the state championship title for balance beam with a score of 9.250 as well as the state championship title for vault with a score of 9.550.

Watson's vault score of 9.550 was the highest score for any Level 10 gymnast in any event at the state championship meet.

These scores, in addition to Watson's floor exercise score (9.250, 5th) and bars score (9.00, 3rd), gave her a total meet score of 37.050. The total was enough to earn Watson the All-Around state championship title.

Watson's Ocean Flippers team earned the South Carolina Level 10 Team Championship as well, giving her four state championship titles.

Her career state championship total as a USAG Level 10 gymnast is now 10 (six individual state titles and four team titles).

Watson also won two North Carolina high school state Championship titles in 2015 (floor exercise and balance beam).



**Sara Watson
All-Around State Champion**

Watson's scores at the S.C. State Championship qualified her for the USA Gymnastics Region 8 Championships, which will be held in Kissimmee, Fla., on April 8-9.

Watson, the daughter of John and Marlette Watson of Tabor City, will compete along

with other regional qualifiers from South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee. This is the seventh year that Watson has advanced to USA Gymnastics regional competition.

Camping World Truck Series Kligerman drives to another Top 10 finish Friday at Martinsville

RIDGEWAY, Va. - On an up-and-down day at Martinsville Speedway, Parker Kligerman found himself having to weave his Solid Rock Carriers/Advance Auto Parts/BTS Tire and Wheel Distributors/Goodyear Commercial Tire Network Valvoline Ford F-150 through the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) field not once, but twice.

The Westport, Ct., native and his Ricky Benton Racing (RBR) Enterprises team proved up to the challenge, surviving multiple late-race cautions and restarts to bring home an eighth-place finish in Friday's Alpha Energy Solutions 250.

"We obviously didn't qualify as well as we had hoped," Kligerman said, "but we knew we had a good race truck and sure enough, just like Atlanta and Daytona, when the race started, we started mowing them down."

Kligerman started 25th after the team failed to move past the first qualifying session. By the time the first caution flag flew on lap 41, the No. 92 Ford had moved into the front half of the field. By the race's midpoint, Kligerman was running in the top 10.

On lap 163, after working his way to the cusp of the top five, Kligerman made contact with the No. 11 of Ben Kennedy, sending both trucks spinning.

"I made a very unintelligent move on the 11, and that hurt us," he said. "We could have had a top five had I not done that. We recovered well - (crew chief) Mike (Hester) made a good call and the pit crew gave us some good stops, but I think I left something on the table."

After the ensuing caution, Kligerman restarted his Ford with fresh tires in the 22nd position. By the next caution seven laps later at lap 178, he had moved into 17th. At lap 204, Kligerman had the RBR Ford back in the top 10.

The last 50 laps of the race were littered with caution flags, which limited Kligerman's ability to move his truck further through the field.

"The longer the run went, the better we got," he said. "We just started tight and couldn't get off the corner at the start at the runs. When it mattered more to have drive off, we could drive to them, which was cool."

"I wish we could have had some long runs there to end it."

See Kligerman on 2B

Vikings fall to Pinecrest in third-round scoring fest

SHALLOTTE - The Pinecrest Patriots broke a 6-6 tie with five runs in the top of the fifth inning and managed to come away with an 11-8 victory over West Columbus Wednesday in the final day of action of the Touchstone Energy Beach Diamond Baseball Classic at the West Brunswick High School field.

Pinecrest held a 5-0 lead after three innings, but West Columbus gained the lead with three runs in the third and three more in the fourth.

Andrew Harmondy went the distance on the pitcher's mound for Pinecrest as he allowed eight hits while walking seven and striking out five.

Ozzly Johnson, Tanner Hinson, C.J. Coleman and

Cody Benton took turns on the mound for West Columbus. Coleman was charged with the loss.

Gage Hammonds had two of the WCHS hits, including a double. Brandon Merritt ripped a run-scoring double and Tanner Hinson doubled home two more runs.

Ozzly Johnson added a two-run single.

West Columbus committed six errors while Pinecrest made five errors.

Seth Caldwell knocked a two-run homer for Pinecrest while Nick Pry and Tommy Vinson each had two hits.

The loss dropped the West Columbus record to 10-6, including an 8-2 mark against non-conference opponents.



Staff photos by Franklin Davis

Beach Diamond champs

The East Columbus Lady Gators wrapped up the championship of the Beach Diamond Invitational Softball Tournament last Wednesday at Shallotte with a 9-6 victory in 10 innings over host West Brunswick. The ECHS squad of Coach Morgan Jacobs also took wins over East Forsyth and Davie County with its lone loss coming against Richmond County by a 3-2 margin.

Lady Gators grab Beach Diamond title

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

SHALLOTTE - The East Columbus softball squad capped off a long day with a 9-6 win over host West Brunswick Wednesday in the Touchstone Energy Softball tournament. The 10-inning win capped off an impressive week for the Lady Gators against schools four to five times its size.

East Columbus got off to a fast start in the top of the first inning. Kelsey Carroll walked. Sayeh Campbell was hit by a pitch. Kaleigh Patrick's grounder was mishandled, loading the bases. Olivia Kissam walked, forcing in a run. Simone Spaulding's base hit plated two more Gators. Chelsea Graham's bunt single brought another East Columbus run home. Kirklyn Wayne gave the Gators a 5-0 lead with her RBI single.

West Brunswick tied the game in the bottom of the second. A hit batsman, error, double steal and ground out scored one run. A throwing error by East made it 5-2. A Trojan double scored another run. Taylor Piggott's two-run homer knotted the score at five each.

The game turned into a pitching and defensive duel. West Brunswick's Morgan Beeler retired 12 of the next 14 Gator batters in innings three through six.

Kailey Paul was just as effective for East Columbus. Paul sat down nine of 10 batters faced in the third, fourth and fifth frames. It appeared that West Brunswick would take the lead in the bottom of the sixth. A lead-off walk, stolen base and error placed a runner on third with no outs. Paul induced a pop up and strikeout and Wayne made a fine play on a grounder to retire the side and keep the game tied at five apiece.

