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Did you observe ...

Whiteville City Manager Darren Currie and County Commissioner Ricky Bullard comparing ties at the R.J. Corman ribbon cutting Tuesday? Currie had on a silver tie covered with baseballs while Bullard had one with several patriotic scenes, including the Declaration of Independence. ... The youngsters from Trinity preschool with the cute stickers they wore home to remind parents that picture day was the next day? ...

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Staff photos by ALLEN TURNER

Shawna Bramblett, Sandy Adams, Sen. Bill Rabon and April Colyer cut the ribbon Tuesday in Chadbourn to officially open R.J. Corman Railroad's Carolinas Line. Bramblett and Colyer are the daughters of the company's late founder, Rick Corman, and Adams is Corman's sister.

Ribbon-cutting ushers in new era of rail service here

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Freight traffic along the former Carolina Southern Rail line resumed this week for the first time in five years. More than 200 celebrated the event Tuesday as three family members of the late Rick Corman and a Fair Bluff native who now serves in the state Senate cut a ribbon in Chadbourn to officially mark the opening of the R.J. Corman Railroad Company's Carolina Lines. Shawna Bramblett and April Colyer, daughters of the rail line founder, and Corman's sister, Sandy Adams, were joined by Sen. Bill

Rabon. The chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, Rabon was instrumental in obtaining state seed money for the purchase of the idle local railroad by the R.J. Corman group. Corman President Craig King told the crowd, "We're very excited to be here. Rick Corman raised us in this business, which he started with a rented dump truck and a backhoe." He said that Corman, who died of cancer in 2013 at age 58, "built this company with extremely hard work and an overwhelming zeal for relationships and love of people. Our people work harder than anybody you know because that's the way they were raised."

The company currently employs more than 1,600 people in 24 states and will have 30 people working in the Chadbourn rail yard. Headquartered in Nicholasville, Ky, the company operates 11 short line railroads in nine states. The Corman group of companies also provides emergency rail services associated with derailments and natural disasters, switching, track construction, track material distribution, signal design/construction, aircraft maintenance, building switching locomotives and operates two dinner trains. The Corman group obtained the

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9-year-old saves man's life

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Riley Etheridge, 9, got an early start on her desire to become a doctor. She saved a man's life Easter Sunday. Christopher Etheridge of Delco said he and his daughter had stopped at the B.P. station on Jefferson Street just past the hospital, and as he was pumping gas Riley was standing behind the truck door. They noticed that a man came out of the station, fell down and started shaking all over. Riley ran to him, felt for a pulse and when she didn't find one, she began beating him in the chest. After hitting him four or five times she felt again for a pulse and found it. Christopher said the man had foam coming from his mouth, and was apparently having a seizure. By this time he had also run to the man and cleared vomit from his mouth by rolling him on his side. A call to 911 brought EMTs to the scene. By that time, the man had stabilized and was transported to the hospital. Etheridge said he was amazed at Riley's actions and ability to make the man start breathing again. "I realized that the first minute or two are most important if you're having a heart attack," he said. He said the man might have been having a diabetic seizure but Riley couldn't get a pulse until she hit him in the chest. "I got the vomit out of his mouth to clear his airway and had



Riley and Christopher Etheridge

rubber gloves in his mouth," he said. "When I heard him take a big breath I knew he was OK. I was so proud of Riley. I couldn't believe it. It was amazing watching her

beat him in the chest and getting a pulse. It made me proud." Frank Walters drove up during the excitement. See Saves life, page 8-A

Victim's son scolds two for father's 2013 murder

Both used money to buy, smoke crack cocaine

By BOB HIGH
Staff Writer

"You showed no conscience or remorse when you murdered and robbed him (my father), and smoked crack all night with his money," Eddie Jerome Best's son said in a statement read in Superior Court here Monday prior to Beverly Devon Williams being sentenced to prison for second-degree murder. Williams, 34, of West Columbus Street, Whiteville, was sentenced to 166 to 212 months (15 to 18 years) after she pleaded in the death of Best on May 24, 2013 in her home. She has a credit of 1,038 days. Demetric Ladale Gray, 33, of Whiteville and Chadbourn, is a co-defendant in the murder. Gray's case is pending disposition.



Williams

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
Victim's son

Kendrick Hill also noted in his victim's impact statement that his brother, Eddie Best Jr., was shot to death 16 months before the elder Best was killed. 17 hours "I know they put his (the father) deceased date as May 25, but ya'll murdered him the night before and they didn't find his body until May 25, the following day. Ya'll left him laying on the floor all night and half the next day - for 17 hours," Hill's statement pointed out. Best was stabbed and strangled, and money taken from his body and used by Williams and Gray, according to police records, to buy and smoke crack cocaine. "My wife and I purchased our first home last year, and I know my father would of been See Murder, page 4-A

Old 74 to close April 6 at highway; Old Lake to detour

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Two major county roads will close next week for improvements. Old Lake Road near East Columbus High School will close for bridge construction, while Old 74 (State Road 1574) will close for overpass construction at U.S. 74-76. "It's a busy time of the year," said Rusty Marsh of the Department of Transportation. The Old Lake Road project includes replacing both of the bridges over Slap Swamp. The bridges have been damaged due to numerous vehicle crashes, and repaired several times. The bridges were built around 1951, according to the Department of Transportation. Motorists will have a signed detour from N.C. 211 to U.S. 74-76, Marsh said. The new bridges should reopen by early October. Local drivers will be allowed within the closed section of the road to reach residences, Marsh said. The work is part of an \$11.6-million dollar contract awarded to E.S. Wagner Company of Piedmont, S.C. to replace 16 bridges in Columbus County. The other project will last longer, and potentially affects even more motorists. The overpass project near Evergreen will begin April 6 and last through September 2017, Marsh said. BMCO Construction of Lumberton is in charge of the project, which is part See Roads, page 9-A

Grading papers with mom led Wright to teach

By **SHALON SMITH**
Contributing Writer

Tabor City Elementary School’s 2016 Teacher of the Year Amy Baxter Wright remembers when her mother was a substitute teacher and the excitement she felt when she’d help her mom grade papers.

“I thought that was something I could do,” she said.

As a child, Wright would “teach” her stuffed animals lessons from her spelling and math books on an old chalkboard and thought it would be “cool” to do that for a living. Following in her mother’s footsteps, Wright worked as a substitute teacher so she could gain experience with different grade levels at various schools in Columbus County.

After completing an associate’s degree at Southeastern Community College, Wright chose elementary education as her specialty. She earned a B.A. in education at UNC-Wilmington and a Master’s in reading education from UNC-Pembroke.

She has been teaching fifth grade at TCES for 23 years. She taught all subjects in self-contained classrooms the first 15 years. She taught reading and language arts for eight years. This year she is teaching math.

Wright said teaching Latin and Greek root words and their derivatives was a favorite topic of hers in language arts.

“How exciting it would be to hear students say they figured out the meaning of an unknown word by taking the word segment apart bit by bit and then pulling the meaning together,” Wright said.

She enjoys the cycle of student learning as well as



Amy Wright monitors a student’s progress on a math game.

how they mature into young citizens.

Wright admits a challenging aspect of teaching is help-

ing her students to see the big picture and to be independent learners.

The math concept of hav-

ing “number sense” is one Wright would like rising fifth graders and their parents to know. Number sense is having



Amy Wright watches students work through math games on Chromebooks.

the ability to “ask questions about solutions making sense, being reasonable, and seeing how math is used in the real world—sports, buying snacks, dividing candy, figuring lapsed time,” she said.

“There are different ways to come to a solution to math problems,” she said.

Wright said her most memorable teaching moment from a past student project was when a parent told her that *Tuck Everlasting*, a novel her students studied in class over six weeks, changed her daughter’s life.

Wright remembers the student doing well academically, but not being quite fond of reading.

“I was personally passionate about this novel and it sparked an interest in the little girl, making her realize that reading and literature could take her so many places and live out many adventures. When her mother told me how her daughter gained a new perspective about reading, I got the most profound warm and fuzzy feeling,” she said.

Wright said she was happy that her co-workers had nominated her for Teacher of the Year, but when she saw her name on the school marquee on a rough weather day in February, she was also concerned.

“I texted my principal that the high winds may blow off the letters to my name,” she laughed.

Wright lives in Tabor City just a block from TCES and grew up living across the street from the school. She remembers being teased by a former principal for driving to school some days when she lived across the street.

“As a first-year teacher responsible for all subjects, there were a lot of teachers’ manuals to haul, so it was more efficient to drive over to unload all those books and supplies,” she said.

Wright and her husband Shane have two sons. Jay is a junior at SCHS and Drew an eighth-grader at Tabor City Middle.

They attend St. Paul United Methodist Church in Tabor City where she enjoys teaching Sunday school and vacation Bible school and helping with the youth group.

Want to be a weather volunteer?

By **CLARA CARTRETTE**
Staff Writer

The weather is something we’re all interested in and concerned about, and it is one of the most talked about subjects in the country.

Most of us wake up wondering what kind of day it will be. Even before we get out of bed, we’re wondering if we should

look for the umbrella, put on an overcoat or strip down to our shirt sleeves to enjoy the sunshine.

If you’re interested in the weather and want to be a jump ahead of others in knowing what kind of day the weather will present, you just might have a chance to get involved as a CoCoRaHS — a volunteer for the Community Collab-

orative Rain, Hail, and Snow network. This is a project of the National Weather Service to obtain a better understanding of local weather and climate patterns by taking daily weather observations using a simple low-cost rain gauge.

David Glenn, a meteorologist for National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service, is state coordinator of CoCoRaHS. It was established in North Carolina in 2007 to obtain a better understanding of local weather and climate patterns by taking daily weather observations.

If you’ve ever wondered how much rainfall you received from a recent thunderstorm or snowfall during a winter storm, this important volunteer weather observing program needs your help.

Find out more about the program at www.cocorahs.org. The CoCoRaHS program also has an extensive list of

short YouTube videos at www.youtube.com/user/cocorahs where you’ll also find an introductory training webinar, maps, newsletters, comparative weather reports and other information to familiarize you with becoming a CoCcoRaHS volunteer. The one-hour webinar goes into how to site your gauge, how to measure rainfall using the CoCoRaHS gauge, how to measure more than one inch, how to report your data and much more, including some FAQ’s.

Community Foundation accepting grant requests

The board of advisors of the Columbus County Community Foundation is accepting grant requests for projects funded from its community fund, according to Geoffrey Hopkins, board president.

Funds are available for non-profit organizations that serve general charitable needs in Columbus County. Applications are available beginning April 1. Visit nccommunityfoundation.org for information about applying. The deadline for submitting applications is noon May 3.

The Columbus County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. The community fund was established to help support local charitable needs through annual grants.

In addition to Hopkins, board members are Henry Edmund, vice-president;

Kathy Baker, Randy Britt, Jim Dimuzio, Becky High, Gary Kramer, Sterling Koonce, Terray Suggs and Andy Wayne.

For more information, contact NCCF Regional Associate Angie Brewer at 910-202-6727 or abrewer@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

Dancing with Vineland Stars tickets for sale

Dancing with the Vineland Stars is April 30 and tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased by cash or check from Meredith Jackson at the courthouse location of BB&T.

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and the event has sold out two years in a row.

For more information on who’s dancing and how to vote, visit www.vinelanddepot.com.



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Saturday fundraiser benefits Drake and Kaylee

By NICOLE CARTRETTE
News Editor

Two Cerro Gordo children who share a church family and the struggle of serious health conditions will share a fundraiser Saturday, April 2 at Porter Swamp Baptist Church in Cerro Gordo.

Kaylee Meares, 8, is the daughter of Amy Long and Darrell Meares and was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at 8 months old. “She has the lung capacity of a 90-year-old,” Long said.

Kaylee likes playing Xbox and anything outside.

“That’s what she loves to do,” Long said. “It’s been really rough this time. It has never really stopped her dead in her tracks before,” Long said of Kaylee’s last stay at Chapel Hill. “This time she was so sick.”

It is difficult for her to watch her daughter struggle to do things most 8-year-olds have no trouble doing, like running and playing.

“She needs the oxygen and she knows she needs it,” Amy said.

Long said her daughter’s condition has progressed, making it hard for her to keep a job. “I can’t work and it has really put a strain on us,” she said. “We had to move and I lost my car but I felt like I was doing what I was supposed to do at this time. I couldn’t leave her.

“It makes me feel really good that the church cares



Drake Johnson

about her so much,” Amy said. She added that she was appreciative of help other churches have provided via love offerings.

Drake Johnson, the son of Crystal and Travis Johnson, recently celebrated his third birthday. He was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect as he was about to be discharged from the hospital after his birth. He has had two previous heart surgeries and is preparing for a third

this spring.

When a laundry list of heart conditions including complete atrioventricular canal defect, pulmonary stenosis, ventricular inversion and heterotaxy syndrome were diagnosed in their infant son, the couple said they put their faith in God.

A Facebook page, Prayer for Drake, turned into much more than they ever imagined.

“This precious little boy’s parents, Travis and Crystal



Kaylee Meares

Johnson, use his condition to minister on Facebook and everywhere they go in hopes of leading others to Christ,” said Renee Kellihan.

“We are waiting on Duke to call us with a date for the next surgery,” said Crystal, who works part time at a dental practice. “They are thinking May or June.”

Crystal said hunting eggs at Easter time this year was especially tiring for Drake, who has a pulse oxygen level of 79-

82 compared to a healthy 100.

“They say as far as developmentally wise, Drake is right where he needs to be and ahead of schedule in some areas. We give God all the praise and glory,” Crystal said. “If Drake’s life story can lead just one soul to heaven, every second of his life, the tears, the anxious moments, the long hospital stays, I wouldn’t change it for anything and that’s my prayer for God to use him for His glory and for his

heart to beat every second for Jesus,” she said.

Travis, who works at McCall Farms in Florence, said Drake’s story is about the power of prayer. “Every prayer request and scenario that triggers a prayer request, believe it or not, is actually an opportunity for us to witness His glory firsthand. Because when he answers our prayers, that is what He is doing,” Travis said. “We all have to give it all to the Lord and trust 100 percent that he’s going to take care of it. Drake still has problems but it could always have been worse. Look at Drake now. He just turned 3 years old. This is answered prayer ...”

The Saturday, April 2 fundraiser is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Porter Swamp Baptist Church, 8975 Andrew Jackson Hwy. in Cerro Gordo.

“You may or may not know, but when your child is in the hospital there are a lot of added expenses that you have on top of your everyday bills. Not only do you have your regular bills, such as your house, car, light, water, and other bills but now you have hotel, food and extra fuel needs,” Renee Kellihan said. “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.”

Workforce training at SCC

Southeastern Community College will offer several workforce continuing education classes in the following weeks: Beekeeping, NFPA 70E Arc Flash, General Industry Forklift Certification, NC EPA Certification, and Serv Safe Certification.

To pre-register or for more information about these training opportunities, call (910) 642-7141, ext. 296, 397 or ext. 425.

Financial assistance with registration fees and books to gain new employment-related skills may be available through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other funding sources.

To see if they qualify, students should contact the Columbus County NCWorks Career Center immediately at (910) 642-7141, ext. 261 or visit the Center in A-Building on the SCC campus.

Beekeeping is scheduled Tuesdays, April 5-May 10 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in Cartrette Building, room 148.

The \$70 registration fee plus \$0.55 insurance fee must be paid at the first meeting.

This course will cover the three types of bees, the bee nest, components of the hive and seasonal management, along with information about pests and diseases.

At the end of this class, an inspection of SCC beehives will be offered; participation for this activity is voluntary.

NFPA 70E Arc Flash will be held Saturday, April 9

from 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. in T-Building, room 101A, with a registration fee of \$70.

This course will address real world challenges that electrical workers face on a daily basis and will introduce avoiding oversights that could result in shock and arc flash accidents.

The North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors have approved this eight-hour course for continuing education.

Forklifts

A General Industry Forklift Certification class is scheduled Monday and Wednesday, April 11 and 13, from 5- 9 p.m. in T-Building, room 101.

A \$70 registration and \$0.55 insurance fee must be paid at the first meeting.

The Forklift Student Guide/certification card is required and can be purchased on campus for \$4.50.

The course includes a discussion of the principles and policies of forklift safety, an explanation of the obligations of employers and employees, and the recognition of tasks that may involve operator’s exposure to danger.

This course will consist of classroom instruction and student demonstration of competency to safely operate a forklift on an obstacle course; must be at least 18 years old to attend.

NC EPA Certification class will be held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, April

18-21 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. in M-Building, room 131A.

A \$70 registration and \$5 material fee is due at the first class.

This course prepares students for the NC Certification exams in Type I: Small Appliance, Type II: High Pressure Appliance, Type III: Low Pressure Appliance, and Universal Certification: Types I, II and III.

Serv-Safe

Serv-Safe Certification is scheduled Monday and Tuesday, May 2-3 from 8 a.m.-5p.m. in T-Building, room 111.

A \$70 registration fee must be paid at the beginning of class.

In addition, the Serv-Safe Manager Book Sixth Edition is required and can be purchased at the SCC Bookstore for \$80.06 including tax.

This 16-hour class will teach food safety, developing standard sanitation operating procedures, examining controls for food-borne illnesses and more.

Those passing the test will receive Serv-Safe certification to meet state requirements for certified food protection manager; must be at least 18 years old to attend.

Museum to host Volunteer Open House

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville is hosting a Volunteer Open House Thursday, April 7, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Individuals and service organizations interested in volunteering are invited to meet with staff, explore the museum and learn about

exciting volunteer opportunities.

Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the Discovery Forest, iLab, Nature Playspace, visitor services help desk and much more.

Volunteers receive the following benefits from the museum: training, professional development, behind-the-scenes access to exhibits, invitations to special events, an annual volunteer appreciation banquet and a

15 percent discount in the museum store.

Volunteers can assist on a regular schedule or fill in as needed; positions offer flexible hours to fit every schedule. Museum staff will provide orientation and training.

Volunteer applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

For more information or questions, contact Rhonda Billeaud at Rhonda.billeaud@naturalsciences.org or 910-914-4185.

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Crime briefs

Riegelwood

The Subway restaurant along N.C. 87 in Riegelwood was the site of a break-in reported on March 23, and the business reported the theft of cash.

Heroin

Curtis Daniel Allen, 35, of Mrs. Tate's Road, Whiteville, was arrested March 28 on charges of possession on Feb. 8, 2016 of a gram of heroin with intent to sell, plus the sale and delivery of heroin on Feb. 8 to an undercover buyer for the Sheriff's Drug Unit, according to warrants obtained by Drug Detective Dustin Fowler.

Allen is also charged with using his singlewide mobile home as a place to keep and sell heroin.



Allen

More

Roman Eric Rabon, 31, of Beaverdam Road, Clarendon, has been arrested on more fraud charges involving the use of checks on closed accounts.

Rabon is charged with five counts of fraud for getting an air compressor from Stephens Builders in Tabor City, then pawning it the same day by using a worthless check; buying a diamond-sapphire ring at The Glass Menagerie in Whiteville on Jan. 15 by using a check on a closed account, getting clothing and \$35 cash from Ann's Fashion Shop in Tabor City on Jan. 26 by using a check on a closed account, and by the same method buying items at Agri Industrial Supply in Tabor City on Jan. 29, according to warrants obtained by Tabor City Police Lt. Robert Mumbow, and Whiteville Police Detective Scott Moody.



Rabon

Dismissed

Charges of breaking and entering, and larceny against Thomas William Duncan, 33, of Tabor City, were dismissed on March 29 in District Court when the state's motion to continue the 2014 case was denied by Judge Fred Gore.

Caught

Thomas James Heiden, 25, who has Thomasville and Whiteville addresses, was arrested in Brunswick County last week on charges of theft of a Columbus County woman's pickup truck, and possession of the stolen vehicle.

Heiden was arrested for the theft on March 25 of a 1999 Ford pickup truck from Irene Spivey Long, 60, of Fox Estates, Whiteville. Heiden uses a Soles Road, Whiteville, address as well as one along Julian Street in Thomasville.