Carroll walked to lead off the Gator seventh. Campbell's sacrifice bunt moved her to second. Kaleigh Patrick singled to center scoring Carroll and giving the Gators a 6-5 lead entering

the bottom of the seventh. Two Trojan infield singles, a stolen base and a sacrifice fly tied the score 6-6 and put the winning run on third base. The next two West batters reached on fielder's choices as the Gator defense chose to keep the runner at third rather than throw to first and possibly have the runner score. Patrick fielded the next grounder and threw to Carroll to force the runner at home. Wayne's unassisted out at second ended the frame and forced extra innings.

The eighth inning was scoreless, possibly because everyone was recovering from the seventh-inning stress. East Columbus threatened in the ninth. Carroll walked and Campbell was safe when her bunt was misplayed. Carroll's alert base running moved her to an unoccupied third base. Carroll was out at the plate attempting to score on a grounder to third. A pop up and fly ball ended the inning.

Graham reached base to start the East tenth. She came around to score when Paul's grounder to third was thrown away at second, past the Trojan outfielders. Wayne's bunt drove in another run. Carroll doubled and scored on Campbell's single to give the Gators a 9-6 lead. Paul, who retired nine of the final 11 batters, breezed through the tenth to secure the win.

Paul pitched all 10 innings for East Columbus. She allowed six hits, struck out five, walked three and hit one batter to notch the win. Carroll had a double, single and two walks to lead the Gator hitters. Simone Spaulding had two hits. Campbell singled, reached base four times and laid down two sac bunts. Wayne contributed two sac bunts and a single. Patrick and Graham also contributed key hits.

The post-game celebration was somewhat subdued, probably because the players' energy was spent. Even coach Morgan Jacobs, rarely at a loss for words, had little to say. She did

See Champions on 2B

Lady Pack wins one, loses one in games with Ohio teams

Visiting Keystone High of LaGrange, Ohio, handed the Whiteville High softball team its first loss of the season last Wednesday by a 10-4 score.

Right after the loss, Coach Olivia Williams' Whiteville team regrouped and posted a 6-2 victory over Brecksville-Broadview Heights, another Ohio squad.

Wednesday's loss came after 12 straight victories, including a 9-1 win over the Keystone squad on Monday at the Coastal Carolina University field in Conway, S.C.

A three-run homer in the first inning gave the nationally-ranked Keystone team a lead it never relinquished. Whiteville battled back with two runs in the second inning before the Keystone squad dominated the middle innings for seven runs.

Whiteville got its other runs in the sixth inning on a two-run homer by Eden Brown.

The Lady Wolfpack was held to four hits and it committed three errors.

Ivy Hayes was the starting pitcher and took the loss. Malerie Leviner and Santana Best pitched in relief.

In the game with Brecksville-Broadview Heights, the Ohio team scored two runs in the first inning, but it was held scoreless the rest of the way behind Leviner's pitching and solid WHS defensive play.

Brown had three hits while Kourtney Grainger belted a home run and Sage McLelland drove a double.

Lady Rams sweep Methodist JVs

FAYETTEVILLE - Brynn Hinson powered a three-run homer and Taylor Baysden and Dalys Rhyne picked up pitching victories Thursday as Southeastern Community College swept a doubleheader from the host Methodist College JV teams by identical 12-5 scores.

Hinson's homer came in the first game. Baysden was relieved by Bobbie McDaniel in the first game and Rhyne pitched the full seven innings in the second.



Photo by Serena Gore

Safe at third

Whiteville's Will Hinson (right) arrives safely at third base on a wide throw to the bag in the Wolfpack's 10-0 shutout of Northwest Guilford last Wednesday in the Pitt County Baseball Classic at the South Central High School field at Winterville.

Big first inning propels Wolfpack to 10-0 victory

WINTERVILLE - The Whiteville Wolfpack quickly bounced back from a Tuesday loss and took command with an 8-0 lead in the first inning that led to a 10-0 romp over Northwest Guilford Wednesday in the Pitt County Baseball Classic at the South Central High School field.

Connor Grainger's three-run homer along with doubles by winning pitcher Brooks Baldwin and outfielder Aaron Smith and a pair of singles

by Taylor Smith helped make way for the opening-inning onslaught.

The game was halted after five innings by the 10-run rule.

On Tuesday, the Wolfpack had dropped a 2-1 decision to West Craven at the South Central field.

Baldwin, a sophomore, pitched a four-hitter while giving up four Northwest Guilford hits. He struck out one and walked two. Only two Northwest Guilford runners

advanced past first base.

Coach Brett Harwood's Whiteville squad had a total of eight hits.

MacKenzie Gore drove in two runs with a third-inning double and a game-ending sacrifice fly.

Also getting hits were Cameron Cartrette, Chad Hilburn and Dylan Hamilton.

Northwest Guilford competes in the Piedmont Triad 4A Conference. The Vikings' season record slipped to 4-9.



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

East Columbus shortstop Olivia Kissam, left, tosses the ball to second baseman Kirklynn Wayne for a force-out in the Lady Gators' win over Davie County in last week's Beach Diamond Classic Softball Tournament.

'Underdog' ECHS bumps E. Forsyth 10-3 to advance to Beach Diamond finals

SHALLOTTE - It is unlikely that East Columbus softball coach Morgan Jacobs used the "it's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog" speech prior to the Touchstone Softball tournament at West Brunswick. It would have been appropriate.

East Columbus, according to ADM figures from October 2015, has 443 students. Their tournament opponents: Richmond County (2,216), Davie County (1,790), East Forsyth (1,878) and West Brunswick (1,387).

East Columbus was not certain of its championship bracket status when they arrived at West Brunswick Wednesday morning. They still had to play their third game. East Forsyth was the opponent. The Eagles were 0-2, but there was another factor to consider. The Lady Gators not only needed a win, but also needed to allow fewer

than four runs. Why? A win would give East Columbus a 2-1 record, the same as Richmond County. However the first tiebreaker of teams with identical records was runs allowed. Richmond allowed 14 in their three games. The Gators had allowed 10 in their two contests.

East Columbus got off to a quick start in the bottom of the first. Kelsey Carroll walked, Sayeh Campbell doubled in Carroll. Campbell scored as Kaleigh Patrick's grounder was misplayed.

Olivia Kissam doubled to score Patrick and give East Columbus a 3-0 lead. A hotly disputed call resulted in a triple play to end the inning. The Lady Gators added five more runs in the second. Izzy Lennon walked, Valerie Carter singled, Kirklynn Wayne singled, and Carroll's single scored Lennon.

Campbell was hit by a pitch to force in another run.

Patrick's double cleared the bases and the lead was 8-0.

East Forsyth created some drama in the middle innings. The Eagles scored once in the fourth and left the bases loaded. Two runs scored in the fifth.

A fourth score was avoided when Campbell's throw from center field to catcher Carroll nailed an East Forsyth runner to end the inning.

The Gators added runs in the fifth and sixth. Kailey Paul pitched the sixth and seventh for East Columbus. She allowed two hits, but the Eagles never advanced a runner beyond first base.

The 10-3 victory was a necessity as was the limiting East Forsyth to three runs.

Valerie Carter pitched five innings to earn the victory. Carter, Patrick and Lennon each had two hits for the Lady Gators.



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Whiteville High School softball player Raeganne Sholar takes a cut at a pitch during last Wednesday's home game with visiting Keystone High School of LaGrange, Ohio. The nationally ranked Keystone team took a 10-4 win in the game, two days after falling to the Lady Wolfpack 9-1 in a game played at the Coastal Carolina University field. Whiteville is now carrying a 12-1 season record.

Kligerman

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With the finish, Kligerman moves to second in the NCWTS standings after three races. He trails John Hunter Nemecheck, who finished second to Kyle Busch Saturday, by a mere three points. Kligerman and the RBR team have finishes of third, eighth and eighth this year.

"This is our third straight great performance as a team," said RBR owner Ricky Benton. "Parker drove another smart race, Mike (Hester) called a great race and the pit crew gave us some solid stops.

"I am very thankful for everyone who has supported us so far in 2016. We couldn't do it without Advance Auto Parts, BTS, Goodyear, Solid Rock Carriers or Valvoline and all of our supporters back in Cerro Gordo."

RBR and Kligerman plan on returning to NCWTS action on May 6 at Kansas Speedway for the Toyota Tundra 250.

Three Rivers Conference baseball, softball standings

BASEBALL			SOFTBALL		
	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L		Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Whiteville	6-0	8-3	Whiteville	6-0	12-1
Fairmont	5-1	12-2	South Columbus	6-0	10-3
South Columbus	4-2	9-5	South Robeson	4-2	6-3
Red Springs	3-3	8-5	East Columbus	3-3	7-4
St. Pauls	3-3	7-6	Red Springs	3-3	7-4
West Columbus	2-4	9-6	Fairmont	1-5	4-7
East Columbus	1-5	2-11	St. Pauls	1-5	3-9
South Robeson	0-6	1-10	West Columbus	0-6	0-6

Saturday's results

A.C. Reynolds at Whiteville (postponed in first inning by rain).

Today's game

Whiteville at New Hanover, 6

Tuesday's games

Whiteville at South Columbus, 7
East Columbus at West Columbus, 7
St. Pauls at Fairmont, 7
Red Springs at South Robeson, 7

Today's game

Whiteville at New Hanover, 6

Tuesday's games

Whiteville at South Columbus, 7
East Columbus at West Columbus, 7
St. Pauls at Fairmont, 7
Red Springs at South Robeson, 7

Optimist Dixie Youth Baseball League to open 47th season on Saturday

The Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth Baseball League will open its 47th season on Saturday, April 9, with a full slate of games beginning at 10 a.m. at Optimist Park.

Opening Ceremonies will be at 12 noon on Harritan Field and will feature the traditional on-the-field introduction of all players and coaches for all league divisions -- AA (ages 6-8), AAA (ages 9-10), and Majors (ages 11-12) along with remarks from both Dixie and local officials.

The Whiteville Optimist DY League was chartered in 1970 and has been operating at Optimist Park since 1974. The Optimist League is the oldest continuing DY League in North Carolina.

The opening day schedule:

(Memorial Field)	10 a.m.	AA	Civilians vs. J. Ray Realty
(Harritan Field)	10 a.m.	Majors	Columbus Regional vs News Reporter
(Harritan Field)	12 noon	OPENING CEREMONIES (ALL TEAMS)	
(Memorial Field)	1:30 p.m.	AA	Quality Cleaners vs. BB&T Phone 24
(Harritan Field)	1:30 p.m.	Majors	BB&T vs. Car City
(Harritan Field)	3:00 p.m.	AAA	Quality Ford vs Southeast Primary Care
(Harritan Field)	4:30 p.m.	AAA	First Bank vs Southern Tire and Muffler

A \$2 admission will be charged to adults to benefit the Dixie Youth Scholarship Fund.



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

East Columbus High School softball players (left to right), Kelsey Carroll, Valerie Carter, Kaleigh Patrick and Kailey Paul were named to the Beach Diamond Classic All-Tournament team after pacing the Lady Gators to the tournament championship. The ECHS squad defeated host West Brunswick 9-6 in 10 innings to clinch the title.

Champions

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say, "It was a heckuva game. We fought hard all night and got out of some tough jams. I could not be more proud of a group of young ladies than I am of these tonight."

East Columbus improves to 8-4 overall. They will return to Three Rivers Conference action when they travel to West Columbus Tuesday.

South Columbus overtook and pulled away from East Forsyth with 12 runs in the final four innings to claim a 16-5 win and fifth place in the Touchstone event.

Lindsey Jones singled and Mattie Johnson walked in front of Sadryne Jacobs' three-run homer in the top of the third. Jacobs' home run, her

third of the tournament, gave the Stallions a 4-2 lead. The Eagles took advantage of two hits and two South Columbus errors to regain the lead with three runs of their own in the bottom of the same frame.