Heiden

Shooting

Matthew Aaron Gray, 28, of the 14800 block of Peacock Road, Chadbourn, was arrested March 28 for driving while impaired about 10 hours after he told a sheriff's deputy he was the target of a shooting incident on Clarendon-Chadbourn Road at 12:45 a.m. the same date.

Gray said shots were fired at him from another vehicle. He was not injured.

Gray was also arrested for possession of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a felon, plus shoplifting \$183.74 worth of items from Walmart in Whiteville on March 26, and misdemeanor possession of 18 Xanax tablets the same day.



Gray

Break-ins, thefts

The following were victims of a break-in and/or theft reported on date shown:

- March 30 – Ronald James Ward Jr., 3600 block of N.C. 904 West, Tabor City – theft of red Ford Explorer.
- March 29 – Ted Spivey Jr., Berry Lane, Whiteville – attempted break-in.
- March 29 – Ted Larve Spivey Jr., Peanut Worley Road, Cerro Gordo – theft of Samsung cell phone and Samsung tablet.
- March 29 – Susan Lynn Berry, Walt's Lane, Hallsboro – theft of four-door Grand Am Pontiac.
- March 29 – Sequanna D. Moore, Best Road, Whiteville – theft of 2000-model silver Grand Marquis Mercury.
- March 29 – Michael Logan Hucks, Harrelsonville Road, Whiteville – theft of Glock .40 pistol.
- March 28 – Garfield George, Johnny George Road, Whiteville – theft of medication.
- March 27 – Delmas Horace Beasley, Jones Place, Whiteville – theft of guitar.
- March 26 – McEver Katrell Shaw, Reynolds Road, Tabor City – break-in, theft of small black and orange garden tiller.
- March 26 – Dexter Ray Cartret, C.M. Cartrette Road, Chadbourn – theft of Jimenez Arms .380 pistol.
- March 25 – Franklin James Porter, Live Oak Lane, Tabor City – theft of Kel-Tec .380 pistol.
- March 25 – Ned Wayne Taste, Denise Leggett Taste, Joshua I. Taste, 16600 block of Rough-N-Ready Road, Fair Bluff – break-in, theft of Microsoft Xbox console, SCCY Industries 9mm pistol, two controllers for Xbox, four video games, Michel Kors wallet, bankcard, health insurance card.
- March 24 – Legrand Thompson, Thompson Town Road, Whiteville – break-in, theft of three Vise Grip welding clamps, grinder, 12-inch adjustable wrench, several screwdrivers, four power drills.
- March 24 – Glenwood Harold Jackson Jr., Delco-Prosper Road, Delco – theft of car trailer.
- March 24 – Leshonna Michelle Gore, Chadbourn Highway, Whiteville – break-in, theft of Vizio TV, PlayStation 3, Viking Pro tablet.
- March 24 – Irene Spivey Long, Fox Estates Drive, Whiteville – theft of 1999 Ford F-150 pickup truck. (See story this page).
- March 24 – Wanda Cook Bass, 7000 block Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville – theft of Jeep Liberty.
- March 23 – Shanell Annette Hines, N.C. 211, Bolton – theft of Glock firearm.
- March 23 – Sparky Windell Wilson, Pine Level Church Road, Nakina – theft of Honda Rincon four-wheeler.
- March 23 – Carolyn Edwards Strickland, Megan Talmage Strickland, Eliza Butler Road, Cerro Gordo – break-in, theft of Hewlett Packard laptop computer.
- March 23 – Hanna Leanne Andrews, Steve Whitney Andrews, 6100 block of Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville – break-in, theft of bank debit card and Social Security card.
- March 22 – Robert Albin Curtis III, Curn Spaulding Road, Clarkton – theft of Echo grass trimmer, Stihl chainsaw, aluminum break table 2-feet-by-10-feet.
- March 22 – Victor Jones, Harrelsonville Road, Whiteville – break-in, theft of 48-inch Vizio TV, Huffy bicycle.
- March 22 – Ricki Sasser, Happy Home Road, Nakina – break-in, theft of 50-inch Element TV.
- March 21 – George Milligan, Garland Cox Road, Tabor City – break-in, theft not reported.
- March 21 – Victoria Denise Jenrette, 5700 block of N.C. 904 East, Tabor City – break-in, theft of Samsung Galaxy 3.

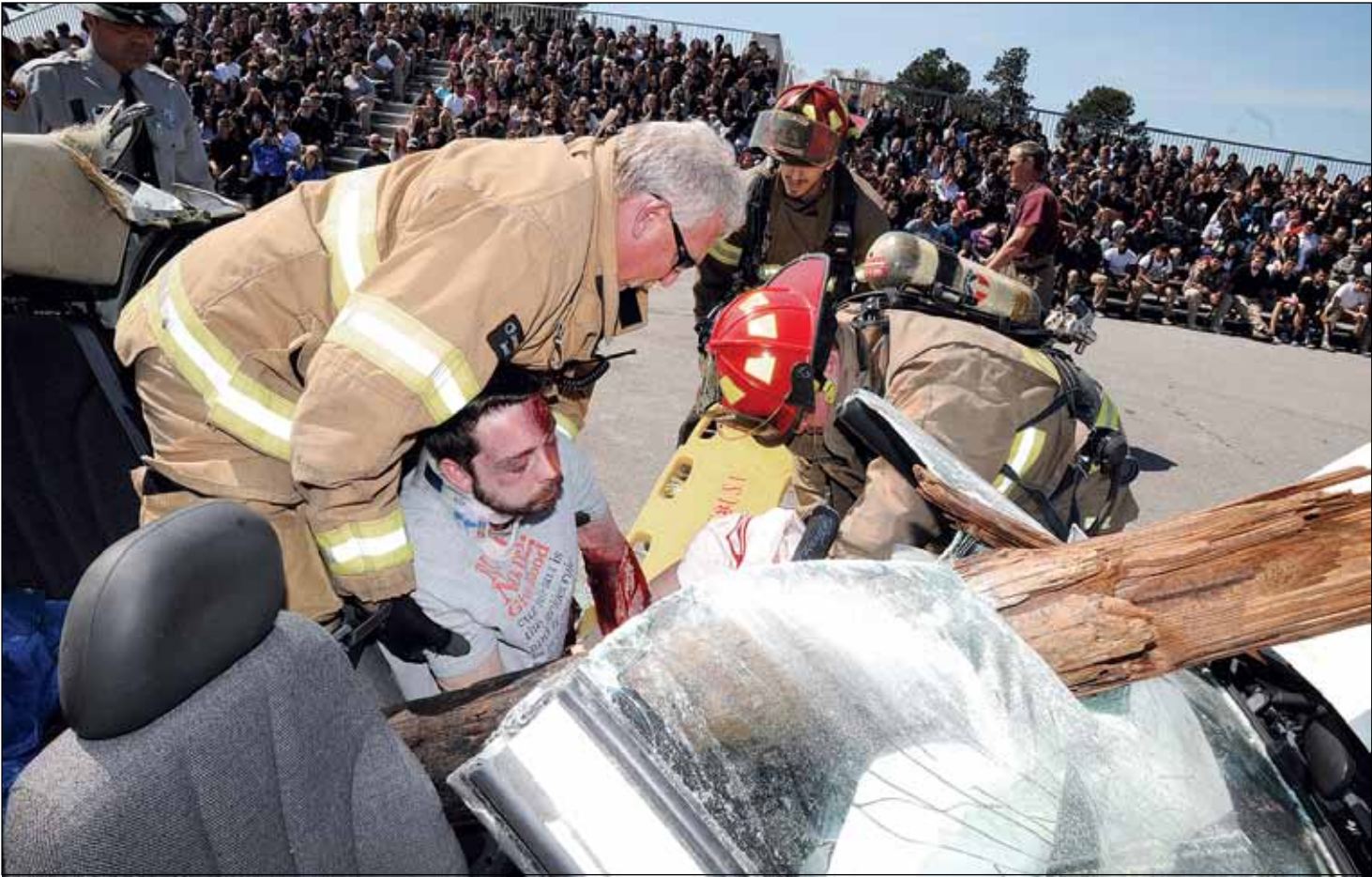


Photo courtesy Deuce Niven of Tabor Loris Tribune

Area first responders from fire, rescue and law enforcement agencies staged a realistic wreck scene last week at South Columbus High School to remind students to drive safely during spring break and prom events at area schools.

Brick used in assault

David Anthony Barnhill, 34, of Hardy Road, Whiteville, was arrested Tuesday, March 29, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injuries, after he is charged with using a brick to assault his uncle and neighbor, Timothy Wayne Barnhill, 45.



D. Barnhill

Timothy Barnhill was assaulted about 8:10 p.m. Tuesday at his home along Hardy Road, according to Sheriff's Deputy Blake Ashley, who obtained the felony warrant. Timothy's son Timothy Jr., 20, was also shown as the victim in the incident, but no other warrants were served on David Barnhill, records show.

Local man arrested after Friday chase

Stolen beer and chips taken from a convenience store led to a vehicle chase Friday night, March 25, by Tabor City police and the arrest of Adam Brent Bass, 38, of the 7000 block of Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville.

Tabor City Officer Chris Cotton said a store clerk at the Minuteman store reported the theft shortly after 9 p.m. with the suspect leaving in a green Jeep Liberty. The Jeep was seen on Pireway Road in the town about 10 p.m., and Cotton said he saw the suspect standing beside the 2014 vehicle on Carter Street.

Cotton reported he had to leap out of the path of the Jeep as it moved quickly backward and went east on Fifth Street at a high rate of speed. The driver "jumped from the vehicle and began to run" after the Jeep began to sway back and forth as it turned from U.S. 701 onto N.C. 410, Cotton noted.

Bass decided to give up, and was arrested.

Bass is charged with fleeing to elude arrest, assaulting Cotton with the vehicle, resisting arrest and theft of the beer and chips.

The suspect is also charged by Whiteville police with removing, destroying and deactivation of anti-shoplifting devices on nine video games and four Xbox games on March 25 at the Whiteville Walmart.



Bass

Child home after accident

A 5-year-old boy is recovering at home after being run over by a truck Thursday evening.

The Highway Patrol reported that Austin Macdell Young, age unavailable, will not be charged in the 7:30 p.m. incident. Young's address was listed as Old Lake Road.

Young was helping the child's family move furniture at a home off Lake Wood Circle East of Whiteville off Honey Hill Road when he accidentally backed over the child, according to the Highway Patrol. The child was run over from head to foot, according to investigators, and was transferred by air to New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The child has since been released and is at home.

Alcohol was not a factor in the incident, according to the Highway Patrol.

Suspect jailed in assault

Whiteville Police have arrested a man in connection with a March 19 assault.

Police spokesman Hal Lowder said Kwamaine Bellamy was taken into custody Wednesday at Kent Place Apartments on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury, and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Lowder said the arrest is from an incident at Kent Place Apartments March 19 when the victim, Dexter Thomas, received an injury to his lower body.

Bellamy was also wanted by N.C. Probation and Parole as an absconder, Lowder said. He was taken before a magistrate and held under no bond.

Four women arrested in insurance fraud case

Four Tabor City-area women have been arrested on charges involving fraud and conspiracy after false insurance claims were made to Peak Property and Casualty Insurance in June and October 2015, according to warrants obtained by investigators for the N.C. Department of Insurance.



R. Galloway



P. Sumpter



E. Galloway



I. Sumpter

Patricia Riggins Sumpter, 53, of Tillman Avenue, Tabor City, and her daughter, Iesha Dashawn Sumpter, 23, of the same Tillman Avenue address, plus Ernestine Galloway, 50, of Ashley Avenue, Tabor City, and Rachel Yvette Galloway, 32, of the same Ashley Avenue address, have been arrested.

Each is charged with insurance fraud involving a wreck on June 26, 2015, plus an attempt to commit fraud by claiming they did not know each other during interviews in October of last year.

Murder

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proud of his son. We had a little housewarming, but it wasn't the same because my father, Eddie Best, wasn't there to share the moment with me," Hill noted in his statement.

Maximum

"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. My family and I request the maximum sentence be imposed," Hill added.

Williams' prior record showed she was convicted in

Abusive

Kelly Edmund, a Cerro Gordo Elementary School teacher, was the victim of abusive language by a child's parent at the school on March 23, according to a sheriff's report.

2005 in a Columbus County larceny case, and one for shoplifting in New Hanover County.

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In a scene from last year’s “BBQ on the Bluff,” judges consider one of the entries in the contest.

BBQ-on-the-Bluff hoping for record number of entries

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Officials of the Greater Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce are hopeful that their fifth annual “BBQ on the Bluff” later this month will draw a record number of teams competing for top honors in the pork-cooking contest.

The chamber’s Gene Martin said Wednesday that nine teams already have signed up to participate and he is hopeful that 30 teams – the maximum the event can accommodate – will enter by the time the April 22-23 event rolls around.

“We had 22 teams entered last year,” said Martin, “and that was the biggest number we’ve ever had. In fact, the number of teams has grown every year since we first started.” Teams in the past have consisted of a combination of local entries and teams from all over the state, including former state champions.

The winner of the Fair

Bluff competition automatically qualifies to enter the state barbecue cook-off competition, which has a limited number of slots available for competitors.

And Fair Bluff officials hope to bid to become the host of the state competition, now that it will have hosted the requisite number of five cook-offs, making it eligible to bid for the state championship.

The “BBQ on the Bluff” has become a two-day community-wide event that features much more than pork.

The town’s churches all join together to prepare and host a free chicken bog dinner on Friday evening before the cooking of the hogs begin. Competitors receive their hogs and cook them throughout the night along Riverside Drive. Judging takes place on Saturday morning and barbecue from the entries is sold afterwards with proceeds going toward community projects

of the Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the activities on Friday night and Saturday, entertainment is ongoing on the stage adjacent to the Lumber River Riverwalk.

In addition to the barbecue quality contest, event organizers and participants alike have come to particularly enjoy a separate “showmanship” competition in which teams participating in the cook-off vie to come up with the zaniest and most eye-catching themes in the competition.

Entry forms and contest rules for the cook-off are available on the internet at www.fairbluff.com/bbq-on-the-bluff. There’s a \$150 entry fee, but the first place winner will receive \$750 and a trophy, and the Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce will pay their entry fee for the state competition. Second place will receive \$400 and a trophy, and third prize will get \$200 and a trophy.

“Showmanship” winners also receive trophies.

Accident response helps solve larger problem

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

A minor sewer break at Lake Waccamaw helped solve a larger problem last week.

Town Manager Harry Foley said an “accidental, minor breach” in an older sewer line sent town employees scrambling to avoid a wastewater spill on the canal. The break occurred at the construction site on Canal Cove Road, where a box culvert is being installed to replace the aging bridge.

The town was in discussions with the Department of Transportation and the contractor to minimize the effects of a shutdown of the sewer system in the area.

Original plans called for a brief outage while pipes that

run along the bridge were replaced. The outage would have left residents below the bridge with no sewer service for a brief period.

Efforts were underway to schedule the shutdown when the break was discovered Wednesday.

After discussion between town public works and the contractor, Foley said, the decision was made to repair the pipe and make the new connection at the same time.

“The sewer connection on Canal Cove at the bridge was completed at 11 p.m. without incident,” Foley said.

Foley said the contractor, subcontractor and Public Works Director Robert Bailey discussed several options,

“and developed a plan that included all environmental precautions.

“They got the necessary equipment and materials in place, removed the old line and installed the new line without incident or inconvenience to our citizens,” Foley said.

Water lines on the project still require some work, Foley said, but that interruption will require less planning and effort than the wastewater break. He praised everyone involved in the repair project.

“Isn’t it great when a plan comes together?” Foley said.

The bridge is scheduled to be completed and Canal Cove reopened in a few days. Traffic is currently detoured due to the project.

Traveling the Medicare road

If you will be turning age 65 in the next several months you might need free, objective information about Medicare, Medicare supplements and Medicare prescription drug plans.

Traveling the new road to Medicare can be confusing. To help understand all you need to know as a new member in Medicare, representatives from the N.C. Department of Insurance, Social Security Administration, Columbus County Department of Aging and Columbus County RSVP will be available to answer your questions. An event will be held Wednesday, April 13 at the Cooperative Extension Service, 45 Government Complex Rd., Whiteville. Registration begins at 10 a.m. The two-hour program will begin at 10:30 a.m. during and after the program.

For more information contact Patsy Eason at Columbus County Department of Aging, 910-640-6602, ext. 250 or Dr. Melody Prevatte at Columbus County RSVP, 910-642-7141, ext. 294.

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‘Boom’ source a mystery

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

The “boom” that rocked homes from Beaverdam to Whiteville last Thursday night remains a mystery.

Spokesmen for the U.S. Air Force, Marines and Navy reported no supersonic aircraft in the area. No military training involving explosives is taking place in the county. Emergency personnel were not called out on incidents involving explosions.

David Ransom of Columbus County Emergency Management said an officer was dispatched to the Beaverdam area to investigate the loud noise, but found no evidence of a plane crash, meteor strike or any other explanation.

The noise that rattled windows and worried residents around 10 p.m. was not meteorological either, according to Mark Bacon of the Wilmington National Weather Service office. The noise wasn’t

audible in that area, he said.

“We have no reports of anything like that,” he said. “But that’s not unusual.”

So-called “Seneca Guns” have been heard for centuries in the Cape Fear region. Seismologists speculate tectonic plates in the earth’s crust create the noises.

When the plates shift or collide offshore, they can make crashing noises heard for hundreds of miles. Similar noises were reported earlier this year in extreme western Columbus County. When the August 2011 earthquake affected areas from Wilmington to Maryland, the Seneca guns were heard both before and during the tremors, but no connection has ever been confirmed.

Depending on wind directions and other factors, Bacon said, the audibility of the crashes can be localized.

“The curious thing,” he said, “is that the Seneca guns aren’t always picked up on seismographs.”

The noises predate supersonic aircraft, he said. Websites focusing on the Seneca Gun phenomena claim that Native Americans told of the noises even before European settlers made their homes along the Cape Fear coast.

“I can’t say what the noises are,” he said. “It’s one of those things we may never be able to truly nail down.”

St. James VFD plans yard sale

St. James Volunteer Fire Department will have a big community yard sale Saturday, April 9 from 7 to 2 p.m. at the fire station, 3203 Old Northeast Road, Lake Waccamaw.

There will be antiques, art, tools, jewelry, knives, housewares and more. Vendors are welcome for a set up fee of \$5, which will go to the fire department. For more information call Sue at 910-234-3759.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY



Posing on a R.J. Corman locomotive after ribbon-cutting ceremonies in Chadbourn Tuesday were, from left, Dennis Worley, Sen. Bill Rabon, former Sen. Michael Walters, N.C. Ports Authority board member Dan Hurley, R.J. Corman assistant vice president for specialty marketing Laura McNichol, Corman board member Phil Odgen and Corman VP for sales and marketing Bill Henderson.

Rail

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assets of the old Carolina Southern Railroad, which had been defunct since 2011, in August after years of efforts spearheaded by the Interstate Railroad Committee. That entity was co-chaired by Tabor City attorney Dennis Worley and consisted of representatives of municipal and county governments in Columbus County and in the South Carolina counties of Horry and Marion. The 90-mile rail line runs from Mullins, S.C., to Fair Bluff, Chadbourn and Whiteville, south to Tabor City and then into Horry County, S.C. through Loris and Conway.

King recognized Worley and Columbus County Board of Commissioners Chairman Giles E. “Buddy” Byrd for their service on that interstate committee, as well as Sen. Bill Rabon and former Sen. Michael Walters, with presentations to them of plaques and Corman hardhats. Rep. Ken Waddell, who was in attendance, and Sen. Jane Smith, who had to be in Raleigh for a meeting and could not attend the ceremonies, also were recognized for their efforts in helping to return rail service to the area. In Waddell’s case, his involvement began before he was elected to the legislature when, as mayor of Chadbourn, he and Columbus County Economic Development Director Gary Lanier first proposed creation of the Interstate Railroad Com-



Rep. Ken Waddell, left, chats with R.J. Corman president Craig King, center, and Phil Odgen of the Corman board of directors Tuesday in Chadbourn.

mittee.