Taylor Turbeville, Victoria Harrelson and Jones had singles in the fourth to put South back in front to stay 6-5.

The Stallions added three more runs in the fifth. Johnson and Jacobs walked. Anna Caroline Suggs' sac fly scored one run. Turbeville's single plated another. She scored later on a passed ball. Singles by A.C. Suggs, Turbeville, Harrelson and Jones, sacrifice bunts by Hailey Sarvis and Carson Powell, two walks and four stolen bases moved the score to 16-5.

Alexis Suggs shut out the Eagles in the final four innings. For the game, Suggs allowed eight hits, two earned runs, walked two and struck out one. Harrelson led the Stallion offense. She had three hits, scored three runs and stole three bases. Jones was 3-for-5 with two RBIs. Turbeville collected three hits. Jacobs had four runs batted in. Carson Powell stole three bases.

South Columbus is 10-3 overall. The Lady Stallions travel today to Scotland County for a non-conference tilt. The Stallions host a key TRC match-up Tuesday against Whiteville. South Columbus and Whiteville both currently sport 6-0 conference records.

West Brunswick notches JV Tournament title

CERRO GORDO - West Brunswick gave up a first-inning run to St. Pauls, but scored two runs of their own Wednesday in the bottom of the first.

The Trojans never trailed again as they defeated the Bulldogs 9-6 to claim the CCSN JV Baseball Tournament championship at the West Columbus High School baseball field.

West Brunswick advanced to Thursday's championship game with a hotly contested 11-10 win over Fairmont in winner's-bracket play Wednesday. St. Pauls advanced to the

finals with a 16-1 victory over West Bladen.

In the most exciting game of the tournament, Fairmont came from five runs down in the bottom of the seventh to defeat West Bladen 16-15. Fairmont's win earned them third place.

South Columbus bounced back after an opening-round loss to defeat West Columbus 14-3 and East Columbus 19-9. The Stallions finished with a 2-1 record and a fifth-place finish. East Columbus defeated Whiteville 15-10 in day two action.

Host West Columbus topped Whiteville 17-3 for seventh place.

Whiteville Dixie Boys Baseball registrations are under way

Registrations for participation in Whiteville Dixie Boys (ages 13-14) Baseball teams are underway and will run

through May 9 at City Hall. Registration fee is \$15 for city residents and \$25 for non-city residents.

For questions and further information, contact Charlotte Almada at 642-9052.

TV EVENING VIEWER

WUNC-TV April 4-10, 2016

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
Monday	Antiques Roadshow		Our State		Independent Lens			BBC WN
Tuesday	10 Homes Changed America		Secrets Of Saint John Paul		Frontline		Point Taken	BBC WN
Wed.	Nature		Nova				Being Served	BBC WN
Thursday	NC Now	Exploring NC	NC Weekend	Reel South			Keep Up App.	BBC WN
Friday	Washington Wk	NC Weekend	Jazz					
Saturday	Midsomer Murders		Rosemary And Thyme		Doctor Blake Mysteries		Luther	
Sunday	Call The Midwife		Grantchester Season 2		Mr. Selfidge Season 4 Master		EastEnders	

MONDAY EVENING

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
BROADCAST	Dancing with the Stars (TVPG) (N) HD	Big Bang (TV14) (N) HD	Scorpion: "Fish Filet" (TV14) (N) HD	Castle (TV14) (N) HD	Local	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) HD	Nightline (TV14) (N) HD		
CBS	NCIS: Los Angeles (TV14) (N) HD	The Voice: "The Knockouts, Part 3" (N) HD	Blindspot (TV14) (N) HD	Local Programs	Local	Local	Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	Late Late Show (TV14) (N) HD		
FOX	Gotham (TV14) (N) HD	(C01) Lucifer: "Pilot" (TV14) (N) HD	Local Programs	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Local Programs	Local Programs		
ION	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds: "Bully" (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds: "200" (TV14) (N) HD			
A&E	O.J. Speaks: The Hidden Tapes (N) HD	Bates (N) HD	Damen (TV14) (N) HD	The First 48 (TV14) (N) HD	Bates (N) HD	Damen (TV14) (N) HD				
AMC	Better Call Saul (N) HD	Better Call Saul (N) HD	Better Call Saul (N) HD	Better Call Saul (N) HD	Better Call Saul (N) HD	Better Call Saul (N) HD	Planet of the Apes (01) (TV14) (N) HD			
ANIMAL	Tanked (TVPG) (N) HD	Tanked (TVPG) (N) HD	Tanked (TVPG) (N) HD	Treehouse Masters (N) HD	Treehouse Masters (N) HD	Treehouse Masters (N) HD	(C04) Tanked (TVPG) (N) HD			
BET	Dreamgirls (06, PG-13) (N) HD	Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé (N) HD	Martin (TV14) (N) HD	Wendy Williams (N) HD	Wendy Williams (N) HD	Wendy Williams (N) HD				
BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules (N) HD	Southern Charm (N) HD	Vanderpump Rules (N) HD	Watch What Happens (N) HD	Southern Charm (N) HD	Vanderpump Rules (N) HD				
CARTOON	King of Hill (TV14) (N) HD	Bob's Burgers (TV14) (N) HD	Dad (N) HD	Family Guy (TV14) (N) HD	Family Guy (TV14) (N) HD	Family Guy (TV14) (N) HD	Robot (TV14) (N) HD	Squid (TV14) (N) HD		
CMT	Last Man Standing (TV14) (N) HD	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (05, PG-13) (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	Reba (N) HD	Reba (N) HD		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	CNN Tonight (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	CNN Newsroom (N) HD	CNN Newsroom (N) HD				
COMEDY	South Park (TV14) (N) HD	South Park (TV14) (N) HD	South Park (TV14) (N) HD	Daily Show (TV14) (N) HD	Nightly (N) HD	Nightly (N) HD	Not Safe (N) HD	Not Safe (N) HD		
DISCOVERY	Street Outlaws: Full (N) HD	Street Outlaws (N) HD	Midnight Garage (N) HD	Street Outlaws (N) HD	Midnight Garage (N) HD	Midnight Garage (N) HD				
DISNEY	Princess Protection Program (09) (N) HD	BUNK'D (N) HD	Liv (N) HD	Stuck (N) HD	Girl Meets (N) HD	Undercover (N) HD	Jessie (N) HD	Jessie (N) HD		
E!	Fashion Police (N) HD	El News (N) HD	Top Ten (N) HD	SportsCenter: "At the Final Four" (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD				
ESPN	(7:00) MLB Baseball: Los Angeles vs San Diego (N) HD	NFL Live (N) HD	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (Live) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Gake Wars (TV G) (N) HD	Gake Wars (TV G) (N) HD		
ESPN2	(7:00) Coll. GameDay (N) HD	NFL Live (N) HD	MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (Live) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Gake Wars (TV G) (N) HD	Gake Wars (TV G) (N) HD		
FOOD	Cake Wars (TV G) (N) HD	Cake Wars (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Gake Wars (TV G) (N) HD	Gake Wars (TV G) (N) HD		
FREEMFORM	Rock of Ages (12, PG-13) (N) HD	Julianne Hough, Diego Boneta (N) HD	Gravity (13, PG-13) (N) HD	Man of Steel (13) (N) HD	Man of Steel (13) (N) HD	Man of Steel (13) (N) HD				
FX	Gravity (13, PG-13) (N) HD	Julianne Hough, Diego Boneta (N) HD	Gravity (13, PG-13) (N) HD	Man of Steel (13) (N) HD	Man of Steel (13) (N) HD	Man of Steel (13) (N) HD				
H&TV	Listed Sisters (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD	Hunters (TV14) (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD				
HISTORY	Swamp People (N) HD	Swamp People (N) HD	Billion Dollar Wreck (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD	Tiny House (TV14) (N) HD				
LIFETIME	You Again (10, PG) (N) HD	Kristen Bell (N) HD	The Nanny Diaries (07, PG-13) (N) HD	You Again (10, PG) (N) HD	You Again (10, PG) (N) HD	You Again (10, PG) (N) HD				
MTV	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD				
NICK	Thunderman (TV14) (N) HD	Bella (TV14) (N) HD	Full House (TV14) (N) HD	Full House (TV14) (N) HD	Full House (TV14) (N) HD	Full House (TV14) (N) HD				
SPIKE	Cops (N) HD	Cops (N) HD	Cops (N) HD	Cops (N) HD	Cops (N) HD	Cops (N) HD				
SYFY	Batman Forever (95) (N) HD	The Magicians (N) HD	Wynonna Earp (N) HD	Bitten (N) HD	The Magicians (N) HD	The Magicians (N) HD				
TBS	(7:00) Champ. Central (N) HD	2016 NCAA Basketball Tournament: "Championship" (Live) (N) HD	Inside (N) HD	State's Attorney (32, NR) (N) HD	State's Attorney (32, NR) (N) HD	State's Attorney (32, NR) (N) HD				
TCM	Don Juan (26, NR) (N) HD	John Barrymore (N) HD	A Bill of Divorcement (32, NR) (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD				
TLC	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD	My 40 Year Old Child (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD	Born Schizophrenic (N) HD				
TNT	Iron Man 2 (10) (N) HD	2016 NCAA Basketball Tournament: "National Champ." (Live) (N) HD	Animal Kingdom (N) HD	Book (10) (N) HD	Book (10) (N) HD	Book (10) (N) HD				
TRAVEL	Bizarre (N) HD	Bizarre Foods (N) HD	Bizarre Foods (N) HD	Bizarre Foods (N) HD	Bizarre Foods (N) HD	Bizarre Foods (N) HD				
TV LAND	Raymond (TV14) (N) HD	Loves Raymond (TV14) (N) HD	Raymond (TV14) (N) HD	Queens (TV14) (N) HD	Queens (TV14) (N) HD	Queens (TV14) (N) HD				
USA	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (N) HD	Black Ink Crew (N) HD	Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD				
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	Black Ink Crew (N) HD	Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD				
WGN	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD	Person of Interest (N) HD				
HBO	Magic Mike XXL (15) (N) HD	Mapplethorpe: Look at the Pictures (16, NR) (N) HD	How I Met How I Met (N) HD	How I Met How I Met (N) HD	How I Met How I Met (N) HD	How I Met How I Met (N) HD				
MAX	Banshee (TVMA) (N) HD	The Specialist (94, R) (N) HD	(5:00) Vice (15, R) (N) HD	Thomas Jane, Bruce Willis (N) HD	Thomas Jane, Bruce Willis (N) HD	Thomas Jane, Bruce Willis (N) HD				
SHOW	Shameless (TVMA) (N) HD	Billions (TVMA) (N) HD	Shameless (TVMA) (N) HD	Billions (TVMA) (N) HD	Billions (TVMA) (N) HD	Billions (TVMA) (N) HD				