Byrd told the audience, “With the economic conditions that exist today, we know job creation is the most important economic effort we can devote ourselves to. The support we’ve given to the effort to restore this rail service clearly shows that when we work together we can make things happen for the benefit of our friends and neighbors. Brokering the deal took a lot of hard work, and this is a great day for Columbus County companies and it’s a great day for the future of economic development in Columbus County.”

Rabon, who grew up in Fair Bluff but now represents Brunswick, Pender, Bladen and New Hanover counties in the Senate, said, “What you

have done here proves what we thought all along: industry and entrepreneurship don’t stop at county lines and state lines. Since 2011 a lot of things have changed, and we’ve worked toward building relationships and putting things together to make this possible.

“This railroad is going to be the backbone of southeastern North Carolina. What you – and we – have done here is prove that we can work together and that, when we pull together, we all win.”

Tuesday’s ceremony in Chadbourn was followed Wednesday by a similar ceremony in Loris, S.C. More than two dozen Corman officials traveled from Kentucky to take part in the ceremonies.

Local Boy Scout council to publish anniversary book

The Boy Scouts of America’s Cape Fear Council is observing its 100th anniversary this year, and to celebrate, it is publishing a full-color, coffee-table book of history and photos.

Wilmington-based Scout historian Bob Walton has spent years compiling the history of the council from its March 1916 beginnings through its current growth.

News Reporter staffer

Fuller Royal has been coordinating the photographs for the book and is the layout editor for the project.

The 128-page book – 8-1/2 by 11 inches – contains page after page of photographs in color and black and white from every decade beginning in 1917 with the first area Boy Scouts camping at Camp Penton at Lake Waccamaw.

The News Reporter and

Royal contributed heavily to the photo collection and there is an abundance of images from Columbus County Scouts and Scouters.

The books are \$30 each and must be pre-ordered. This is a limited one-time run. The council will accept orders until May 1 with scheduled delivery in June.

To order a copy, call the council office at (910) 395-1100.



Monday morning, Vietnam veteran Mike Hollingsworth, left, and veteran William McCulloch, right, place flags in front of the Veterans Memorial sight on U.S. 701 near New Hope.

Flags wave for local veterans

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

When many Vietnam veterans came home from that war, they were ignored.

Flags around the county Tuesday showed a different feeling for those veterans.

March 29 was Vietnam Veterans Day, and marked the 54th anniversary of the United States’ first official military actions in Vietnam. The Southeast Asia conflict would go on to claim more than 54,000 American servicemen and women.

Flags were flown around the Columbus County Courthouse, at the site of the new Veterans Memorial Park in New Hope, and along Flemington Drive at Lake Waccamaw. Veterans groups erected the flags at the park and uptown, while the Lake flag display is a project put together by town staff and volunteers.

“We can never do enough for our veterans of any conflict,” said Angela Norris, one of the organizers of the Veterans Park. “It’s because of their sacrifice we can enjoy the freedoms we have.”

The Veterans Park recently kicked off its second round of the \$5 challenge, which calls on every person in the county to give \$5 to the project. The park is reliant entirely on donations, and although the park land has been secured in New Hope, “We have a long way to go.

“Our goal is that no one should ever be forgotten, and that everybody has a part in our park,” she said. “It will honor all our veterans.”

To participate in the challenge, contact Norris at 840-3848.

No major items on agenda for commissioners

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

A preliminary agenda for Monday night’s regular meeting of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners reveals no major items up for discussion. A closed session

for discussion of economic development matters is planned.

In routine matters, the board is expected to issue proclamations designating “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and “Spring Litter Sweep 2016.”

Kay Worley, emergency services director for Columbus County, is asking for approval to accept two grants totaling \$6,600 which she will explain to the board and public Monday.

The board also will receive an annual departmental update from County Attorney Michael Stephens and pass a resolution adopting the county’s process for authorizing upset bids.

Larry Gene Mercer is expected to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Lloyd “Pebo” Collier, Jr. on the Columbus County Airport Authority.

Relay for Life Spring Expo

Relay For Life of Columbus County will host a Spring Expo on Saturday, April 2 at Williams Township School parking lot. Anyone who would like to set up a campsite is asked to bring their own tent, tables, chairs and be there set up, ready to sell by 8 a.m. The cost is a \$10 donation to Relay but what you make at your campsite is yours to keep.

This event is open for everyone and vendors can even use their campsite as a yard sale. We need vendors for Mary Kay, jewelry, Avon, arts and crafts, Thirty One, Tupperware, The Wrap, etc.

For more information call Duck Cartrette at (910) 640-8115, Christy Cartrette at (910) 840-0072, or Nicole Kelley at 704-502-3224.

Parks and Rec board to meet

Columbus County Parks and Recreation will hold its quarterly recreation advisory board meeting April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation office at 606 N. Thompson St., Whiteville, behind the Health Department.

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Deaths

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DIANNE BALDWIN GRISSETT

WINTERVILLE -- Dianne Baldwin Grissett, 58, formerly of Whiteville, died Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at Kindred Hospital in Greensboro.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 4 at Welches Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 1733 Millie-Christine Road, Whiteville. Burial will be in the Welches Creek Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, April 3 at Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville and Monday, April 4 following the service at the church.

Surviving are three sons, Patrick Ervin Grissett of Charlotte, Tyrone Grissett of Waveland, Miss. and Glen Lamont Baldwin of the home; her mother, Easter Mae Davis of Whiteville; one sister, Pamela Davis Mullins of Whiteville; and four brothers, Harry Lee Baldwin and Henry Lee Baldwin, both of Whiteville, Thurston Baldwin of Clarkton and Scottie Lee Baldwin of Charlotte.

Friends may visit the family at 188 Church Lane, Whiteville.

LOIS RUTH HARDIE

CLARENDON -- Lois Ruth Hardie, 85, died Monday, March 28, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. Born July 13, 1930 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late John Wesley Hardie and Ruth Stocks Hardie. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Annie Mae Fowler.

Visitation will be held from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, March 31 in the chapel of Inman Ward Funeral Home. Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31 in the funeral home chapel in Tabor City. Burial will be in Stanley Cemetery, 2621 Mollie Road, Clarendon.

She is survived by one nephew and one niece.

MAUDE CALLIHAN HUGHES

BLADENBORO -- Maude Callihan Hughes, 87, died Tuesday, March 29, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents, Aquil and Fannie Callihan; her husband, Clyde Hughes; one son, Willard Hughes; and two grandsons.

Final rites will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at Clarkton Pentacostal Free-will Baptist Church with Rev. Charlie Tatum officiating. Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown is handling the arrangements.

Survivors include two sons, Dennis A. Hughes of Virginia and Donnie Anderson of High Point; two daughters, Wilma Mills and Patricia Carroll, both of Bladenboro; two brothers, Bennett Callihan and Jack Callihan, both of Clarkton; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

LILA M. SMITH

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

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

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.

Southeastern COG plate sale postponed

The Southeastern Church of God chicken bog plate sale scheduled for Friday, April 1 has been postponed due to conflicting events.

For more information call 653-7788.

ROBIN LYN DUNCAN CHADBURN

Robin Lyn Duncan, 45, died Saturday, March 26, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. She was born Aug. 22, 1970, the daughter of Linda Soles Duncan and the late Wayne Duncan.

She graduated from UNC-Pembroke with a teaching degree in elementary education. She was formerly employed with the North Carolina Public Schools System.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Columbus Memorial Park with Rev. Terry Nealey officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, April 1 one hour prior to the service at Peacock Funeral Home.

She is survived by her mother; one son, Jonathan Strickland of North Myrtle Beach; one daughter, Kramer Strickland of Whiteville; one brother, Robert Duncan of Old Dock; two sisters, Casey Gore and Katrina Fowler, both of Tabor City; and one grandson.

ANGELA FELICIA MCMILLAN

WILMINGTON -- Angela Felicia McMillan, 39, died Sunday, March 27, 2016 at Duke Regional Hospital.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 1 at St. Stephens AME Church with Rev. Robert McKoy Jr. officiating. Viewing will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 following the service at the church. Burial will be in Pollock Cemetery, Scotts Hill. Smith Funeral Home of Whiteville is handling the arrangements.

She is survived by one son, DeWayne Bryant of the home; and one sister, Kimberly McMillan of the home.

HECK STRICKLAND

CERRO GORDO -- Heck Strickland, 80, died Saturday, March 19, 2016.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Worthington Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Donaldson officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Friday, April 1 at the funeral home.

He is survived by one daughter, Shelia Marie Strickland of Chesapeake, Va.; one brother, Hubert Strickland of Suffolk, Va.; one granddaughter; and four great-grandchildren.

ERVIN MCLEOD

GREEN SEA, S.C. -- Ervin McLeod, 55, died Sunday, March 27, 2016 at his residence. He was born March 11, 1961 in Laurinburg, the son of Henry and Ethel McNeil.

Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Mitchell Sea Missionary Baptist Church. Viewing will be held Friday, April 1 one hour prior to and after the service. Westside Funeral Home of Tabor City is handling the arrangements.

He is survived by one daughter, Melissa Dixon; and one son, Ervin Dixon.

China Grove MBC Spring revival

China Grove Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual Spring revival Sunday, April 3-Wednesday, April 6. The guest speaker will be Rev. Lindsey Brown of Conway, S.C. Sunday service will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday services will start at 7:30 p.m.

The church is located at 2903 Old Stake Road, Chadbourne.

For more information contact Karen McPherson at 654-3013.

Rev. Thomas Fairfax is the pastor.

LARTHINE FRINK BRACEY

HALLSBORO -- Larthine Frink Bracey, 90, died Saturday, March 26, 2016 at her residence.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 12123 Old Lake Road, Riegelwood. Burial will be in Hallsboro Memorial Park. Viewing will be held from noon-7 p.m. Friday, April 1 at Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville and Saturday, April 2 one hour prior to and following the service at the church.

Surviving are her husband, John Caldwell Bracey of Jim Thorpe, Pa.; five daughters, Wilhelmina Freeman of Whiteville, Carelesta Bracey of the home, Alice Rangin and Linda Ganus, both of Hallsboro and Eula Searcy of Jim Thorpe, Pa.; one son, William Bracey of Whiteville; and one brother, Herman Frink of Clinton.

JACQUES MAULTSBY

BALTIMORE, Md. -- Jacques Maultsby, 59, died Friday, March 25, 2016. He was the husband of the late Jackie Gowans Maultsby, formerly of Cerro Gordo.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 1 at Wayland Missionary Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Boulevard, Baltimore. There will be a wake Friday, April 1 at the church 30 minutes prior to the service.

A service of Vaughn Green Funeral Home of Baltimore.

Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville is announcing for the family.

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.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

DONNA LEE CUNNINGHAM

WHITEVILLE -- Donna Lee Cunningham died Friday, March 11, 2016. She was born July 28, 1959.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 4 at Whiteville United Methodist Church.

CASSANDRA REAVES BATTLE

CLARKTON -- Cassandra Reaves Battle, 59, died Sunday, March 27, 2016 at the VA Medical Center in Durham.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

Agape HOW special service April 10

Agape House of Worship will hold its morning service Sunday, April 10 with Evangelist Karen Jones Bryant and an evening service speaker at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Donald Barnes of McCormick AME Chapel of Lumberton.

Bennie Benjamin is the pastor.

St. Mark A.M.E.Z family/friends day

St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church will hold its Family and Friends Day Sunday, April 3 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Harry D. Hines, pastor of St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church of Roseboro. He is the seventh of 11 children born to Annie Mae and the late Eugene Hines. He is married to the former Linda Campbell for 32 years.

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Pictured left to right, front row: Natltaly Razo, Timo Solano, Fred Mason Jr. Second row: Chance Holmes-Snowden, Garrett Parker, Maria Torres, Justin Lee, Amreen Nagra, and Rossy Ballesteros.

CCCA competes at third annual masonry face-off

Columbus Career & College Academy's Masonry teacher, Fred Mason Jr., took eight of his Masonry students to Robeson County Career Center on Feb. 26 to compete in the 3rd annual Masonry Face-off. Justin Lee won the Masonry I competition with Maria Torres coming

in third. Natltaly Razo won the Masonry II competition with Timo Solano coming in second and Garrett Parker coming in fourth. Amreen Nagra won the Construction Tool ID contest. Rossy Ballesteros won the Bulletin Board Contest. Maria Torres came in second in the

poster contest. This was the second year for the poster contest and Power Point contest. The Bulletin Board contest & Construction Tool ID were added just this year. CCCA students have won the Masonry I and II competition for three consecutive years.

Park Day volunteers needed to help beautify Fort Fisher

As part of Civil War Trust Park Day 2016, individual and group volunteers are needed Saturday, April 2, from 8:30 to 12 noon to help beautify and preserve Fort Fisher State Historic Site, the largest earthen fortification in the Confederacy. It once protected the port of Wilmington and the vital blockade running trade on the Cape Fear River.

Civil War Trust Park Day brings history enthusiasts together in an effort to help keep our nation's heritage not only preserved, but pristine. Since 1996, the Civil War Trust has sponsored Park Day, an annual hands-on preservation event to help Civil War — and now Revolutionary War — battlefields and historic sites take on beautification and maintenance projects large and small.

Volunteers ages 10 and up, of all ability levels, are encouraged to participate in activities ranging from light sanding and painting to cleaning up yard debris. Many activities are appropriate for groups such as scout troops, service clubs and church youth groups. Registered volunteers will be treated to a free lunch provided by the Friends of Fort Fisher.

Volunteers are asked to register in advance by calling (910) 458-5538 ext. 201 or by emailing john.moseley@ncdcr.gov.

Fort Fisher State Historic Site is located at 1610 Fort Fisher Blvd. S, Kure Beach.

Vietnam Vets Day Weekend at N.C. Museum of History

Vietnam Veterans Day Weekend will kick off April events at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh. This is an opportunity to meet North Carolina Vietnam veterans and hear about the Vietnam War firsthand. In addition to displays and activities, the play "Etchings in Stone" will be presented each day.

Vietnam Veterans Day Weekend, Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 3, noon-5 p.m. Meet veterans; see uniforms, weapons and gear. View a Field Cross memorial, a display of the state's POW and MIA heroes, and a 1/8-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall. Sponsored by N.C. Vietnam Veterans Inc.

"Etchings in Stone" will be presented Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m. By North Carolina veteran Ron Harris, this play places audience members "inside" the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall so they are privy to the words and unspoken thoughts of passing visitors. Music, video clips and photographs from the Vietnam era are featured between segments.

This program is free, but reservations are requested. Call 919-624-5091 or e-mail vetdooler1@aol.com. Sponsored by N.C. Vietnam Veterans Inc.

Join a screening of "Los Jets" about the first predominately Latino sports team to win a statewide sports championship in North Carolina: 2004's state soccer champions, the Jets, from Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City. The team's coach, Paul Cuadros, and a few team members and family members will discuss their experiences after the film.

Get ready for the Shakespeare Marathon: 38 plays in five days, an around-the-clock reading of all plays by William Shakespeare. Through a partnership with Raleigh's Burning Coal Theatre Company, 38 theatrical groups from across North Carolina will perform stage readings of the Bard's plays with minimal costumes and props.

Mark your calendar for these and other April programs at the N.C. Museum of History. Admission is free unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.

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Lack of parental involvement biggest problem schools face

By **ALLEN TURNER**
Staff Writer

Lack of involvement by parents in their children’s education is the biggest problem faced by schools, two educators – one retired and the other still active – told about 100 parents, teachers and school administrators earlier this month in Chadbourn.

Chadbourn native Milton Frink, who retired from a career as an administrator in the Whiteville City Schools and then went on to serve another eight years as a principal in a South Carolina school system, was the featured speaker at the third annual Parent Empowerment Forum hosted by Chadbourn Elementary and Middle Schools at the Chadbourn Baptist Church. His remarks followed a meal for all attendees provided by the Columbus County School System.

Frink said that while studies show 86 percent of the public feels that support by parents of students is vital for the success of students and their schools, the percentage of parents who actually are involved in their kids’ schools has dropped dramatically over the years. “At Chadbourn Middle and Elementary,” Frink said, “less than 10 percent of our parents are actively involved.”

“Some parents don’t even know when report cards come out,” he said.

Frink emphasized the importance of parents reading to their children and modeling the value of learning by doing things in front of their children that show they value learning.

“Parents also need to know about their children’s extracurricular activities. They need to know when their children are involved in activities and they need to support them by showing up,” he said.

He also encouraged parents to be aware of all of their children’s social activities. “Not knowing where your child is at any given



Retired educator Milton Frink was the featured speaker at Thursday’s Parent Empowerment Forum.



Dorothy Bellamy



Pastor Timothy Lance

time of day is not good parenting,” Frink said. “Know where your children are and who they are with.”

He encouraged parents to monitor both out-of-school and in-school activities by their children. “Pay attention to their emotional state, too,” he said.

Frink said that when parents are more actively involved, the demonstrated results include higher grades and test scores, higher graduation rates, better attendance and reductions in violent behavior.

Frink said that children will mirror what their parents do, so it is important for parents to stay involved. Citing the philosophy of an unknown author, Frink told parents, “Watch your thoughts, because your thoughts become your words. Watch your words, for they become your actions. Watch your actions, because your actions become your habits. And watch your habits, be-

cause your habits determine your destination, as well as your child’s destination.”

He continued, “That’s why it’s important that as parents we be involved in our children’s education. It is important that we watch what we think. It’s one thing to think about it, but it’s another thing to speak it or say it, so we have to watch what we say. Watch what we do. Watch what becomes a habit, because that determines your destination as well as your child’s destination in life.

Frink concluded, “What am I saying? Basically, talk it out with your children and be involved in your child’s education.”

Earlier in the program, pastor Timothy Lance, who



Principals Deanna Shuman, left, of Chadbourn Elementary School and Georgia Spaulding of Chadbourn Middle School speak at the Parent Empowerment Forum Thursday.

serves as juvenile crime prevention youth counselor in the school system, discussed the concept of peer court being used to address student behavioral problems instead of more traditional approaches such as suspension and in-school suspension.

He explained that if a principal confirms the student is eligible for peer court by virtue of having no prior offenses or only minor offenses and is remorseful, the principal can propose peer court diversion.

Both the student and parents must agree to peer court, or the student can face regular disciplinary action which, depending on the nature of the offense, can lead to formal charges and a juvenile court record.

When the student accepts responsibility, peer court disposes of the case. Peer court has a set schedule of punishments or sanctions for offenses. The court monitors the student’s compliance and when he or she completes sanctions imposed by the court, the case is closed and

the student has no formal record.

“The whole idea of peer court is to attempt to keep a student from getting into the juvenile (justice) system,” Lance said. “Peer court is not judicial. It’s for kids committing minor offenses.

“The goal is to reduce suspensions and reduce the number of students going into the juvenile system.” Lance said that only students in grades six and above can participate in the peer court system.

Dorothy Bellamy, who serves as parent coordinator for both the elementary and middle schools in Chadbourn, agreed with Frink that lack of parental involvement is the biggest problem facing schools. “The earlier in the education process that parental involvement begins, the better the success rate,” Bellamy said.

Types of parental involvement beneficial to students include monitoring and attending school activities by parents, modeling the values of learning, self-discipline and hard work, and encouraging reading, writing and discussion among family members, Bellamy said.

“The home, the community and the school are all connected in the village,” she said, “and it does take the entire village to properly raise a child.”

Principals Deanna Shuman of the elementary school and Georgia Spaulding of the middle school discussed activities in their schools and Shuman announced that fourth and fifth grade students at the elementary school soon will be getting 75 Chromebook computers for classroom use, although they won’t be able to take the computers home.

Spaulding stressed the importance of what she called the “4 A’s of Success” for students: attendance, attitude, paying attention and achievement. “Please take what you’ve heard here tonight to the home, to the church, to the community and to the streets,” Spaulding implored the audience.

Kenwood Royal, director of federal programs for the county school system and whose office provided the meal for those attending, spoke briefly and high-

lighted excellent test scores posted by students from the Chadbourn schools last year. “Chadbourn Middle School had the highest gain in test scores last year of any school in the state,” Royal said.

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“I know the man died once, maybe twice,” Walters said.

“I didn’t see the little girl hitting him in the chest but she was instructing Chris on what to do. No doubt she saved his life. I gave her a big hug.”

Christopher played on the Whiteville Wolfpack baseball championship team in 1989, which Walters announced on the radio, and went on to play for the Montreal Expos for a couple of years.

“I told Chris if he could hit a baseball as good as he handled that situation he would be alright,” Walters said.

“The man probably would be dead if they hadn’t been there. There was nobody else outside when I got there.”

Riley, a third grader at Belville School in Leland, said she wants to be a doctor. She said she learned CPR at school

in classes taught by school resource officers.

She mentioned Deputy Cook and Officer Huggins.

Her grandmother, Sandra Etheridge, is a nurse and Riley might have been influenced in a medical career through her. At any rate, it is her wish to become a doctor.

The youngster appears to be ahead of her years in spirit and intelligence.

When she attended the New Hanover County Fair in Wilmington and noticed that the chain around an elephant’s neck appeared to be too tight, she wrote an essay about the treatment of animals.

Officials from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) came and presented Riley a framed certificate for writing the essay.

By **RAY WYCHE**
Staff Writer

After suffering through out-of-schedule rains last year — think of the deluges that fell last fall and left some fields too wet to use equipment to harvest the ripe crops — nature finally smiled on Columbus County farmers.

“People are starting to plant corn,” said row crop Extension Service Agent Michael Shaw.

Traditionally, Columbus County farmers operate under the premise that corn had to be planted by the middle of April in order to obtain a good yield.

In the absence of tobacco as the chief money crop in the area, plantings of corn and soybeans have increased. But this year may present a problem for farmers who intend to grow soybeans.

“Soybean seed are going to be hard to come by,” Shaw said. “There’s a shortage of

certain varieties of the seed.”

Most of the soybeans produced locally are grown from seed that grew in western states, and bad growing weather reduced the harvest of some seed varieties.

Don Formyduval, manager of Harvey’s Southeast, a Whiteville farm supply dealer, said there will be soybean seed on hand at planting time but perhaps not the variety the farmer desires.

David Hooks of Gurganus Milling of Whiteville said he has had trouble obtaining certain varieties of soybean seed, adding that the suppliers said drought conditions in the west had curtailed production of the seed.

One result of farmers not being able to buy the variety of seed they wanted was to plant more corn and fewer soybeans.

“Some say they are going to plant more corn this year instead of beans,” Hooks said.

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McDONALD'S PRESENTS

Whiteville High School



Logan Inman

Logan Inman is the 14 year-old freshman son of Sandra and Jeffrey Inman. His favorite activity at school is art club because many of his friends are members and they get to do fun art projects. When he is not busy with school work, he enjoys riding his bike and playing video games – something he does best. He likes that Whiteville High is close to his home so he can walk or bike to school and back. His favorite class is science. “I have always done great in science and I find it to be the most interesting class,” Inman said. An interesting fact about Inman is that when he was 5 or 6 years old he wanted to be a trash truck driver. He hasn’t really looked into colleges yet but would like to work in either the astronomy field or game design. “My dream is to work at Nintendo of America,” he said.

East Columbus High School



Harrison Malpass

Harrison Malpass loves sports. A member of the baseball and soccer teams at East Columbus High School, he is also a member of the shooting team. Malpass is an avid hunter and fisherman, too. “The most interesting thing about me is that I play baseball and talk a lot,” the ECHS junior said. The coaches at his school are one of his favorite parts of being a Gator. “They can talk to you on another level,” he said. “They’re just easier to talk to – you can talk to them about anything – hunting, fishing, what you did this weekend.” His favorite class is weightlifting, “because there’s less work and I can spend time with my buds.” The 17-year-old son of Jimmy and Dana Malpass hopes to earn a degree in communications and become a sports broadcaster. Chase Rice is his favorite musician, and his favorite book is *The Green Mile*. He loves Ward’s cheesburgers with chili, and the movie *Forrest Gump*.

West Columbus High School



Baylee Haynes

Baylee Haynes, a 14-year-old freshman, is the daughter of Tara and Jerry Haynes of Fair Bluff. She likes best about West Columbus that students have more freedom than they had in middle school. Her favorite classes are earth/environmental honors with Ms. McClintock and world history honors with Mr. Burgstressor. She’s proud of making A’s last semester and improving in all her sports. Outside the classroom, she’s involved in cheerleading, dance, tennis, soccer and the FFA. One thing that most people don’t know about her is that she used to compete in pageants. She plans to attend college and nursing school. Her favorite book is “The Fault in our Stars,” her favorite movie is “The Brady Bunch,” her favorite food is bacon and her favorite non-school activities are church, dance and Netflix.

South Columbus High School



Brennan Ivey

Senior Brennan Ivey is the 17-year-old son of Anthony and Kelly Ivey. He was a defensive lineman that lettered three years with the Stallion varsity football team. He has lettered two years with varsity basketball and lettered two years in shot-put with the school’s track and field team. Ivey is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. What he likes best about SCHS are the teachers. “If you are struggling with a class, they help you.” His favorite class is history because it’s his best subject and it is something he is interested in. Lifting weights is his favorite activity. “It takes my mind off of everything and my body responds well to it. One day I want to be a competitive bodybuilder.” Brennan said the most interesting thing about him is that he’s a positive leader and always tries to make people do positive things. After he finishes high school, he’d like to play football at Guilford College and major in criminal justice.



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Roads

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of continuing efforts to eliminate at-grade intersections on the intrastate highway.

Travellers using Old 74 will be detoured to N.C. 242 from the Evergreen side of the highway, and through Birdcage to N.C. 242 from the Chadbourne side.

When the project is completed, Old 74 will not reopen to traffic crossing the four-lane when the overpass is completed.

Two other major projects, both affecting traffic at Lake Waccamaw, will be wrapping up soon, Marsh said, weather permitting.

“We hope to be finishing up Giles Byrd Road by next week,” he said.

A bridge replacement project at Hallsboro has detoured traffic there for several months, and was held up due to the unusually heavy rains of last fall and winter.

At the Lake, sewer lines



This familiar sight on Canal Cove Road will soon disappear.

have been connected on the Canal Cove Road bridge replacement project, and water lines are scheduled to be tested Monday. Crews were installing the lines Wednesday.

The bridge on Canal Cove has been replaced with a lower-maintenance aluminum box culvert, and the grade of the road improved through the area.

Residents of the area south of the bridge have had a circuitous detour of several miles to get back to town. The road could well be open next week, Marsh said.

“We plan to put a guardrail on the canal side of the road,” Marsh said, “and some other improvements, like adding some sod. Then we’ll get it striped, and it will be finished.”

Star party April 8 at the planetarium

Ingram Planetarium at 7625 High Market Street in Sunset Beach will host a free program, “Find Your Way in the Sky” Friday, April 8.

Learn about the endless wonders of the April cosmos during a live star show inside the planetarium’s dome theater, then step outside and discover these celestial sights for yourself using the planetarium’s telescopes.

Trained staff will be available to demonstrate how the telescopes work and direct participants to the more interesting astronomical



sights.

The indoor guided tour of the night sky, including a brief explanation of the telescopes available for observation, will begin at 7 pm inside the planetarium’s full-dome theater.

After sunset, step outside

and gaze at a selection of the night sky’s offerings through a variety of telescopes. Outdoor observing is estimated to begin at approximately 8 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the free star party will be rescheduled for April 10.

The April 8 star party is free but donations will be accepted. Planetarium seating is limited so arrive early to guarantee admission.

For more information, call 910-575-0033 or visit www.MuseumPlanetarium.org.

February jobless figures reveal slight decrease

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

Unemployment for February in North Carolina was the lowest in 13 months, according to figures released this week by the state Department of Commerce.

The jobless rate for last month stood at 5.5 percent of the workforce, according to the calculations of the Department of Commerce. Throughout 2015, the figure varied from 5.8 percent for March through June to 5.5 percent last month. The jobless figure from October 2015 through January 2016 was

5.6 percent.

The nationwide unemployment rate of 4.9 percent remains unchanged.

The Department of Commerce jobless figures are often questioned as to accuracy. Only idled workers who currently have contact with the old Employment Security Commission to help them secure a job, or to report their efforts to locate work, or to “sign up” if eligible for continued benefits are considered “the unemployed.” Those workers who have exhausted their unemployment benefits and have quit their non-productive searches for em-

ployment on their own are no longer considered unemployed.

The Justice Center, a private “watchdog” organization that keeps an eye on state government activities, reported in a separate study that in Columbus County in December 2015, 1,611 people were looking for work and there were 419 job openings.

In February, the Commerce Department reported the Professional and Business category had added 4,200 new hires. Industries with decreases in their workforce were led by Education and Health Services which lost 1,800 workers.



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Slow it down, regardless of reason why

Whether or not law officers will actually stop drivers going a mile or two over the speed limit – the state says they won’t – the unintended consequences of last week’s hysteria over speeding violations could be beneficial to everyone.

Speed limits are not a suggestion; they are the law. Most drivers consider anything up to five miles an hour over the posted highway limit to be in a safe zone. The problems come when more drivers go faster trying to beat those drivers, and the cycle just goes on.

Vehicles travelling at 80 are not uncommon on U.S. 74-76 and elsewhere; 60 is considered okay by many drivers on two-lane roads, even those where 55 is cautionary. The problem is always so bad in towns, due to additional traffic (which is often driving the speed limit) but there are enough speeding tickets written by local police to show speed is a problem in and out of town.

Speed limits are decided based on traffic counts, architecture and texture of roads, congestion and safety. On an interstate, 35 is just as deadly as 65 would be on a two-lane residential street.

Law enforcement was quick to say last week’s reports of tickets for a single mile-per-hour violation were misconstrued. Still, the effect was visible on many area roads, at least for a little while.

The truth is, radar systems are calibrated within a single mile-per-hour of tolerance; getting a conviction for 46 in a 45 would be about as likely as hitting the Powerball. That’s one reason law officers let some of the “barely speeding” drivers get away. Far more dangerous people are on our roads every day.

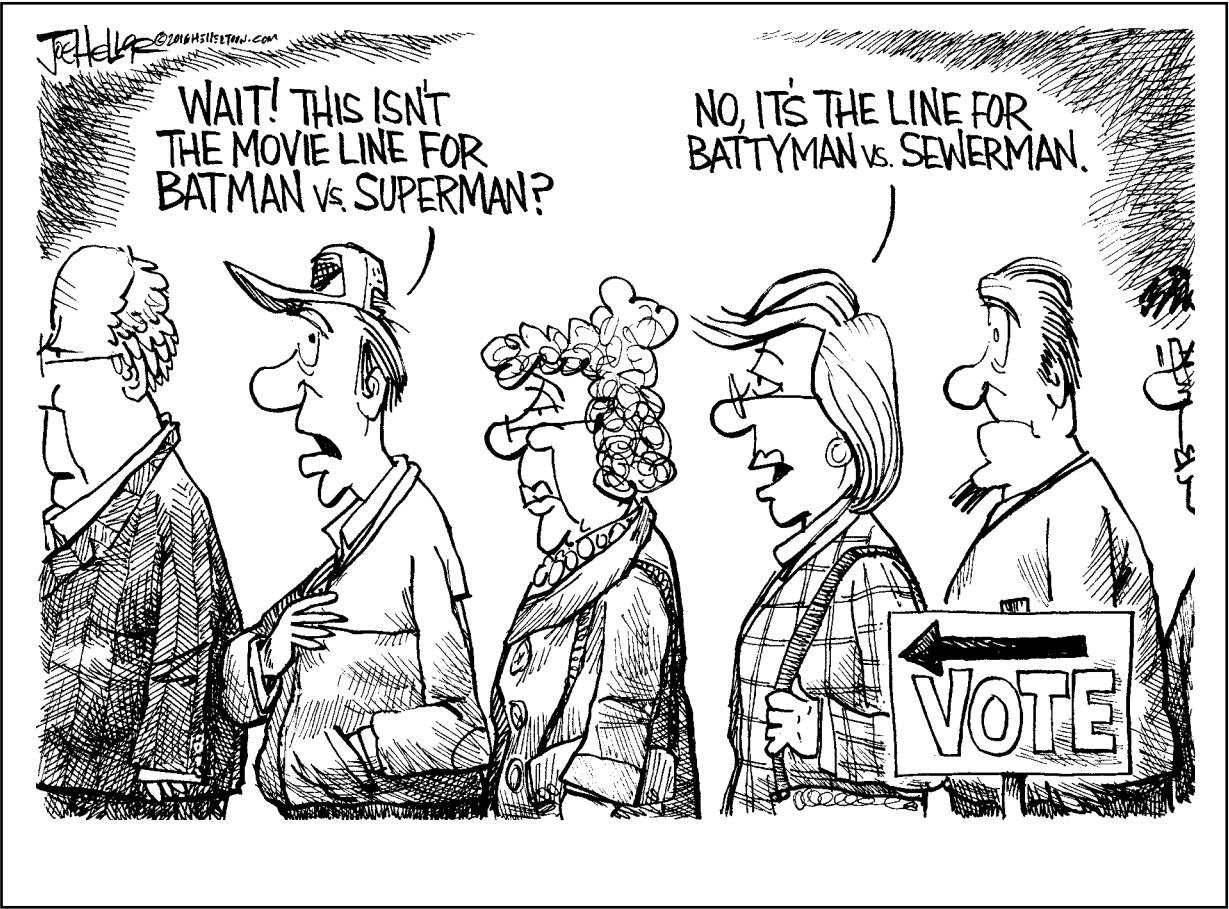
At the same time, as people get an inch – or in this case, a mile – they’re prone to taking four or five, or even ten. Even five over the speed limit is likely to get the unwanted attention of the ladies and gentlemen in blue, gray and khaki uniforms.

When you consider all the factors, speeding really doesn’t make that much difference in most trips; how many of us have been infuriated to pass another driver, only to have the selfsame vehicle pull up beside them at a stoplight? Planning ahead, and leaving a little early, is better than a ticket and the insurance costs – or the death and injury of yourself and others.

Slow it down, even if the Highway Patrol isn’t measuring your speed down to the feet per second.

Everyone benefits when everyone gets home safely.

The point
Regardless of extra enforcement, drivers need to slow down for the safety of all.



Ramblin’ with Ann

It’s so easy my friends for me to walk out in my yard, step into my car and I’m off to church, exercise, shopping or any other place I so desire. Not true back in the day.

When I was a child and wanted to visit a playmate for an afternoon of fun, my mom didn’t own a car to take me, so I had no choice except to use Pat and Charlie, my two feet.

I walked to my friend’s house and had to be home before dark, so I walked back home, which for some reason, was more tiring on the return trip home.

It was the same for my brothers and sister, and oftentimes our friends would walk to our house.

We would walk down to the banks of the Waccamaw River for an afternoon of watching people paddling their boats up and down the river.

As we walked past neighbors’ houses, some of them joined us and that was a lot of fun.

But, it was still tiring as we trudged back home.

Young people didn’t have cars like today so that was our way to travel.

However, some young people were lucky enough to own a car.

I remember my youngest brother finally became the owner of his first set of wheels.

My parents took him to get this prized possession – a very beautiful red bike.

Boy was he proud.

He rode that thing for miles every week, and I dared not to touch it, but I sure wanted to and one day, when he was gone for a few hours, guess what I did.

It was a hot, dusty day and when my brother was out of sight, I made a mad dash for that forbidden bike.

Crawling behind the handlebars on the bike, I rode that rascal all afternoon.

Needless to say, when my brother returned, he was some kind of mad with me.

Of course I tried to deny I had touched his piece of gold, but the tracks in the dirt road were proof positive of what I had done.

I never touched his set of wheels, as he called his bike, any more without permission.

My husband said he didn’t have access to a car either, but a lucky friend of his did and often he would thumb a ride with his friend.

Lots of people would thumb rides.

Sometimes, they stood beside the road and when a car passed, they would stick out their thumbs and if the driver was passing the thumb’s destination, the driver game them a ride.

My friends, those times were good times and wonderful memories.

So until next time, remember God loves you and so do I.

Write to us

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Authors are limited to one letter every 30 days. Letters about business and personal disputes will not be considered. Letters are subject to editing.

Public opinion

Parkinson’s help

There is currently interest in trying to form a support group for individuals with Parkinson’s in Columbus and surrounding counties. The mission of this group is to provide individuals with Parkinson’s a safe environment to get support, information and education, and to create an awareness about Parkinson’s Disease.

Once the group has been formed, we would like to meet once a month for approximately one hour. Do you have a family member or friend with Parkinson’s Disease or essential tremors? If so, you may be interested in a support group where some of the topics for discussion may include new treatments, new medications and ways of coping with tremors and other symptoms of Parkinson’s.

Parkinson’s is a neurological disease that involves degeneration of the brain. Sometimes it develops so slowly it can be hard to detect. It is unknown what causes Parkinson’s Disease, but the loss of dopamine-producing brain cells is a factor, and there is no known cure.

The disease usually strikes those over age 50 and begins with subtle symptoms that gradually worsen until they interfere with the ability to speak, walk and participate in daily activities.

As many as 1 million Americans live with Parkinson’s Disease.

Including treatment, Social Security payments, and lost income from inability to work, the cost of

disease is estimated to be nearly \$25 billion per year in the United States alone.

Medications for an individual person with Parkinson’s disease average about \$2,500 a year and therapeutic surgery can cost up to \$100,000 per patient.

Anyone with Parkinson’s Disease, visitors, family, friends and guests are welcome to attend our meetings. Everyone will be able to discuss their needs and concerns with caring, understanding people in a support group.

If you are interested in attending this group, contact Larry Hewett at (910) 840-6400 or via email at lhewett1@yahoo.com.

Editor’s note: Larry, himself, was diagnosed with Parkinson’s almost six years ago.

Larry Hewett
Iron Hill

Term limits?

The problems we face today in America exist because the people who work are outnumbered by the ones who will not work. They, along with the illegal immigrants, don’t have to because they’re draining the so-called Social Security and tax monies intended for legal citizens.

There is no SS “Lock box” on social security deductions and are immediately paid into the “General fund.”

The government has its grubby hands in the pot. It’s there for the taking. Therefore, they get the gold mine and benefits while we

get the shaft.

These socialist/communistic government programs created by our elected officials are destroying this country. These professional politicians, (that is to say, “gangsters”) along with our king Obama should be arrested and tried for treason and given the prescribed medicine for such hideous crimes.

They get rich and retire with lifetime benefits for destroying our country. This is the progressive (socialist) system used by our elected officials for re-election. Remember ... we’re outnumbered, and the will of the working class is undermined and doesn’t count anymore? Today, 87 percent of incumbents are re-elected. This is why communism or democracies have and always will fall. If you know your history, you will recall that Gov. William Bradford of Virginia tried communism ... and it didn’t work then. Maybe we’re reaping what we’ve sown. Does anyone care anymore? In the primary a few weeks ago ... less than 30 percent of registered voters showed up to vote (*The News Reporter* – front page).

Enough is enough. Most employers give employees 90 days to prove themselves to be a productive worker or they have to go. I almost forgot ... four years is not enough time if you are going to fundamentally change America.

Thomas Jefferson said, “The greatest danger to American freedom is a government that ignores the Constitution.”

Carl A. Hinson Sr.
Whiteville

You Decide

Why are there new sales taxes?

By **DR. MIKE WALDEN**
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North Carolinians having repairs made to their vehicles are now in for a little bit of a shock. With a few exceptions, they will now have to pay state sales tax on the labor cost of those repairs. So, too, will folks paying for repairs to their computers and for installing modular homes. These are some of the new sales taxes that began March 1.