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BROADCAST	Fresh Off (TV14) (N) HD	O'Neals (TV14) (N) HD	S.H.I.E.L.D. (N) HD	Beyond the Tank (N) HD	Local	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) HD	Nightline (TV14) (N) HD		
CBS	NCIS: "Charade" (N) HD	NCIS: New Orleans (N) HD	Chicago Med: "Us" (N) HD	Chicago Fire (N) HD	Chicago Fire (N) HD	Chicago Fire (N) HD				
FOX	American Idol (TVPG) (N) HD	Brooklyn (TV14) (N) HD	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs				
ION	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD	Criminal Minds (TV14) (N) HD				
A&E	Storage (TV14) (N) HD	Storage (TV14) (N) HD	Storage (TV14) (N) HD	Storage (TV14) (N) HD	Storage (TV14) (N) HD	Storage (TV14) (N) HD				
AMC	Jurassic Park (93, PG-13) (N) HD	Sam Neill, Richard Gere (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD	Killer Hornets from Hell (N) HD	The Hunt for Hogzilla (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD				
ANIMAL	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD	Man-Eating Croc (N) HD				
BET	Black Girls Rock! 2016 (TVPG) (N) HD	Real Housewives Beverly Hills (TV14) (N) HD	Chasing Destiny (N) HD	Black Girls Rock! 2016 (TVPG) (N) HD	Black Girls Rock! 2016 (TVPG) (N) HD	Black Girls Rock! 2016 (TVPG) (N) HD				
BRAVO	Housewives (TV14) (N) HD	Real Housewives Beverly Hills (TV14) (N) HD	Housewives (TV14) (N) HD	Housewives (TV14) (N) HD	Housewives (TV14) (N) HD	Housewives (TV14) (N) HD				
CARTOON	King of Hill (TV14) (N) HD	Bob's Burgers (TV14) (N) HD	Dad (N) HD	Family Guy (TV14) (N) HD	Family Guy (TV14) (N) HD	Family Guy (TV14) (N) HD	Robot (TV14) (N) HD	Squid (TV14) (N) HD		
CMT	Last Man Standing (TV14) (N) HD	Son in Law (93, PG-13) (N) HD	Paula Shore, Carla Gugino (N) HD	Reba (N) HD	Reba (N) HD	Reba (N) HD				
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	CNN Tonight (N) HD	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) HD	CNN Newsroom (N) HD	CNN Newsroom (N) HD				
COMEDY	Tosh.0 (N) HD	Tosh.0 (N) HD	Tosh.0 (N) HD	Tosh.0 (N) HD	Tosh.0 (N) HD	Tosh.0 (N) HD				
DISCOVERY	Deadliest Catch (N) HD	Deadliest Catch (N) HD	Deadliest Catch (N) HD	Deadliest Catch (N) HD	Deadliest Catch (N) HD	Deadliest Catch (N) HD				
DISNEY	Frememies (12, NR) (N) HD	Bella Thorne, Jessie J (N) HD	Dance Squad (N) HD	Stuck (N) HD	Girl Meets (N) HD	Undercover (N) HD	Jessie (N) HD	Jessie (N) HD		
E!	Total Divas: "Clothes" (N) HD	Total Divas (N) HD	Dance Squad (N) HD	Stuck (N) HD	Girl Meets (N) HD	Undercover (N) HD	Jessie (N) HD	Jessie (N) HD		
ESPN	NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament (Live) (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD	SportsCenter (N) HD				
ESPN2	ESPN Films: "Catching Hell" (N) HD	30 for 30 (N) HD	NFL Live (N) HD	30 for 30 (N) HD	30 for 30 (N) HD	30 for 30 (N) HD				
FOOD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD	Chopped (TV G) (N) HD				
FREEMFORM	Shadowhunters (N) HD	Shadowhunters (N) HD	Shadowhunters (N) HD	Shadowhunters (N) HD	Shadowhunters (N) HD	Shadowhunters (N) HD				
FX	(7:00) Marvel's The Avengers (12, PG-13) (N) HD	People v. O.J. (N) HD	The Americans (N) HD	People v. O.J. (N) HD	The Americans (N) HD	The Americans (N) HD				
H&TV	Fixer Upper (TV G) (N) HD	Fixer Upper (TV G) (N) HD	Hunters (TV14) (N) HD	Good Bones (N) HD	Fixer Upper (TV G) (N) HD	Fixer Upper (TV G) (N) HD				
HISTORY	Cars (N) HD	Cars (N) HD	Forged in Fire (N) HD	Forged in Fire (N) HD	Forged in Fire (N) HD	Forged in Fire (N) HD				
LIFETIME	Dance Moms (N) HD	Dance Moms (N) HD	(C02) Sister Act (92, PG) (N) HD	Whoopi Goldberg (N) HD	(C02) Sister Act (92, PG) (N) HD	(C02) Sister Act (92, PG) (N) HD				
MTV	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Teen Mom 2 (N) HD	Awkward. Faking It (N) HD	Employee of the Month (06, PG-13) (N) HD	Employee of the Month (06, PG-13) (N) HD	Employee of the Month (06, PG-13) (N) HD				
NICK	Thunderman (TV14) (N) HD	Bella (TV14) (N) HD	Full House (TV14) (N) HD	Friends (TV14) (N) HD	Friends (TV14) (N) HD	Friends (TV14) (N) HD				
SPIKE	Iron Master (TV14) (N) HD	Iron Master (TV14) (N) HD	Iron Master (TV14) (N) HD	Iron Master (TV14) (N) HD	Iron Master (TV14) (N) HD	Iron Master (TV14) (N) HD				
SYFY	(7:00) Superman (78, PG) (N) HD	Christopher Reeve (N) HD	Superman II (81, PG) (N) HD	Gene Hackman, Christopher Reeve (N) HD	Gene Hackman, Christopher Reeve (N) HD	Gene Hackman, Christopher Reeve (N) HD				
TBS	Big Bang (TV14) (N) HD	Greatest Makers (N) HD	Separation Anxiety (N) HD	Conan (TV14) (N) HD	Broke Girls (TV14) (N) HD	Conan (TV14) (N) HD				
TCM	Cape Fear (62, NR) (N) HD	Gregory Peck (N) HD	To Kill a Mockingbird (63, NR) (N) HD	Gregory Peck (TVPG) (N) HD	Gregory Peck (TVPG) (N) HD	Gregory Peck (TVPG) (N) HD				
TLC	(C05) Jill & Jessa (N) HD	Jill & Jessa (N) HD	The Willis Family (N) HD	Jill & Jessa (TV14) (N) HD	The Willis Family (N) HD	The Willis Family (N) HD				
TNT	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Miami Heat (Live) (N) HD	NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Golden State (Live) (N) HD	NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Golden State (Live) (N) HD	NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Golden State (Live) (N) HD	NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Golden State (Live) (N) HD	NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Golden State (Live) (N) HD				
TRAVEL	Bizarre Foods America (TV14) (N) HD	Bizarre (N) HD	Booze Traveler (N) HD	Bizarre Foods America (TV14) (N) HD	Bizarre Foods America (TV14) (N) HD	Bizarre Foods America (TV14) (N) HD				
TV LAND	Raymond (TV14) (N) HD	Loves Raymond (TV14) (N) HD	Raymond (TV14) (N) HD	Queens (TV14) (N) HD	Queens (TV14) (N) HD	Queens (TV14) (N) HD				
USA	Modern (TV14) (N) HD	Modern (TV14) (N) HD	Modern (TV14) (N) HD	Modern (TV14) (N) HD	Modern (TV14) (N) HD	Modern (TV14) (N) HD				
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) HD	Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD				
WGN	U.S. Marshals (98) (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD	Outsiders: "Mortan" (N) HD				
HBO	Vinyl: "E.A.B." (N) HD	A Walk Among the Tombstones (14, R) (N) HD	Together (N) HD	Vacation (15, R) (N) HD	Ed Helms (N) HD	Ed Helms (N) HD				
MAX	(C20) Indisious: Chapter 3 (N) HD	(15, PG-13) (N) HD	Godzilla (14, PG-13) (N) HD	Aaron Taylor-Johnson (N) HD	Banshee (TVMA) (N) HD	Banshee (TVMA) (N) HD				
SHOW	Billions (TVMA) (N) HD	60 Minutes Sports (N) HD	Shameless (TVMA) (N) HD	60 Minutes Sports (N) HD	Inversion (14, NR) (N) HD	Inversion (14, NR) (N) HD				