The most common reaction I’ve heard to the new taxes is, “What, there must be some kind of mistake!” Many people are aware of the state reducing taxes during recent years in an effort to make North Carolina more attractive for businesses and job growth. Doesn’t putting sales taxes on vehicle repairs and other items go against this trend?

Let’s see if I can explain what’s happening and let you form your own conclusion. Several years ago North Carolina’s public leaders embarked on a shift in how public revenues for the state are raised. An exchange would be made from income taxes to sales taxes. This was done in an effort to increase economic growth in the state. The logic was that if the state wanted businesses and households to create more income, then income

should be taxed less.

The loss in income tax revenue would be partially made up by taxing consumer purchases (sales) more. But rather than increasing the sales tax rate, the “base” of the sales tax – that is, the kinds of purchases subject to the sales tax – would be broadened.

This meant adding some services to the state sales tax. Services had largely been untouched by the state sales tax since the tax’s inception in the 1930s. Part of the reason was the service sector was largely non-existent then. But today, spending on services exceeds spending on tangible products. Indeed, some have argued it has been unfair in the modern economy for purchases of services to not be taxed but purchases of products to be taxed.

Before this year’s changes, the state had made several additional purchases subject to the sales tax, including movie and other entertainment tickets. Also, the state component of the sales tax rate had been lowered a full percentage point. At the same time, the state income tax rates were lowered and standard deductions increased to reduce the effective tax on income.

So now that you know the reasoning, what have been the effects? Specifically, has the move from income taxes to sales taxes increased state economic growth,

as intended? Also, are there any downsides to expanding the range of purchases subject to the sales tax?

As a professional economist for almost 40 years, I have to admit that answering the question about the effect of state taxes on economic growth is really tough. The state’s economic performance has certainly improved in the last six years, so it’s easy to automatically make a link between this result and the change in state taxes.

But many researchers have concluded that bigger factors – like trends in the national economy and the industrial make-up of the state – have larger impacts than state taxes. I estimate that up to two-thirds of North Carolina’s economic performance is linked to the national economy. So as the national economy has recovered in recent years, so has North Carolina’s.

Also, compared to the nation, twice as much of our state’s economy is based on manufacturing. Since manufacturing tends to rebound faster from recessions than other sectors, North Carolina’s strength in manufacturing has helped our economy grow since 2010.

Policy makers have long argued over the pluses and minuses asso-

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Commentary

Limericks by Bob Aldrich

There’re eei ghtjudg eso nthS upremeCo urt.
And that means we are one justice short.
Pre-election, we wait.
We get justice from eight.
New appointments the Senate will thwart.

Though the sun always makes the same arc,
Saving daylight is a US hallmark.
We make sure that there’s light
Lasting longer at night.
We’re a nation afraid of the dark.

A burned Brussels bomb victim named Wells
Drew amazing escape parallels.
He was also in place
At that famed Boston race
Near the Marathon terror bomb shells.

Thumbs up



• For the American flags placed around the historic courthouse, the site of the proposed veteran’s park south of Whiteville, Lake Waccamaw Town Hall and other locations to mark Vietnam Veteran’s Day.

People, Places and Things

Things I didn't learn on the farm

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

You never get too old to learn. I grew up on a farm with lots of tobacco, corn, beans and other money-making crops, as well as barnyard animals, garden vegetables, fruit trees and such that fed the family, winter and summer.

Our grocery shopping was simple. The few things that we couldn't grow included rice, salt, pepper, spices, flavorings, bananas, pineapples (we used canned) and maybe a few other things.

We picked and preserved our own huckleberries and briar berries (that would be blueberries and blackberries to city folk) that grew wild in the woods.

But I have learned something about animals, fowl, eggs, corn, wheat, watermelons, oranges and more that I never learned on the farm.

This newfound information came from the Internet, probably an email from a friend. I copied it, and last Sunday I read it to my Sunday school assembly because it tells about God's wisdom, power and ability to solve our problems and our faith, or lack thereof, in

His abilities.

Here it is:

When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities.

When God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities.

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. . .

-those of the canary in 14 days;

-those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;

-eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;

-those of the mallard in 35 days;

-eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week.)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant...

-The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped (an animal with four feet) is so made.

-God planned that this animal would have a huge body too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four

fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

-The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

-A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation! -Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.

-Each orange has an even number of segments.

-Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.

-Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.

-Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. Amazing.

-The waves of the sea roll in on shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather.

-All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist,



once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our life. If we try to regulate our own life, it will only be a mess and a failure.

Only God, who made our brain and heart, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

I pray God blesses you in ways you never dreamed.

When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache; when you open it, he collapses; when he sees you reading it, he loses his strength, and when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

I'll probably never eat another orange, ear of corn or watermelon that I don't think of this and maybe count the segments, rows or stripes in amazement of God's uniformity and accuracy.

Vietnam Vets Day Weekend at N.C. Museum of History

Vietnam Veterans Day Weekend will kick off April events at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh. This is an opportunity to meet North Carolina Vietnam veterans and hear about the Vietnam War firsthand.

In addition to displays and activities, the play "Etchings in Stone" will be presented each day.

Vietnam Veterans Day Weekend, Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 3, noon-5 p.m. Meet veterans; see uniforms, weapons and gear. View a Field Cross memorial, a display of the state's POW and MIA heroes, and a 1/8-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall. Sponsored by N.C. Vietnam Veterans Inc.

"Etchings in Stone" will be presented Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m. By North Carolina veteran Ron Harris, this play places audience members "inside" the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall so they are privy to the words and unspoken thoughts of passing visitors.

Music, video clips and photographs from the Vietnam era are featured be-

tween segments.

This program is free, but reservations are requested. Call 919-624-5091 or e-mail vetdooler1@aol.com. Sponsored by N.C. Vietnam Veterans Inc.

Join a screening of "Los Jets" about the first predominantly Latino sports team to win a statewide sports championship in North Carolina: 2004's state soccer champions, the Jets, from Jordan-Matthews High School in Siler City.

The team's coach, Paul Cuadros, and a few team members and family members will discuss their experiences after the film.

Get ready for the Shakespeare Marathon: 38 plays in five days, an around-the-clock reading of all plays by William Shakespeare. Through a partnership with Raleigh's Burning Coal Theatre Company, 38 theatrical groups from across North Carolina will perform stage readings of the Bard's plays with minimal costumes and props.

Mark your calendar for these and other April programs at the N.C. Museum of History. Admission is free unless otherwise noted. Parking is free on weekends.

Youth turkey season starts Saturday

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

After nearly disappearing in North Carolina, wild turkeys came back with a vengeance, and Saturday marks the start of youth week for the wily birds.

The statewide youth hunting season for wild turkeys runs April 2-8, with conventional season from April 9 through May 7. Limit for the youth season is one, and for the full season the harvest limit is two. All must be bearded turkeys. Hens may not be hunted in North Carolina.

Youth season turkey hunting is open only for hunters younger than 16 years, and each youth hunter must be accompanied by a licensed adult at least 21 years old. An adult may accompany more than one youth during a particular hunt, but the adult cannot harvest a turkey. Each youth must report a harvest to the Wildlife Commission through a Big Game Harvest Report Card.

License-exempt youths should report their harvest using a Big Game Harvest Report Card for license-exempt hunters.

Safety is paramount during wild turkey season, said Charles Hinson of the Wildlife Resources Commission. Due to the bird's sharp eyesight and wary nature, hunters are usually heavily camouflaged, and often do not wear safety orange.

While some hunters wear a cap or hat to and from their hunting location, others tie an orange strap around a tree above their stand to avoid mistakes.

Wildlife Officer J.D. White said this is an excellent time to get young people introduced to the outdoors.

"Our turkey population is growing," he said, "and this is a great opportunity. Youth turkey season is an excellent way to get the youth involved.



"Having a parent within arm's reach, you have a good time to really teach," he said.

Since rifles are not allowed for turkey hunting, White said the season allows young hunters to develop a new skill set.

"When you're taking a bow or shotgun into the woods, versus holding a rifle in a stand, it's different," he said. "They have to carry the shotgun. Some people prefer to spot and stalk, and you have to develop safe habits.

"There's a lot of interaction with firearm safety. You can see what they know and don't know.

"Carrying a heavy shotgun can be fatiguing," he said. "It's a good time for a parent to observe, and to learn what the youth do and don't know."

Spring turkey season falls far enough out from most other hunting seasons that many adult hunters are happy to let

the youngsters get the most out of the experience.

"When you're young, you want to limit out," he said. "And most hunters feel some pressure to kill more deer or ducks during the winter. By the spring, you're ready to go hunting again, but this is a good chance to share what you know. Let the kids learn. Teach conservation. Explain why the two-bird limit ensures we can come back out next year and still have turkeys to hunt. You have the chance to leave a big impression on kids, teaching them how to hunt.

"There's a lot more to hunting than just killing a big trophy," White said. "Youth turkey season is a good time to practice that. Let the youngsters take the turkeys, and they'll want to come back next season."

Youth turkey season usually sees few violations, White said.

"We have very little trouble with the kids," White said. "Safety is always an issue, and you want to ensure you know you have permission to hunt where you set up. You've got to know whose land you're on - if you're 100 yards from where you are supposed to be, there could be another hunter who's been scouting that tom turkey since last season. Imagine how you'd feel if someone took away all the work you put in on a trophy. It's also dangerous - if you don't know another hunter is nearby, or they don't know about you, an accident can easily happen.

"You have to know what's behind and beyond your target. Make sure you know what you're shooting at before you point the gun at the target."

A trespassing hunter shot and killed a Bladen County farmer in 2004, when he allegedly shot at what he thought was a turkey along a brush line.

Hunters of any age should

make every effort to make sure other hunters recognize them as well.

"Whether you're hunting turkey or any other game, you should always remember to positively identify and know what is beyond your target before pulling the trigger," said Chet Clark, the Commission's eastern outreach manager. "If there is any doubt in your mind, don't shoot."

"Leave the area if you think another hunter is already there," Clark said. "Alert another hunter to your presence by saying 'Stop' in a loud voice."

Several accidents have occurred in the state when hunters leaving or entering the woods carried a decoy or harvested bird in a manner that fooled another hunter.

"Make sure your decoy or harvested turkey isn't visible when you transport it," Clark said.

The intense camouflage techniques preferred by many turkey hunters can lead to mistaken identity in the woods, Clark said. Nationally, white or red handkerchiefs have contributed to several accidents and deaths.

"Red, white, blue and black are the colors of a tom turkey's head," Clark explained. "Most hunters are going for that head shot. Never wear those colors in the field."

State law prohibits the use of bait, dogs, rifles, handguns, black powder rifles or electronic calls for turkey hunting. Turkeys must also be reported by calling 1-800-I-GOT-ONE or logging on to www.ncwildlife.org. Full regulations are available at the same web address.

White said turkeys provide a different challenge for hunters who have cut their teeth on deer and small game.

"We want everyone to just enjoy themselves, stay safe, and come home at end of the hunt," he said. "It's an added bonus take a bird as challenging as a turkey."

Walden

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ciated with sales taxes. Some evidence suggests sales taxes provide a more stable source of tax revenue during the ups and downs of the economy. While incomes may plunge in recessions, people still need to spend to exist, so sales won't fall as much as income. However, new research shows this advantage of sales taxes may have disappeared during the Great Recession.

Yet on the minus side, sales taxes are claimed to be "regressive."

This means, as a percent of a person's income, sales taxes take a larger bite for a lower income person than for a higher income person. It's usually the reverse for income taxes. For example, federal data show someone earning \$15,000 annually pays - as a percent of their income - almost 50 percent more for vehicle repairs than a person earning \$60,000. With the same sales tax rate applied to both, the person with lower income also pays - as a percent of their income - 50 percent more in sales taxes than the higher-income individual.

Now, it could still be the

case that the lower-income person makes up for the extra sales taxes on vehicle repairs with lower state taxes on their income - including another reduction that will occur next year.

Of course, this depends on a whole host of factors, including how much income is earned, age and number of dependents, and the kinds and sizes of tax credits and deductions the taxpayer can take.

There are two things always certain with changing taxes. They will create a variety of responses, and their impacts are different for different taxpayers.

Based on your situation, you will have to decide if substituting sales taxes for

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Vikings win, other Columbus teams struggle in tourney

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

The opening day of West Brunswick's Baseball and Softball Invitational tournaments saw five Columbus County teams in action. Only the West Columbus Viking baseball team came away with a victory. It is worth noting, South Columbus and East Columbus baseball and softball squads were all facing 4A opponents.

SCHS and E. Forsyth
Coach Bradley Strickland's Stallion baseball team was in action first. Despite clear skies, rain in the form of East Forsyth Eagles base hits came pouring down. When the deluge ended, East Forsyth had an 18-0 victory. The Eagles scored nine runs in the first two innings on 13 hits. Whether the ball was hit hard or soft it produced a base hit. East Forsyth added nine more runs on nine hits in the third and fourth frames.

East Forsyth pitching did not strike out a single Stallion batter. South Columbus went down in order only in the fourth inning. The Stallions were unable to string several base runners and base hits together to capitalize on early opportunities.

Eleven different Eagles garnered base hits. Noah Ward and Jay Wright had base hits for South Columbus.

ECHS and Pinecrest
East Columbus's fortunes looked more promising against Pinecrest. The Gators started and finished strong, but the between let them down in a 7-4 loss to the Patriots.

Hunter Reeves walked with two outs in the first, Bradley Olsen singled and Cade Andrews drove Reeves in with a base hit. An error on Travin Squires' grounder scored Olsen to give the Gators a 2-0 lead after one-half inning. Pinecrest got one run back in the bottom of the first to make the score 2-1.

Back-to-back Patriot doubles, leading off the bottom of the third, tied the score and knocked out starting pitcher Alex Moore. Travin Squires' first pitch was laced into center field giving Pinecrest a 3-2 lead.

Squires kept Pinecrest at bay until the fifth. A hit batsman, wild pitch and RBI single moved the lead to 4-2 and brought Bradley Olsen to the mound for East coach Brad Smith. Olsen got out of the inning without any further damage. The Patriots added three insurance runs in the sixth to increase the lead to 7-2.

Patriot starter Kodey Talbott allowed no hits and just two base runners in innings two through six. The Gators took advantage of two Pinecrest errors and walk in front of Bray McKeithan's two-run single to cut the lead to 7-4 with two outs in the seventh.

West Craven edges WHS 2-1 Tuesday

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

West Craven handed the Whiteville Wolfpack a non-conference loss in baseball by a score of 2-1 on Tuesday. Mackenzie Gore took the loss for Whiteville. Neither Eagle run was earned. Gore allowed four hits, struck out nine and hit one batter.

Whiteville took a 1-0 lead in the third inning. Gore doubled and came home on Hunter Carrette's base hit. West Craven tied the score in the fourth. An Eagle batter reached base after

A ground out ended the game.

WCHS and Harrells
West Columbus continued to play an excellent brand of baseball in non-league games. Their 7-1 win over Harrells Christian was as much methodical as it was dominant. CJ Coleman pitched six shut out innings. He gave up six hits, but did not allow a runner to reach third base. Coleman did not walk a batter and his teammates played unerring defense behind him. The Vikings collected their 10 hits and seven runs in the first five innings. Seven of the nine starters had at least one base hit. The two players that were hitless each contributed a sacrifice bunt.

Trey Benton collected two hits and two walks in four plate appearances. Skylar Ritchart had two hits and stole four bases. Ozzly Johnson contributed two hits, including an RBI double.

SCHS and Richmond
Coach Scott Johnson's Stallion softball team not only faced a larger Richmond County school, they took on an opponent that had won six consecutive games by a margin of 48-9. The Raiders showed they meant business, scoring four runs in the top of the first. However, it was the nine-run third inning making the score 14-2 that put the game out of reach. The Raiders added three more runs to defeat South Columbus 17-3. Uncharacteristically, South pitchers walked six batters and fielders committed four errors. Add 12 Raider hits to the mix and the final outcome was not surprising. The Stallions managed seven hits off Richmond pitching. Hailey Sarvis had two hits. Carson Powell and Taylor Turbeville each contributed a hit and RBI.

ECHS and Richmond
East Columbus faced Richmond County in the day's third game. Although they gave the Raiders a run for their money, the final outcome was a 3-2 Richmond victory.

The Gators took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth. Olivia Kissam and Chelsea Graham singled. They scored when Kirklyn Wayne's grounder was misplayed by the Raider shortstop. Richmond came back with a single run in the fourth on a bases loaded hit batter. Three consecutive Richmond singles tied the score in the fifth. The go-ahead run scored in the sixth when a pitch eluded the Gator catcher, scoring the runner from third base.

Kailey Paul held the hard-hitting Richmond County lineup to six hits and struck out four batters. Kissam led the Gators with two hits, including a double. Graham and Kelsey Carroll each contributed a single.

striking out when the third strike eluded the catcher. A passed ball moved the runner to second. The runner scored when the next batter singled.

West Craven scored the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth. An infield error, sacrifice bunt and wild pitch placed an Eagle runner on third. The next hitter struck out on a pitch that was not handled cleanly, necessitating a throw to first base to complete the strike out. On the throw to first, the runner from

See WHS falls on 2B



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

East Columbus' Cade Andrews goes heels over head after colliding with the Harrells Christian first baseman. The Crusaders toppled the Gators 7-1 in Tuesday action.

WHS softball tops nationally ranked team

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

The Whiteville Wolfpack softball team took on Keystone High School from LaGrange, Ohio in a contest played at Coastal Carolina University. The Wildcats have been ranked in the top twenty five in at least one preseason poll. Apparently neither the surroundings, nor the opponent intimidated the Wolfpack as they came away with a 9-1 victory.

Keystone's first batter led off with a single. However, she was gunned down at second by Whiteville catcher Lauren Hilbourn on an attempted steal. Whiteville scored the game's first run in the bottom of the first. After two outs, Kourtney Grainger and Sage McLelland singled. The Pack then pulled off a successful double steal to take a 1-0 lead.

Whiteville blew the game open in

the third frame. Laura Thompson was hit by a pitch. Eden Brown bunted and reached base. Grainger's double scored Thompson. McLelland's grounder was booted, scoring Brown. Malerie Leviner had an infield hit that plated Grainger. Ivy Hayes singled. Santana Best drew a bases loaded walk to force in another run. Hilbourn's single scored Leviner and Hayes. Thompson singled in her second at bat of the inning. Brown's sacrifice fly scored Best and gave Whiteville an 8-0 lead.

Keystone broke into the scoring column with a single and RBI triple in the fourth. Sage McLelland put an exclamation point on the Wolfpack win with a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Malerie Leviner picked up the win for Whiteville. She allowed six hits and struck out eight while going the distance in the circle.

Whiteville coach Olivia Scott knew this wasn't just an ordinary game. "The stakes were high. We were playing on a college field where I played. We were playing a nationally ranked team, in front of college coaches. Despite all the unfamiliar things, when the game started, we fell right into our groove. I think talking to the girls about being humble and keeping the game simple paid off. Keystone is disciplined offensively and sound defensively. We had to throw more pitches than normal and have a disciplined approach at the plate ourselves. When Keystone put runners on base, we rose to the challenge and worked out of some pressure situations."

Whiteville improved to 11-0. They hosted Keystone on Wednesday at 1 pm.. The Wolfpack also will face Brecksville from Broadview Heights, Ohio at 4 pm.

West Brunswick Tournament

Teams have mixed results on Day Two



Photo by Franklin Davis

Hailey Sarvis prepares to round first base. Sarvis had two hits for the Stallions in their game with Davie County.

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Staff Writer

A 180 degree reversal of play, an unlikely hit, a bounce back win, a return to winning ways and a tough, late inning loss all were evident in Columbus County high school's baseball and softball teams' play on day two of the West Brunswick Baseball and Softball Invitational.