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**Notice of Public Hearing
Whiteville City Council**

The Whiteville City Council will hold a public hearing as follows:

Date: April 12, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow

Meeting Location: Whiteville City Hall, 24 Hill Plaza

Conditional Use Permit: Request from Charles G. McClure, III for a conditional use permit for a solar energy system, large scale (solar farm) at 4159 James B White Highway South (tax parcel #4974).

Citizens interested in the proposal are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. Changes may be made in the above proposal as a result of debate, objection, or discussion.

Hiram J. Marziano, II

City of Whiteville

Planning Director

910-640-1380

March 28, April 4, 2016

Notice of Sale

J. LIONEL TODD INVESTMENTS, INC, successor to the Storage Place, P.O. Box 441, Whiteville, NC 28472,

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will hold a public sale to dispose of various items of personal property, pursuant to the assertion of a lien for rental at its storage facility.

The Sale will be conducted at the following Storage Facility locations: The Storage Place 325 Strawberry Blvd. Chadbourn, NC 28431

The Storage Place 210 7th Ave Chadbourn, NC 28431

The Storage Place 213 E. Main St. Whiteville, NC 28472

DATE OF SALE: April 9, 2016
TIME OF SALE: 325 Strawberry Blvd: 10:00 am

210 7th Ave: Immediately following Strawberry Blvd Sale

213 E. Main St, Whiteville Immediately following 7th Ave sale

Unit #110 Carlton Moody
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J. LIONEL TODD INVESTMENTS, INC, (successor to the Storage Place) BY: HENRIETTA TODD
MARCH 28, APRIL 4, 2016

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY Special Proceedings No. 15 SP 176

Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass
Date of Sale: April 6, 2016
Time of Sale: 2:00 p.m.

Place of Sale: Columbus County Courthouse

Description of Property: Lying and being in Bogue Township, Columbus County, North Carolina:

That certain 1.11 acre tract or parcel of property located in Bogue Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, bounded on the North by lands of Michael Glenn Soles, et ux, described in Deed recorded in Book 890, Page 231, Columbus County Registry and by lands of Terry E. Soles, et ux described in Deed recorded in Book 537, Page 809, said Registry; bounded on the South by the Northern margin of SR 1714 (Old Wilmington Road); bounded on the East by lands of Terry E. Soles described in Deed recorded in Book 381, Page 500, said Registry; and bounded on the West by lands of Michael Glenn Soles, et al described in Deed recorded in Book 357, Page 829, said Registry, and being as more fully shown and delineated on that certain map entitled "Survey for Conveyance to Janet S. Pennell", dated January 18, 2008 prepared by Samuel Landy Anderson, II. PLS. Said map is recorded in Deed Book 940, Page 929 of the Columbus County Registry and is incorporated herein by reference the same as if fully set forth hereunder.

Being the same land as that conveyed by Margaret Soles, et al to Janel S. Pennell by Deed dated March 21, 2008 recorded in Deed Book 940, Page 927, Columbus County Registry.

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The above described property is the same property as conveyed in Deed dated September 16, 2008 from Janet S. Pennell to Joshua Adam Hammonds recorded in Book 941, Page 540 of the Columbus County Registry.

Property Address: 525 Old Wilmington Road, Whiteville, NC 28472
Parcel ID#: 93206
(Description of Manufactured Home)
Make: CMH Year: 2009 Model: VALUE I

Serial Number(s): HHCO17929NC (the "Manufactured Home" herein)
Record Owners: Joshua Adam Hammonds

Address of Property: 525 Old Wilmington Road Whiteville, NC 28472

Deed of Trust:
Book: RB 945 Page: 60
Dated: October 27, 2008
Grantors: Joshua Adam Hammonds, unmarried

Original Beneficiary: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

CONDITIONS OF SALE: Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of Forty-five Cents (45c) 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 bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax.