ECHS and Harrells
You could sense East Columbus coach Brad Smith's frustration. Not from his team's effort, but from the inability to come up with key hits with runners on base. The Gators stranded runners on third base in four of the first six innings in a 7-1 loss to Harrells Christian Academy. On the defensive side, three hit batsmen, two walks and two errors figured prominently in the Crusaders' seven runs.

On the positive side, the Gators did not go away quietly. Chase Lewis led off the seventh with a triple. Bray McKeithan's single drove Lewis home. Cade Andrews followed with his fourth single of the game. Again, the inning and this time the ballgame ended with Gators in scoring position.

Cade Andrews and Chase Lewis pitched for East Columbus. Andrews had a perfect day at the plate with four hits in four at bats.

SCHS and North Brunswick
What a difference a day makes! After giving up 18 runs and 22 hits on Monday, South Columbus rode the stellar pitching of Evan Pickell to a 6-0 win over North Brunswick. Pickell was two plays away from perfect. A fourth inning error gave North their first base runner. A soft pop up that fell just beyond Pickell's reach behind the mound in the sixth was the only Scorpion hit.

South Columbus' first nine batters were retired in order. Hunter Shelley singled to lead off the bottom of the fourth and scored on Noah Ward's double. The Stallions added four more runs in the sixth. Jay Wright singled, Shelley was hit by a pitch and Robby Spencer was safe on a fielder's choice to load the bases. Garrett Wilson hit a slow grounder to the second baseman. The Scorpion infielder appeared to tag Spencer before throwing wildly to first base. Both Wright and Shelley scored to give South a 3-0 lead. Only after a lengthy argument about the tag and whether the runner had abandoned

See Mixed results on 2B

Mixed results

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the base believing he was out did play resume. One out later, Mason Benton’s single drove in Spencer and Wilson for a 5-0 Stallion lead. Landon Stocks’ double and Spencer’s single gave the Stallions another run in the seventh.

Not that Pickell needed insurance. The senior right-hander continued to pour pitches into the strike zone. Pickell struck out eight Scorpions and never had a count of three balls on any batter.

WCHS advances

The West Columbus Vikings were the only Columbus County team to advance to winner’s bracket play. They took on the host West Brunswick squad. The Trojans scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a come-from-behind 4-2 victory.

West Brunswick struck first with back to back doubles in the first to take a 1-0 lead. The Vikings tied the score in the third. Gage Hammonds walked. Dawson Elliott’s single moved Hammonds to third. Cole Benton’s fielder’s choice scored Hammonds. A throw from left fielder Ozzly Johnson to Tanner Hinson to Hunter Norris cut down a Trojan runner attempting to score to end the fifth inning. West Columbus capitalized on the momentum. Hammonds singled. Consecutive fielder’s choices left Elliott as the Viking runner on first. Cole Benton singled with Elliott taking third. Norris’s grounder was botched allowing Elliott to score, giving the Vikings a 2-1 lead.

The lead had a short life. The Trojans turned two walks, an error, an RBI bunt single, a stolen base, a sacrifice fly and another single into three runs and a 4-2 lead. West Columbus threatened in the seventh. A walk, error and sacrifice bunt put runners on second and third with one out. However, the Trojan pitcher was able to record consecutive strike outs to end the game.

ECHS and Davie County

Four batters in to East Columbus’ softball game with Davie County saw the Gators trailing 3-0. Unfazed, the Gators scored in every inning except the sixth to take an 11-7 victory.

East Columbus scored two runs in the first to cut the lead to 3-2. Valerie Carter held the War Eagles in check the next three innings and her Gator team mates continued to pile up runs; three in the second, one in the third and two more in the fourth for an 8-3 advantage. Two Gator errors and Katelyn Webb’s second homer, a two-run blast, brought Davie within two runs and brought Kailey Paul to the circle for East Columbus. Paul ended the inning with a strike out.

The Gators struck for three runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth, taking an 11-6 lead. The sixth was quiet for both teams. The War Eagles took advantage

of a bunt single, two errors and a walk to score a run and load the bases with one out in the seventh. Paul retired the final two hitters on pop ups to preserve the win.

Gator coach Morgan Jacobs was proud of her team. “We were competitive. We didn’t panic after falling behind in the first. The girls put the ball in play and got hits in crucial situations to put runs on the board in almost every inning.” Kelsey Carroll had two hits, walked twice and scored three runs. Kayleigh Patrick had two hits. Valerie Carter contributed a double. Kirklyn Wayne and Sayeh Campbell each scored twice.

SCHS and Davie County

Coach Scott Johnson was looking for an improved effort by his Stallion squad on Tuesday. He got it from his defense as they did not commit an error. However, Davie County’s bats were hot and helped the War Eagles to a 9-3 victory.

Three singles, a double, a walk and hit batter helped Davie jump out of a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the second frame. A solo homer increased the lead to six after three innings and three hits in the fourth made it 7-0. Finally the Stallions showed some signs of offensive life in the sixth. Victoria Harrelson singled, Lindsey Jones’ double drove in Harrelson. Carson Powell walked. Mattie Johnson’s single plated Jones to make the score 7-2. Davie County got those runs back in the bottom of the frame and took a 9-2 lead into the seventh. Hailey Sarvis tripled and scored on Harrelson’s sacrifice fly to make the final margin 9-3.

Sarvis also had a double for South Columbus. Alexis Suggs went the distance for the Stallions in the circle.

The third game of the day saw South Columbus in a similar situation to what Davie County had faced in game two. They were coming off a loss, but had started swinging the bats better. Apparently it was the right tonic as South Columbus defeated East Forsyth 10-0 in five innings.

It was a game South Columbus senior Sadryne Jacobs is likely never to forget. She blasted a two-run homer in the second and ended the contest with a walk-off grand slam home run in the fifth. Alex Chestnutt was 3 for 3. Mattie Johnson had two hits and scored three times. Victoria Harrelson had a hit and scored twice and Carson Powell contributed an RBI single.

Anna Caroline Suggs allowed just one Eagle to land on third base. Her performance was even more impressive considering the home plate umpire ruled her hand position prior to pitching constituted an illegal pitch. Suggs adjusted, allowing two hits and striking out out seven.

Visit whiteville.com/sports to learn about Wednesday’s results in both softball



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Lindsey Jones stretches for a throw at first for South Columbus.

Columbus County JV teams swept

All four Columbus County junior varsity baseball teams lost in the first round of the CCSN JV Baseball Invitational. The tournament ran Tuesday through Thursday at West Columbus High School.

In Tuesday’s opening game, previously undefeated East Columbus, fell to Fairmont

by a score of 10-6 West Brunswick shut out Whiteville 9-0 in game two.

South Columbus trailed West Bladen 9-0 entering the bottom of the fifth inning. The Stallions had the Knights sweating, scoring three runs in the fifth and adding four more in the sixth to close to

10-8. But that was as close as they would come. West Bladen took an 11-8 win. Austin Long, James Harrelson, Chandler Ward, Kolby Bellamy and Griffin Hanna collected hits for South Columbus.

The final game of the evening pitted the host Viking team against St. Pauls. West

Columbus held a one run lead entering the seventh inning. After the first two Bulldog batters were retired St. Pauls scored twice to take a 7-6 lead. West Columbus could not muster a final inning rally. Shawn Tyson and Dawson Butler each had two hits to lead the Vikings attack.

Middle school diamond scores

Curtis Watson was the winning pitcher in Hallsboro’s 13-1 win over Evergreen. Watson also had four hits and scored three runs. Naseem McMcAlister added three hits for the Tigers.

The Central Hornets baseball team improved their record to 4-0 with a 10 -0 road victory over Williams Township. The Hornets got a solid pitching performance from Logan Hooks. Hooks pitched four innings striking out 10 and yielded no hits. Zach Hunt pitched the final two innings. Hunt allowed two hits and struck out three. Lincoln Ransom led the Hornets at the plate with a home run and a double. Hooks and Jake Harwood also had two hits with doubles. Zach Hunt contributed a homer and Andrew Lewis a triple. Other players with hits for Central were John Cook, John Carter Strickland, Jake Imman, Colton Williams, and Jacob Allgood. Daveron and Strickland had hits for the Aggies.

Nakina topped Acme-Delco 17-7. Chase Marlowe was the winning pitcher. Trey Gore’s four hits included two doubles. Jackson McPherson had two doubles in two at bats. Aveon Bellamy contributed a double and a single.

Hannah Andrews was the winning pitcher and also was 3 for 3 at the plate in the Tigers 21-1 softball win over Evergreen. Alexis Jacobs, Alanna Deal and G.G. Bellamy each had two hits for Hallsboro.

Nakina defeated Acme-Delco 14-8 in softball. Alexis Todd was the winning pitcher. Todd and Katelyn Canady had hits for Nakina.

Central softball remained undefeated. The Hornets took an 11-1 victory over Williams..

Middle school softball and baseball action will resume on Tuesday, April 5.

WHS falls

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third broke towards home and beat the return throw from first to the catcher.

In addition to Gore and Cartrette’s hits, Hunter Harwood had two hits and Connor Grainger and Nydir Carr added one each.

The Wolfpack was scheduled to play Northwest Guilford on Wednesday at South Central High School in the Greenville area.



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The Gators’ Hunter Reeves robs a Harrells player of a home run in the Easter Tournament.



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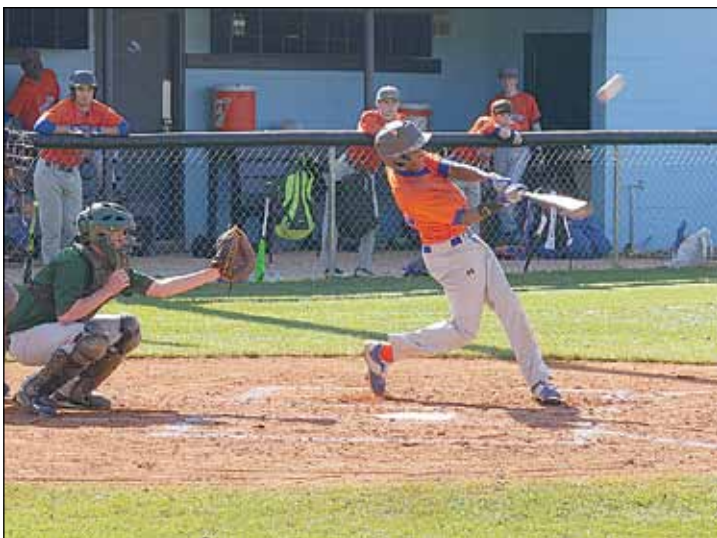
Local JV baseball teams in action at West Columbus Tournament



Aaron Elkins delivers a pitch for the Vikings.



Austin Long steals second for the Stallions.



Phillip Powell takes a big cut for Whiteville. Dillon Patrick is the Gator catcher.



The Vikings Dawson Butler watches his fly ball head to right field.



Zack McKoy scores on a wild pitch for South Columbus.



Whiteville catcher Ethan Bass tags out East Columbus's Nicholas McLamb.



Daniel Wells delivers a pitch for the Gators.

Columbus County JV Baseball/Softball Standings					
JV Softball			JV Baseball		
Conference	Overall		Conference	Overall	
WHS	5-0	6-1	ECHS	6-0	8-1
SCHS	5-0	7-0	SCHS	4-1-1	6-3-1
ECHS	3-2	4-3	WCHS	4-2	5-3
WCHS	0-4-1	0-4-1	WHS	3-3	3-5
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McDONALD'S PRESENTS



Grayson
Ward
Baseball

The Whiteville High senior is in his third season as starting centerfielder for Coach Brett Harwood and he said that playing on the Wolfpack's back-to-back state championship team the past two years “has been totally awesome. We'd like to win it again this year, but we know that there is still a lot of hard work and preparation involved in doing it.” With outstanding range and speed, Ward has brought a lot to the Wolfpack success. His hitting has improved steadily over the past two years, and he has a real knack for getting on base. His father Byron Ward was a standout WHS centerfielder, closing out his high school career with a state 2A championship. His grandfather Harry Ward was an outstanding centerfielder for WHS as well as American Legion and semi-pro baseball teams during the 1950s. Ward hopes to have the opportunity to play college baseball while pursuing a degree in criminal justice



Valerie
Carter
Softball

A three-year starter on the ECHS softball team, Carter can handle a variety of pitches and is a reliable hitter. The daughter of Deborah and Stanley Carter said that softball has always been her favorite sport and that playing for Coach Morgan Jacobs' Lady Gators has been “a great experience.” “We play a strong schedule and we've been involved in a lot of close games,” she said prior to her team's recent Three Rivers Conference game with the Whiteville Lady Wolfpack. Her choices of colleges to attend after graduation include East Carolina and UNC-Wilmington.



Trey
Benton
Baseball

Known more for his pitching, Benton has also been a leading hitter for WCHS this season. Entering this week's games, he led the Vikings in hits, batting average and RBIs. On the mound, he averages almost two strikeouts per inning. He likes baseball because he knows eight other guys have his back and the “family feeling” he gets. Benton, the son of Angie and Rick Benton, gives his dad credit for encouraging him and for making new levels of success possible. His best baseball memory is the deep playoff run the Dirtbags made in the WWBA world championship last fall. He has committed to play college baseball at ECU and hopes to play professionally. Some day, he would like to return home and run the family tire business. Benton enjoys hanging out with friends at the beach or lake, and shooting pool. Statistics is his favorite class. He describes himself as, “hardworking and passionate. I strive to be a positive role model and make a difference in the people around me.”



Lindsey
Jones
Softball

Jones is the daughter of Bo and Melissa Jones. The senior was batting .368 with 14 RBIs heading into Tuesday's games. She loves the competitiveness of sports and family feeling of being a team. Her biggest influence has been her parents. “They encourage me to be the best I can be and to put God first.” Jones' biggest softball thrills have been the home runs she hit during her freshman, sophomore and senior seasons. She believes her biggest asset is her ability to stretch out and dig low throws out at first base. After graduating, she plans to attend SCC and enter the nursing program. Health science is her favorite high school course. Pizza is her favorite food and Carolina Panthers linebacker Luke Kuechly is her favorite pro athlete. Jones has been a member of the successful Stallion volleyball team for three years. She describes herself as, “reliable, a trustworthy friend, easy-going and friendly, but competitive when on the field or court.”



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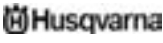
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NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Universal Uclick

Sprint Cup drivers praise results of new aero package

After five straight weekends of racing, NASCAR's Sprint Cup drivers and teams got a weekend off for Easter before getting back to work this week at Martinsville Speedway.

The season so far has seen generally more competitive racing, due in large part to a lower-downforce aerodynamic package being used at most tracks this year. There's a great contest underway for Rookie of the Year. Jimmie Johnson has won two races and moved into seventh place on the circuit's all-time win list. And there are other compelling stories as well.

The new aero package features among other things a shorter rear spoiler (3.5 inches versus the earlier 6) and a shorter splitter edge on the front (one-quarter inch instead of 2 inches).

Drivers one after another have had nothing but praise for the new rules, with their only other comments being that NASCAR needs to lower the downforce even more, so that more of a car's performance will depend on the driver's input instead of an engineer's tweaks to the car.

"I'm really happy that NASCAR has made the steps they have," Carl Edwards said in a media session at Auto Club Speedway. "You're seeing the results on the race track. It is more fun to drive. This package is just simply more fun. The driver has more of an influence. The tires fall off a little more. There's more passing. I watched guys last week really driving the race cars."

Edwards, who grew up racing sideways on dirt tracks around his native Missouri, said others with little dirt background are adapting well, too.

"Dale (Earnhardt) Jr. was, I mean, just loose steering and it looked like he was running on dirt out there the whole time," Edwards said of Earnhardt's driving at Phoenix. "That's fun. Me, personally, I like that type of racing. So, yeah, that's good."

Edwards said, in somewhat of a surprise, that he of all people still hasn't gotten a good grip on the new package, despite finishing second by inches to Kevin Harvick at Phoenix.

"I just don't have a feel for it yet," he said. "I thought we

actually surprised ourselves a little bit, how well we ran at Phoenix."

The Rookie of the Year contest so far is living up to the pre-season hype, as the top two rookies, Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney, are engaged in a seesaw battle for the lead. Blaney led heading into the most recent race, at Auto Club Speedway, but had a flat tire and hit the wall late in the race and lost the top spot to Elliott, who finished a season-best sixth. Blaney also has a best finish of sixth, at Las Vegas, and the two are tied for 16th in Cup points heading into Martinsville, with Elliott holding the edge in rookie standings, as his second-best finish of eighth trumps Blaney's second best of 10th.

The rookie battle is especially interesting to veterans of the Sprint Cup garage who have known the two drivers all their lives. Elliott's father, Bill, drove for the Wood Brothers, who now field cars for Blaney, whose father, Dave, was a Cup driver as well.

"I've known Ryan and Chase since they were little boys," said Eddie Wood, co-owner of the No. 21 Ford that Blaney drives. "Seeing them race for Rookie of the Year is a lot of fun. It looks like it's going to be a great battle between them from week to week."

Also in the running for the rookie title are Brian Scott, who is 14 points out of the rookie lead, and Chris Buescher, who is 16 back.

Jimmie Johnson already has two wins this season, at Atlanta and Auto Club Speedway. The first, at Atlanta, tied him with the late Dale Earnhardt for seventh on the all-time win list at 76. The Auto Club victory put him ahead of Earnhardt.

The Auto Club victory also continued a recent trend in which Kevin Harvick finished second to Johnson.

Since Harvick moved from Richard Childress Racing to the No. 4 Chevrolet at Stewart-Haas Racing at the start of 2014, he's finished second 20 times -- six times in 2014, 13 last year and once so far this year. Eight of those runner-up finishes have come in races won by Johnson.

As the circuit heads back to Martinsville Speedway this weekend, there likely will be much discussion of the race there last fall and the crash that saw Matt Kenseth intentionally wreck Joey Logano in retaliation for an earlier incident at Kansas Speedway.

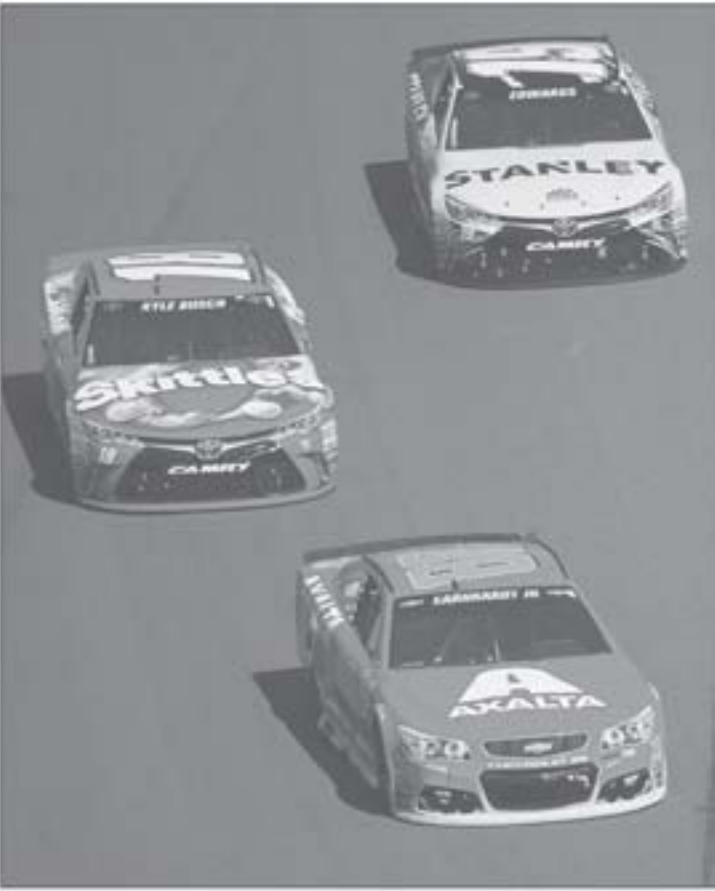
Kenseth, who won six races in 2015, was suspended for two races as a result. Logano did not receive a penalty, but the incident cost him a

chance to compete for the championship after having won five races.

Both Logano and Kenseth say they've put those troubles behind them, but neither has returned to his form of 2015.

Logano has fared better so

far this season. He's currently sixth in the standings with a best finish of second, at Las Vegas, and an average finish of 8.4. Kenseth is 15th in the standings, with a best finish of seventh at Phoenix and an average finish of 19.2.



Carl Edwards says the results of the new aero package, which put more of the driver's results in his own hands, are showing on the track. Here, he races Kyle Busch and Dale Earnhardt Jr. at Phoenix on March 13.



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Applicants should send all documents and inquiries to the Human Resources Office, Southeastern Community College, P.O. Box 151, Whiteville, NC 28472.

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Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COLUMBUS COUNTY
15SP121

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORE-
CLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST
EXECUTED BY BRENDA S. YOVA-
NOVICH DATED APRIL 21, 2010
AND RECORDED IN BOOK RB 982
AT PAGE 961 IN THE COLUMBUS
COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH
CAROLINA

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 5, 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 that 2.00 acre tract of land, more or less, as shown on a "Plat for Jeffrey M. Latta", dated April 17, 2003, which is recorded in Deed Book 749, at Page 538 of the Columbus County Register of Deeds.

And Being more commonly known as: 981 Pierce Cemetery Rd, Hallsboro, NC 28442

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Brenda S. Yovanovich. 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 representative 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. The date of this Notice is March 15, 2016.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ellis
Substitute Trustee
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15-071329
March 24, 31, 2016

Notice of Tax Foreclosure Sale

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 15 CV 1312
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and
TOWN OF BRUNSWICK,
Plaintiffs
vs

MARGARET HAWKINS (EVERETTE);
Beneficiary (Lienholder),
Defendant

NOTICE is hereby given that the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and TOWN OF BRUNSWICK as a bodies politic incorporate of the State of North Carolina, are exercising their power and authority to assess, levy and collect taxes against real and personal property located within their boundaries in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Default Judgment and order of Sale entered on the 13th day of January, 2016 and

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is foreclosing on the following land of MARGARET HAWKINS (EVERETTE) in order to satisfy the properly assessed but unpaid taxes upon certain lands. Pursuant to the Judgment entered on the 13th day of January, 2016, William E. Wood has been appointed Commissioner with the authority to sell the following land at the Courthouse Door, Columbus County Courthouse in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina at 12:15 o'clock p.m. on the 7th day of April, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all interest in the following described real estate:

Certain lot or parcel of land situated in Whiteville Township, Columbus County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Lot #70 and runs thence South 51 degrees 45 minutes East 100 feet; thence South 38 degrees 15 minutes West 80 feet to Henry Hawklin' line; thence with the Hawkins line North 51 degrees 45 minutes West 100 feet to a common corner of Lots #69 and 70; thence with the South line of Lot #70 North 38 degrees 15 minutes East 80 feet to the Beginning.

It is the intention of this Deed to convey a strip of land 80 feet wide and 100 feet long lying directly behind Lot #70. For more information see Map of the W. T. Sledge Estate, Map Book #1, Page 102, Columbus County Register of Deeds Office.

This deed is made subject to the grantor's life estate, which the grantor hereby reserves unto herself.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at an iron pipe, Oscar Gardner's northeast corner in the Western edge of Maryland Street. Said Gardner corner more fully located as being 310 feet along the western edge of Maryland Street from the Northwestern corner of Lot No 66 as shown by a map dated March, 1939 and recorded in Map Book No. 1, Page 102, Columbus County Registry. Runs at right angles to Maryland Street with Oscar Gardner's line North 51 degrees 45 minutes West 140 feet to an iron pipe in the center line of the old tram (Oscar Gardner's corner); thence with the center line of the old tram 75 feet to a point; thence South 51 degrees 45 minutes East 140 feet to a stake in the western edge of Maryland Street; thence with the western edge of Maryland Street North 38 degrees 15 minutes East 75 feet to the beginning.

See agreements in Book 469, Pages 249 & 251.

See ROW in Book 266, Page 354 Tract 3

Certain lot or parcel of land situated in the Town of Brunswick, Columbus County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Lot number seventy (70) in the Town of Brunswick, facing Maryland Street, as recorded on a Map of the Town of Brunswick made by E. M. Eutsler, C. E., in May 1935, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, North Carolina. Said Lot #70 being 80 x 135 ft.

See map Book 2, Page 58 and Book 249, Page 222, Columbus County Registry.

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 Commissioner nor the County of Columbus, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Commissioner or the County of Columbus make any representation of 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, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed.

Also, this property is being sold free and clear of all taxes, special assessments, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property except as may have priority under Federal or State Law, if any.

A cash deposit of 20% of the purchase price, or \$750 whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale with the balance remaining due to be paid in full by cash or certified funds at the Office of the Commissioner within three (3) days after the entry of the Judgment of Confirmation by the Clerk of Court.

Hearing before the Honorable Amy M. Walker, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina was held in connection with this foreclosure on 13th day of January, 2016 at which time Clerk Amy Walker authorized this foreclosure sale as required by statute.

This the 14th day of March, 2015.
WILLIAM E WOOD
COMMISSIONER
100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
TELEPHONE: (910)-642-3965
STATE BAR NO.: 5901
March 24 & 31, 2016

Notice of Tax Foreclosure Sale

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 15 CV 1080
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS,
Plaintiff
vs

JERRY DONALD EASON, Remainderman; SHIRLEY ANN EASON, Life Tenant; HI TANE OIL COMPANY; BRANCH

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BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Beneficiary (Lienholder);
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Department of Revenue (Lienholder), Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS as a body politic incorporate of the State of North Carolina, is exercising its power and authority to assess, levy and collect taxes against real and personal property located within its boundaries in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Default Judgment and order of Sale entered on the 28th day of January, 2016 and is foreclosing on the following land of JERRY DONALD EASON, SHIRLEY ANN EASON and HI TANE OIL COMPANY in order to satisfy the properly assessed but unpaid taxes upon certain lands. Pursuant to the Judgment entered on the 28th day of January, 2016, William E. Wood has been appointed Commissioner with the authority to sell the following land at the Courthouse Door, Columbus County Courthouse in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 14th day of April, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all interest in the following described real estate: Lying and being in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina and being adjacent to and Southeast of the paved centerline of NC Highway #11 and subject to and Northeast of the paved centerline of NC Highway #87 and being more fully described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: BEGINNING at an old nail located in the intersection of the paved centerline of NC Highway #11 with the paved centerline of NC Highway #87; and running thence from the Beginning so located with the centerline of NC Highway #11; North 33 degrees 25 minutes East 429.03 feet to an old nail inline; thence South 45 degrees 30 minutes 36 seconds East 129.63 feet to an old iron pipe inline; South 46 degrees 20 minutes 34 seconds East 578.92 feet to an old iron pipe in a branch; thence South 05 degrees 05 minutes 09 seconds West 102.50 feet to an existing iron pipe in the old Wilmington-Fayetteville Road; thence South 78 degrees 28 minutes 23 seconds West 389.64 feet (passing over an old inline iron pipe at 326.84 feet) to an old nail in the paved centerline of NC Highway #11; thence with said road centerline North 48 degrees 47

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minutes 00 seconds West 474.35 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 4.774 acres, more or less, after the exclusion of that portion of NC Highway #11 (150 feet right of way) and that portion of NC Highway #87 (100 feet right of way) contained within the above described boundaries and is as surveyed by Thompson Surveying Company, PA., of Burgaw, North Carolina, in March, 1988. See plat of the same recorded in Book 391, Page 276, Columbus County Registry. As a reference to the above described tract see Map of Survey for "Annie H. Carroll and C.W. Carroll, Jr." with said map being duly recorded in Map Book 37, Page 68, of the Columbus County Registry.

Being the same property conveyed by Annie H. Carroll, widow, to Billy C. Butler and wife, Teresa P. Butler, by Deed dated March 14, 1988, recorded in Book 391, Page 272, Columbus County Registry.

Being the same property conveyed by Trustee's Deed dated September 26, 1990, in favor of Jerry D. Eason, Sr. and wife, Hilda E. Eason, recorded in Book 414, Page 439, Columbus County Registry.

Being the First Tract described in Deed from Hilda Jo Edens Eason, legally separated, to Jerry Donald Eason, legally separated, dated June 6, 1995, recorded in Book 487, Page 764, Columbus County Registry'

PARCEL 2: FIRST TRACT: BEGIN at a nail located in the centerline of NC Highway #11, said nail being located North 36 degrees 33 minutes East 717.87 feet from the point where the centerline of NC Highway #11 intersects with NC Highway #87; thence with the centerline of NC Highway #11, South 33 degrees 36 minutes West 135.0 feet to a nail located in said centerline; thence South 52 degrees 10 minutes East 125.73 feet to a common corner with the Flowers line in the Hinyard Estate; thence North 11 degrees 30 minutes 30 seconds East 328.42 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING.

The above being a portion of the Rebecca Flowers Estate as shown in Deed Book 123, Page 247, Columbus County Registry.

Being the same property as described in Quitclaim Deed dated August 1, 1992 from Arlene F. Murray, Widow, et als, to Jerry D. Eason and wife, Hilda Eason, and recorded in Book 437, Pages 165 and 169 Columbus County Registry.

SECOND TRACT: All of that tract containing 42.31 acres, more or less, located in Ransom Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being

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fully set forth and delineated in a Deed from Dickerson Carolina, Inc., in favor of Jerry Donald Eason and wife, Hilda Edens Eason, dated June 16, 1994, and recorded in Deed Book 465, Page 584, Columbus County Registry, which Deed is incorporated by reference for further particularity of description.

This being the same property conveyed by Ann H. Carroll, widow, to Dickerson Carolina, Inc., by Deed dated October 6, 1986, recorded in Book 378, Page 143, Columbus County Registry.

Subject to a Right of Way Easement in favor of The Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority as recorded in Book 331, Page 655, Columbus County Registry.

The above two tracts are the same as the Second and Third Tracts in that Deed from Hilda Jo Edens Eason, legally separated, to Jerry Donald Eason, legally separated, dated June 6, 1995, recorded in Book 487, Page 764, Columbus County Registry.

PARCEL 3: Lying and being in Ransom Township Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the Southwestern edge of the Wilmington-Fayetteville Highway, said stake being located 15 chains Southeast from the intersection of the center of the "Old Collins Road" ditch with the Southwestern edge of the said highway and being a corner of Lot No. 7 and running with the edge of said highway South 50 degrees East 6 chains to a stake, a corner of Lot No. 10; thence South 46 degrees West about 16 chains to the run of Joe Lowe Branch; thence about West with the run of Joe Lowe Branch about three chains to Charles Saulter's old corner in the run of the branch; thence North 1 degree East 7.34 chains to a stake, another corner of Lot No. 7; thence North 46 degrees East about 13 chains to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 11 1/5 acres, more or less; being all of Lots Nos. Eight (8) and Nine (9) as shown on plat of the N.A. Sautler et als division prepared by J.W. Jacobs, Surveyor, in 1918, and recorded in Book of Deeds 102, at Page 239, Columbus County Registry; being the same lots allotted to M. L. Williams and Ella Hawes in the said division recorded in Book of Deeds 102, Page 235, and Division of Estates Book 1, page 437; Lot No. 8 being conveyed by M.L. Williams and husband, to R.D. Hawes by Deed dated 5 February, 1947, recorded in Book 180, at Page 426, Columbus County Registry.

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Being the same property conveyed by R.D. Hawes and wife, Ella F. Hawes, to A.J. Eason and wife, Thelma G. Eason, by Deed dated October 23, 1954, recorded in Book 202, Page 202, Columbus County Registry.

Subject to Right of Way Agreement recorded in Deed Book 234, Page 331, Columbus County Registry.

Being the same property conveyed by A.J. Eason and wife, Thelma G. Eason (subject to their life estate), to Shirley Ann Eason, for life, with the remainder interest to Jerry Donald Eason, by Deed dated May 29, 1991, recorded in Book 428, Page 142, Columbus County Registry. A.J. (Allen Joseph) Eason died March 11, 1992, in New Hanover County, North Carolina. Thelma G. Eason died January 30, 2004, in Columbus County, North Carolina.

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 Commissioner nor the County of Columbus, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Commissioner or the County of Columbus make any representation of 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, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed.

Also, this property is being sold free and clear of all taxes, special assessments, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property except as may have priority under Federal or State Law, if any.

A cash deposit of 205 of the purchase price, or \$750 whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale with the balance remaining due to be paid in full by cash or certified funds at the Office of the Commissioner within three (3) days after the entry of the Judgment of Confirmation by the Clerk of Court.

Hearing before the Honorable Amy M. Walker, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina was held in connection with this foreclosure on 28th day of January, 2016 at which time Clerk Amy Walker authorized this foreclosure sale as required by statute.

This the 16th day of March, 2015.

WILLIAM E WOOD
COMMISSIONER
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 15 CV 1098
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and
TOWN OF BOLTON,
Plaintiffs
vs
DELLA RENEE FREEMAN; GREEN
TREE SERVICING, LLC, Judgment-
holder (Lienholder),
Defendant
NOTICE is hereby given that the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and TOWN
OF BOLTON as a bodies politic incor-
porate of the State of North Carolina,
are exercising their power and author-
ity to assess, levy and collect taxes
against real and personal property
located within their boundaries in
accordance with the laws of the State
of North Carolina and the Default
Judgment and order of Sale entered
on the 28th day of January, 2016 and
is foreclosing on the following land
of DELLA RENEE FREEMAN in order
to satisfy the properly assessed but
unpaid taxes upon certain lands. Pur-
suant to the Judgment entered on the
28th day of January, 2016, William E.
Wood has been appointed Commis-
sioner with the authority to sell the fol-
lowing land at the Courthouse Door,
Columbus County Courthouse in the
City of Whiteville, Columbus County,
North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock noon
on the 7th day of April, 2016 and will
sell to the highest bidder for cash all
interest in the following described
real estate:
Lying and being in the Town of Bolton,
Bolton Township, Columbus County,
North Carolina and being more par-
ticularly described as follows:
Being all of Parcel 1, containing 4.99
acres, more or less, and all of Parcel
2, containing 1.0 acre, more or less,
as set forth on a map for Della Free-
man and Jerry Lee Freeman, dated
November 16, 2006, prepared by
Davey Williamson, Professional Land
Surveyor, which plat is recorded in
Plat Book 81, Page 78, Columbus
County Registry, and is by reference
incorporated for further particularity
of description.
Parcel 1 is conveyed subject to a 30'
wide permanent non-exclusive right
of way easement providing ingress,
egress, and regress to and from Par-
cel 3 and SR #1800 as shown and
delineated on the above referenced
plat. The easement measures 30' in
width and is set forth and delineated
as "30' easement" on the above
referenced map for Della Freeman
and Jerry Lee Freeman, which plat
is incorporated herein for reference
for further particularity relating to the
exact location of said easement. Said
easement runs from SR 1800 along a
southern line of Parcel 1 and then runs
along a western line of Parcel 1 to the
northwestern corner of Parcel 3.
Being the same property conveyed
by Della Renee Freeman, Executrix of
the Estate of Mary Eliza Brown (05-E-
21), Della Renee Freeman, unmarried,
and Jerry Lee Freeman, unmarried,
by Deed dated December 18, 2006, recorded
in Book 876, Page 763, Columbus
County Registry.
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to this Notice of Sale is being offered for
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tified funds at the Office of the Com-
missioner within three (3) days after
the entry of the Judgment of Confir-
mation by the Clerk of Court.
Hearing before the Honorable Amy
M. Walker, Assistant Clerk of Superi-
or Court for Columbus County, North
Carolina was held in connection with
this foreclosure on 28th day of Janu-
ary, 2016 at which time Clerk Amy
Walker authorized this foreclosure
sale as required by statute.
This the 14th day of March, 2015.
WILLIAM E WOOD
COMMISSIONER
100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
TELEPHONE: (910)-642-3965
STATE BAR NO.: 5901
March 24 & 31, 2016

Notice of Tax Foreclosure Sale

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 15 CV 928
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS,
Plaintiff
vs
SALLY COOPER a/k/a SALLIE WIL-
LIAMS; TERRANCE COOPER,
Defendants
NOTICE is hereby given that the
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS as a body
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North Carolina, is exercising its power
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lect taxes against real and personal
property located within its boundar-
ies in accordance with the laws of
the State of North Carolina and the
Default Judgment and order of Sale
entered on the 9th day of February,
2016 and is foreclosing on the fol-
lowing land of SALLY COOPER a/k/a
SALLIE WILLIAMS and TERRANCE
COOPER in order to satisfy the prop-
erty assessed but unpaid taxes upon
certain lands. Pursuant to the Judg-
ment entered on the 9th day of Feb-
ruary, 2016, William E. Wood has
been appointed Commissioner with
the authority to sell the following
land at the Courthouse Door, Colum-
bus County Courthouse in the City of
Whiteville, Columbus County, North
Carolina at 12:15 o'clock p.m. on the
14th day of April, 2016 and will sell
to the highest bidder for cash all interest
in the following described real estate:
Lying and being in Whiteville Town-
ship, Columbus County, North Car-
olina and being more particularly
described as follows:
TRACT ONE: BEGINNING at a stake
in the Eastern line of the right of way
of US Highway 701, at its intersection
with the Northeastern line of Lot No.
10 of the I. M. Hinson Estate herein-
after referred to, said beginning point
being also the Southwest corner of
the G. H. McKee Estate, and running
thence from said beginning point and
with said right of way line of US High-
way 701 South 40 degrees 33 min-
utes West 105 feet to an iron stake in
said right of way line; thence South
49 degrees 27 minutes East 210 feet
to an iron stake; thence North 40
degrees 33 minutes East 199.10 feet
to an iron stake located in the afore-
said line of Lot No 10; thence North
73 degrees 35 minutes West with said
line of said Lot No 10., 230.10 feet to
the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGIN-
NING, and being carved out of the
Northernmost corner of Lot No. 10

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of a division of the I. M. Hinson lands
according to a plat prepared by John-
nie Bland, Surveyor, from a survey
February 12, 1952, said plat being
recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 90,
Columbus County Registry.
Being the same tract or parcel of land
described in that certain Deed dated
June 26, 1967, from O. L. Hinson and
wife, Violet Hinson, and Edgar Hinson
and wife, Naomi Hinson, to Joe Brown
Reaves, Jr., as recorded in Book 247,
Page 103, Columbus County Registry.
SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at
a stake in the Eastern Edge of the
right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 701,
the Southwest corner of those lands
conveyed by O.L. Hinson, et al,
to Joe Brown Reaves, Jr., by Deed
dated June 26, 1967, recorded in
Deed Book 247, Page 103, Columbus
County Registry (Tract One above),
and running thence South 49 degrees
27 minutes East 210 feet to a stake,
the southeast corner of said lands;
thence South 40 degrees 33 minutes
West 25 feet to a stake; thence North
49 degrees 27 minutes West 210 feet
to a stake in the Eastern edge of the
right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 701;
thence with the edge of said right-
of-way North 40 degrees 33 minutes
East 25 feet to the POINT AND PLACE
OF BEGINNING, and being a portion
of Lot No. 10 of the division of the
I.M. Hinson lands according to sur-
vey and plat thereof by Johnnie Bland
dated February 12, 1952, recorded in
Plat Book 4, Page 90, Columbus
County Registry.
Being the same tract or parcel of land
described in that certain Deed dated
October 3, 1967, from O.L. Hinson
and wife, Violet Hinson; and Edgar
Hinson and wife, Naomi Hinson, to
Joe Brown Reaves, Jr., as recorded
in Book 247, Page 183, Columbus
County Registry.
Being the same tract or parcel of land
described in a Deed dated Septem-
ber 24, 1976, from Joe B. Reaves, Jr.
and wife, Angelia H. Reaves, to Car-
roll W. Hinson and wife, Sylvia Hinson,
recorded in Book 296, Page 64,
Columbus County Registry.
Also being the same property con-
veyed by Carroll Wayne Hinson to
Sylvia Batten Hinson by Deed dated
October 11, 1978, recorded in Book
312, Page 64, Columbus County
Registry.
This being the same property con-
veyed by Sylvia Batten Hinson,
unmarried, to Lucinda Cooper and
son, Carl Cooper, by Deed dated July
13, 1990, recorded in Book 412, Page
410, Columbus County Registry.
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2005, in Columbus County, North
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Carl Cooper died January 5, 2010,
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mation by the Clerk of Court.
Hearing before the Honorable Amy
M. Walker, Assistant Clerk of Superi-
or Court for Columbus County, North
Carolina was held in connection with
this foreclosure on 9th day of Febru-
ary, 2016 at which time Clerk Amy

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Walker authorized this foreclosure
sale as required by statute.
This the 16th day of March, 2015.
WILLIAM E WOOD
COMMISSIONER
100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
TELEPHONE: (910)-642-3965
STATE BAR NO.: 5901
March 31 & April 7, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Administrator
of the estate of Betty Jean Powell,
deceased, late of Columbus Coun-
ty, the undersigned hereby notifies
all persons having claims against
the estate of said decedent to pres-
ent 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 17th day of March, 2016.
Christopher Lee Cobbs,
Administrator of the estate of
Betty Jean Powell,

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Evergreen, NC 28438
March 17, 24, 31, April 4, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Co-Administra-
tors of the estate of Clara M. Wilson,
deceased, late of Columbus County,
the undersigned hereby notifies all
persons having claims against the
estate of said decedent to pres-
ent 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 10th day of March, 2016.
Corshia R. Wilson,
Co-Administratrix of the estate of
Clara M. Wilson
131 Mill Pond Rd. Unit 311
Whiteville, NC 28472
Damien J Wilson,
Co-Administrator of the estate of
Clara M. Wilson
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March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2016

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Romance of the rails

Contributing photographer Douglas Sasser offers these samples of the images he makes of rails, trestles and engines as he travels throughout southeastern North Carolina.