A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance 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 open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law. Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Dated: 03.09.2016
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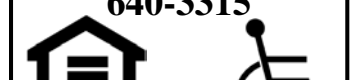
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Original Beneficiary: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

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Notice of Foreclosure Sale

NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY
Special Proceedings No. 15 SP 160
Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass
Date of Sale: April 13, 2016
Time of Sale: 11:00 a.m.
Place of Sale: Columbus County Courthouse

Description of Property:
Lying and being in Chadbourn Township, Columbus County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake, said stake being located in Southwestern corner of the lands hereinafter described and said beginning stake being located North 89 degrees 00 minutes East 200.27 feet from an iron stake located in the Eastern margin of SR 1436 which iron stake is located North 89 degrees 00 minutes South 02 degrees 00 minutes 30.04 feet from an iron stake located in center of SR 1436 which stake is located South 02 degrees 00 minutes West 509.48 feet from a nail located in the center of the intersection of SR 1436 and NC Highway 130 (Old US Highway 74-76) and runs thence from the beginning point North 02 degrees 00 minutes East 212.80 feet to an iron stake and runs thence North 85 degrees 50 minutes East 102.45 feet to an iron stake; and runs thence South 02 degrees 00 minutes West 218.46 feet to an iron stake; and runs thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes West 102.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.50 acres more or less.

Being the same property as conveyed to grantor from Furnie Glenn Nobles and wife Mary Alice Nobles, husband and wife, by deed dated January 16, 1989, and recorded in Deed Book 399, page 132, Columbus County Registry.

Record Owners: Heirs of Hazel Lee Foster

Address of Property: 93 Maple Lane Chadbourn, NC 28431

Deed of Trust:
Book : 594 Page: 400
Dated: June 23, 1999

Grantors: Hazel Lee Foster, unmarried
Original Beneficiary: The Money Centre, Inc.

CONDITIONS OF SALE: Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of Forty-five Cents (45c) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

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Philip A. Glass,
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5540 Centerview Drive Suite 416
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April 4, 11, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Luetta P. Lennon, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 21st day of March, 2016.

Albert Singletary,
Executor of the estate of
Luetta P. Lennon,
20356 NC Hwy 410
Bladenboro, NC 28320
March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2016

Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COLUMBUS COUNTY
11SP243

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY ERIC STACY YOUNG AND LINETTE JACOBS DATED JUNE 20, 2006 AND RECORDED IN BOOK RB 856 AT PAGE 658 IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Park it in the CLASSIFIEDS and watch it go fast!



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Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 11:30AM on April 11, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Tract #3 containing 2.29 acres, more or less, as shown and delineated on map prepared by Barry L. Barber, RLS dated June 6, 1997 and recorded in Map Book 63 at Page 85 Columbus County Registry. And Being more commonly known as: 3165 Pocosin Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Eric Stacy Young.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized represen-

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tative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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The date of this Notice is March 9, 2016.
Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway,
Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
(704) 333-8107
<http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/11-020273>
March 28, April 4, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of William M. Brown, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 28th day of March, 2016.

Aaron Stacy Turner,
Executor of the estate of

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William M. Brown,
801 Bertonley Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28211
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2016

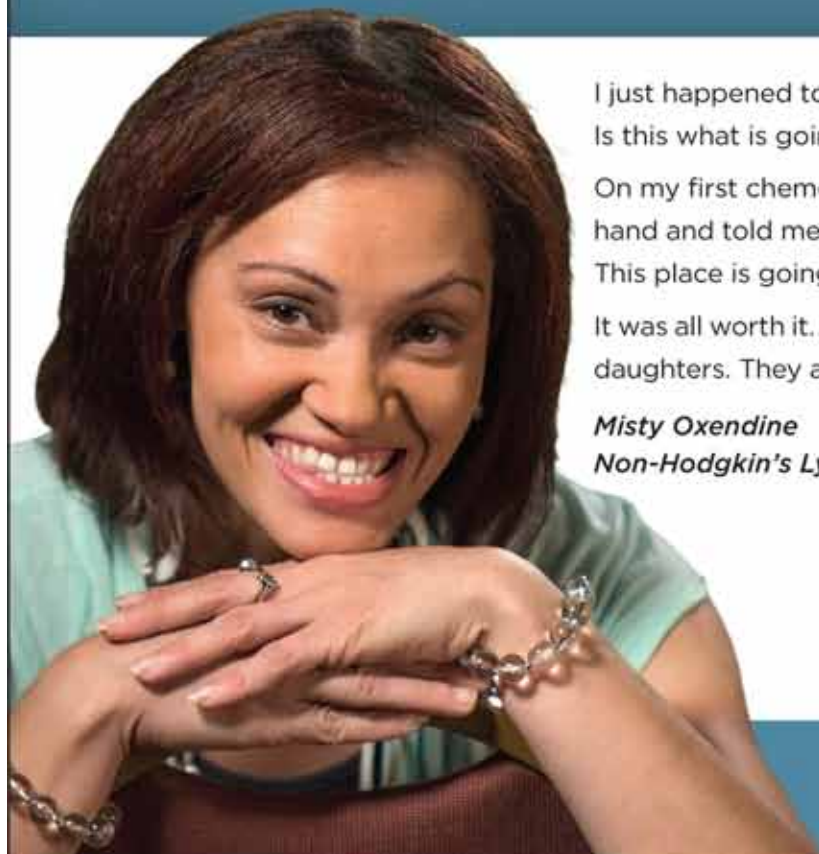
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
The undersigned, RODNEY HAL SINGLETARY AND LINDA LOUISE WEEKS, have qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of EVELYN M. SINGLETARY, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 28, 2016, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address: This the 28th day of March, 2016.

RODNEY HAL SINGLETARY,
CO-EXECUTOR
47 Pages Lane
Thomasville, GA 31792
LINDA LOUISE WEEKS,
CO-EXECUTRIX
20 Park Place, Apt. 1
Lenox, GA 31637
LISA P. GREENE
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Attorneys at Law
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Whiteville, NC 28472
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2016



“Life is going amazing.”



I just happened to rub my neck one day and felt a knot. Being told I had cancer, I thought, Is this what is going to take me out of this world? Am I going to die at 22?

On my first chemo treatment, my nurse, Michelle, came in with a smile, sat down, held my hand and told me every was going to be alright. When I saw that smile, I thought, Oh, yes. This place is going to be amazing.

It was all worth it. I've been in remission for 10 years, and now, I'm a mother of two beautiful daughters. They are my miracle children.

Misty Oxendine
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Survivor



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