Religion

The News Reporter, Thursday, March 31, 2016 -- 2C

SERVICES

Acme Presbyterian Church, Hwy. 87, Riegelwood, holds children's and adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. with nursery provided, and worship service at 10 a.m. with refreshments.

Celebrate Recovery meets at **Peace Baptist Church**, 653 Love Mill Rd., Whiteville, each Thursday from 6-9 p.m. For more information call 642-0251. Partial funding by Good Shepherd Ministries.

The DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at **Peace Baptist Church**, 653 Love Mill Rd., Whiteville, each Thursday from 6-8:30 p.m. Childcare is provided through fifth grade. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include Facing My Anger, Facing My Loneliness, Depression, New Relationships, KidCare and Forgiveness. For more information call Peace Baptist Church at 640-2877. The pastor is Chip Hannah.

GriefShare seminar and support group meets at **Peace Baptist Church**, 653 Love Mill Rd., Whiteville, each Monday from 6-8:30 p.m. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. For more information call Peace Baptist Church, 642-0251, 640-7237 or 770-1271. Chip Hannah is the pastor.

Members of **The Lord's Chapel** are on a mission to provide items to the community, at a minimal fee, from their year 'round backyard sale. It is located at 2886 Hallsboro Road South, Hallsboro. The shop is open Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and closed on Wednesday. Items donated will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to The Lord's Chapel.

Good News Community Youth Outreach Ministry Inc., 1138 Giles Byrd Rd., Hallsboro has changed the date of their Informer Bible study from Thursdays at 7 p.m. to each Saturday at 3 p.m. to benefit seniors who may not be able to travel at night. For more information call 646-4898.

Honey Hill Missionary Baptist Church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday night service is held at 6 p.m. and Wednesday service is at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 6140 Honey Hill Rd., Hallsboro. The new pastor is Troy Little.

Victory in Jesus Ministries of Whiteville will hold two morning worship services. The ser-

vice times are 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Believers night Bible study is held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Voices of Victory services are aired weekly on WMIR 1200 AM in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on Fridays at 4 p.m. with streaming available via the internet. The ministry is located at 626 S. Madison Street. Tracey A. Troy is the pastor. For more information call 642-5416 of visit victoryinjesusministries.org

New Ebenezer Faith Ministries will hold its 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays - Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 11:15 a.m. Intecessory Prayer every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bible study/youth night is held every Friday at 7 p.m. Every 2nd and 4th Friday is "Dine on us" from 6-9 p.m. (Feeding the community). The church is located at 1705 Southport-Supply Road, Bolivia. Bishop Ronnie McCray is the pastor.

Agape House of Worship will hold its Bible study every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Sunday services at 11:30 a.m. Agape HOW is located at 199 Forest Drive, Whiteville. Bennie Benjamin is the pastor.

Fellowship Independent Baptist Church will hold its Bible study every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 3070 Hallsboro Road North. Elder Shawn Maynor is the pastor.

Green Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will hold Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a.m. and worship service every 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:15 a.m. and Midweek service every Wednesday at 7 p.m. The church is located at 14853 Sam Potts Hwy., Bolton. Rev. Timothy Ray Moss is the pastor.

Lynn Hill Baptist Church will hold a new Sunday school series on "The book of Revelation." Pastor Schalk is teaching a thought-provoking series of power-point messages on the book of Revelation. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the main worship at 11 a.m. There is also an informative power-point series on Sundays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m. The church is located at 620 Lynn Hill Road, near the intersection of Hwy. 74 and Union Valley Road. For more information or directions call 914-0002 or 642-5820.

The **Waccamaw Siouan Tribe** will hold its council meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tribal Grounds on Old Lake Road, Bolton.

The **House of Prayer and Deliverance** will hold its worship service every Sunday morning with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11:15 a.m. Weekly services are held each



(Submitted photo)

Woodmen Life Chapter 130 in Cerro Gordo donated Girl Scout cookies and head turbans for the patients who undergo treatment at the Donayre Cancer Care Center located at Columbus Regional Healthcare. Presenting is Betty Hinson, left, to nurse Donna McCulloch.

Wednesday at noon. Intercessory prayer and Bible study are on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. HOPD is located at 1113 S. Madison Street. Barbara P. Powell is the pastor.

First Missionary Baptist Church will hold Sunday worship services. There will be two services every first through fourth Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The fifth Sunday will be at 8:30 a.m. only. The church is located at 501 Martin Street in Elizabethtown. Cliff E. Freeman Jr. is the pastor.

New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Sunday school is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. and morning worship service each second and fourth Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. A special prayer time is held each Wednesday at noon and Bible study is held each Wednesday evening beginning at 7 p.m. The church is located on Mill Pond Road in the Brunswick community. For more information call 445-1022. Rev. Anthony Rowell is the pastor.

Leamon Rogers Memorial Chapel on the Boys and Girls Home Campus at Lake Waccamaw is now holding a worship service every Sunday morning from 9-10 a.m. The service is open to the public. The weekly worship service will include a mixture of traditional and modern messages and music. For more information call Rev. Michael Jones at 646-3083.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The American Legion Post #233 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 313 Phillips St., Whiteville.

The American Legion Post #139 meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 208 First Ave., Chadbourn.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8073 meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans building at 1028 S. Madison St. Whiteville.

Military Vet Riders Association meets on the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans building at 1028 S. Madison St. Whiteville.

Ladies Auxiliary #8073 meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans building at 1028 S. Madison St., Whiteville.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter #35 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at 1028 S. Madison St., Whiteville.

Family and Community Hope Resources Inc. would like persons from 20-40 years of age to attend Community Development meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Columbus County Dream Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For more information call Shelle Blanks at 910-207-8982 or Yolanda Davis at 704-780-8350.

A Community Garden is available at **Chadbourn United Methodist Church**. Persons are invited

to come and plant in the raised bed plots. For more information call 654-5250 or 654-4069 and leave message, name and number.

Cypress Branch PFWBC revival

Cypress Branch Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church will hold its spring revival Sunday, April 3-Wednesday, April 6. Sunday service will be at 5:30 p.m. with special guest Rev. Benjamin Cribb II. Week night services will be held at 7:30 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Bobby Cartrette.

The church is located at 1067 Small Road off Hwy. 904 outside Fair Bluff.

Rev. Perry Cribb is the pastor.

Crystal Spring MBC pastor anniversary

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church will hold its pastor's, Dr. Carozell Henry, 17th anniversary Sunday, April 10 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Samuel Stallings, pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Rose Hill.

Lunch will be served after the service.

Hinson Crossroads BC yard sale

Hinsons Crossroads Baptist Church will hold a yard sale Saturday, April 2 from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Hot dogs will also be on sale. The church is located on Rough and Ready Road, Fair Bluff. Glenn Stanley is the pastor.

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Weekly Scripture Reading

Luke	Luke	Luke	Jonah	Jonah	Jonah	Jonah
24:1-12	24:13-35	24:36-53	1:1-17	2:1-10	3:1-10	4:1-11

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Woodmen Life Chapter 130 of Cerro Gordo held a Valentine Day Social for the community. Winners of the Valentine Candy were David Pless and J.P. Coleman.

The Allen family to appear at New Life April 17

The Allen Family will be appearing in a gospel music concert at the New Life Community Life Center Sunday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

The concert at New Life is free and open to the public. A love offering will be taken up. Reservations may be made by calling the church office are 642-0130.

They will also be part of Singing in the Sun in Myrtle Beach Monday, April 18 along with other popular singing groups.

The church is located at 107 S. Maultsby Street.

DeWayne Dickerson is the pastor.

Fair Bluff community spring revival

The Fair Bluff Community Spring revival will be held Sunday, April 17-Thursday, April 21 followed by a Chicken Bog on the Bluff Friday, April 22.

Sunday at 7 p.m. the host church is Church of God. Guest church is Butler Branch with Pastor Ronald Alford.

Monday at 7 p.m. the host church is Sandy Grove. Guest church is Hickory Grove with Pastor Anthony Jones.

Tuesday at 7 p.m. the host church is Hickory

Grove. Guest church is Fair Bluff Baptist with Pastor Todd Padgett.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. the host church is Fair Bluff Baptist. Guest church is Sandy Grove with Pastor Thomas Register.

Thursday at 7 p.m. the host church is Butler Branch. Guest church is Church of God with Pastor Charles Dudley.

Friday at 6:30 p.m. will be the Chicken Bog on the Bluff.

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.

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AFRICAN-METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Mount Horeb AME Church

187 Otis Donnell Nixon Rd., Evergreen Church Phone 654 1887
Rev. Sylvester Colvin • 910-371-0604
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sun Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wed. 6:30 pm

St. James AME Church

225 West Walter St., Whiteville Church Phone 642-8832
Rev. Dewey C. Farmer, Jr., Pastor
Sun Church School 9:45 am
Sun Morning Worship 11:00 am
Wed. 6:00 pm

AFRICAN-METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION

St. Mark AME Zion Church

114 W. Virgil St., Whiteville
Rev. Charleean Mapson, Pastor
Church Phone: 910-642-7327
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sun Morning Worship 11:00 am
5th Sunday Fellowship meal at noon
Bible Study/Prayer Service
Tuesday - Noon and 7:00 pm

ASSEMBLEY OF GOD

Abundant Life Assembly of God

5384 James B. White Hwy. S., Whiteville
Pastor Jerry J. Spivey • 910-642-5003
pastorspivey@embarqmail.com
Sunday 10:00 am, 10:45 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:30 pm

Whiteville Assembly of God

516 N. Madison St. (Former location of Missionary Alliance Church)
Bishop Randy Hunt 910-914-0007
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Wednesday, Family Night 7:00 pm

BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church

5028 Pleasant Plains Church Rd., Whiteville
Rev. Kenneth Barnes • 910-642-6904
Sunday 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Chadbourn Baptist Church

504 N. Howard St., Chadbourn 910-654-3992
Dr. Danny Russell, Pastor
cbcoff@embarqmail.com
www.chadbournbaptist.com
Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship 11:00 am
Adult Choir 5:00 pm
Discipleship Training 6:00 pm
Wednesday: Children's Choir 6:00 pm
Prayer Meet/Child's Mission 6:30 pm



First Baptist Church

412 N. Madison St., Whiteville 910-642-2139
fbcoffice@embarqmail.com
www.fbcwwhiteville.com
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm

First Baptist Church of Lake Waccamaw

300 E. Sam Potts Hwy., Lake Waccamaw 910-646-3727
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

Happy Home Baptist Church

2670 Happy Home Rd., Nakina
Richard Collins, Pastor • 910-642-7284
www.happyhomebaptistchurch.org
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Lennon's Cross Roads Baptist Church

13804 Haynes Lennon Hwy., Evergreen
Dr. Fred Senter, Pastor • 910-642-4436
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 2nd Sunday of each month 6:00 pm Special Fellowship Activity, Wednesday 7:00 pm

Macedonia Baptist Church

100 Macedonia Church Rd., Evergreen
Jimmy Caines, Pastor
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am 2nd & 4th Sun, 6:00 pm every Sunday, Wednesday 7:30 pm

Nakina Baptist Church

7883 Seven Creeks Rd., Nakina
Rev. J. Darryll Hester • 910-499-1598
nakinabaptistchurch@centurylink.net
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

New Hope Baptist Church

252 Rough and Ready Rd., Whiteville
Dr. Darrin Moore, Pastor • 910-642-6345
www.nhbcwhiteville.com
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Peace Baptist Church

653 Love Mill Rd., Whiteville
Pastor Chip Hannah • 910-642-0251
www.peacebc.org
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Sunday 5:30-7:00 pm Awanas
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Piney Forest Baptist Church

4509 Andrew Jackson Hwy. SW, Chadbourn
Rev. Willard McPherson • 910-654-5284
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church

3111 Walter Todd Rd., Clarendon
Rev. Wayne Faulk • 910-653-4421
Sunday Worship 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School 9:30am, Worship Wednesday 7:00 pm

Trinity Baptist Church

201 S. Thompson St., Whiteville
Randy K. Speight, Senior Pastor 910-642-7764
tbc4me@embarqmail.com
www.trytbc.org
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 6:45 pm



Western Prong Baptist Church

167 Peacock Rd., Whiteville
Rev. Ronnie Wilson • 910-648-2744
westernprong.org
Sunday 8:30 am Worship, 9:45 am Sunday School, 11:00 am Worship, 5:45 pm AWANA, 6:00 pm Youth Group, 6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Worship
Wednesday 7:00 pm

White Marsh Baptist Church

341 White Hall Rd., Whiteville
Rev. Ray Yow • 910-770-5487
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am
Wednesday 7:30 pm

Williamsons Crossroads Baptist Church

4071 Princess Ann Rd., Chadbourn
Interim Pastor Carroll Fonville 642-6459
Cell 840-5589 Diana Fonville 625-9889
Sunday 10:00 am, 11 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

CHURCH OF GOD

New Life Community Church

107 Maultsby St., Whiteville
Rev. DeWayne Dickerson 910-642-0130
newlifewhiteville@gmail.com
Sunday 9:30 am, 10:30 am
Thursday 7:00 pm
Friday Safe Harbor Youth Center 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Whiteville Church of God

506 N. Lee St., Whiteville
Pastor Chris Yarusinsky • 642-3395
whitevillecog@yahoo.com
Facebook: Whiteville Church of God
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Spanish service: Wednesday & Saturday 7:00

FREEWILL BAPTIST

Avants Chapel FWB Church

947 Cedar St., Cerro Gordo
Pastor Mack Watts • 843-756-0417
ww0417@sccoast.net
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:30 pm

Oak Grove FWB Church

Oak Grove Church Rd., Bladenboro
Rev. Henry Ward • 843-236-3564
Sunday School 10:00 am, Service 11:00 am
Sunday evening 6:30 pm
Wednesday 7:30 pm

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Lynn Hill Independent Baptist Church

620 Lynn Hill Rd., Whiteville
Pastor William A. Schalk • 910-914-0002
http://pastorpreacher.com/lynnhillbc.html
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

First Missionary Baptist Church

505 S. Wilkes St., Chadbourn
Reverend Virgil Hugh Reaves 910-654-3225
www.firstmbcchadbourn.org
Sunday 9:45 am, 11:00 am
Sunday 11:30 am 12:30 pm
Radio Station WVOE 1590 AM
Wednesday 12:00 pm Noon Day Prayer
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bible Study

Chadbourn Church of God of Prophecy

3618 Joe Brown Hwy. S., Chadbourn, NC 28431

Pastor: John McPherson



Services:

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Classes for all ages

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

Chadbourn Church of God of Prophecy was organized on Sweet Farm Curve road in Whiteville in 1975. Our present church is now located at 3618 Joe Brown Highway South, where we love everyone.

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

5548 Silverspoon Rd., Whiteville
Pastor T.A. Lance • 910-648-2476
moderatorlance@aol.com
www.mombcwhitevillenc.com
Sunday 9:45 am, 10:50 am
1st & 3rd Sunday BTU at 4:00 pm
Wednesday 6:45 pm

Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church

824 Cherry Grove Rd., Cerro Gordo
Pastor Dr. Thomas Southerland 910-739-8458 Cell 910-774-6800
Sun School 10 am,
Service 11 am: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
Wed Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 7 pm

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

302 N. Lee St., Whiteville
Rev. Marco Antonio Gonzalez-Hernandez
fr.marco.gonzalez@raldios.org
www.bccratholics.org • 910-642-3895

Eucharist/Santa Misa
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 English Mass
Domingo 12:30 pm Spanish Mass
Martes (Tues.) Spanish 7 pm Misa de la tarde
Thursday (Jueves) English 6 pm English Mass
Holy Day of Obligation 7:30 pm Bilingual Mass

Tuesday/Martes 6-7 pm Confessiones
Thursday/Jueves 5-6 pm Confessiones

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY

Missionary Alliance Church

623 Warrior Trail, Whiteville
Rev. Justin Dubose • 910-640-3223
www.missionaryalliance.com
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm

EPISCOPAL/LUTHERAN

Grace Episcopal Church & Christ the King Lutheran Church

105 S. Madison St., Whiteville 910-642-4784
gracechurchwhiteville@embarqmail.com
www.gracechrist.bizland.com
Sun Services 10:30 am
Wed 6:00 pm evening prayer, soup supper.

HOLINESS

Chadbourn Church of God of Prophecy

3618 Joe Brown Hwy. S., Chadbourn
Rev. John McPherson • 910-654-3968
Sunday 10 am, 11 am, 6:00 pm,
Wednesday 7:30 pm - Classes for all ages

METHODIST-UNITED

Chadbourn United Methodist

300 E. 2nd Ave., Chadbourn
Rev. Pat Inman • 910-443-9786
frectorjr@ec.rr.com
Sun 9:45 am, 11:00 am
Prayer Tuesday 10:00 am

Fair Bluff United Methodist

1030 Main St., Fair Bluff
Rev. Neill Smith • 910-649-7749
fairbluffumc@tds.net
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7:00 pm Bible Study

Mishop Springs United Methodist

2756 Pine Log Rd., Whiteville
Pastor Sheena Cartrette • 910-640-2783
mishopspringsumc@gmail.com
mishopspringsumc.webs.com
Sunday 9:45 Sunday School, Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 - Bible Study & Children/Youth

NON-DENOMINATIONAL



Living Word Church

6374 Chadbourn Hwy., Chadbourn
Pastor Ron Fields • 910-654-4164
www.livingwordnc.com
Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Northwood Church

2672 James B. White Hwy. N., Whiteville
Pastor Russell Honeycutt 910-642-7654
Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Study

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness

518 N. Elm St., Chadbourn
Pastor Donald Conway • 910-654-4850
www.chadbournph.org
Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 10:40 am, 6:00 pm
Teen Worship in Sanctuary 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Whiteville First Pentecostal Holiness Church

109 N. Madison St., Whiteville, NC (corner of Madison & Calhoun Street)
Pastor, Rev. Myles Cartrette • 252-561-6874
www.whitevillefirstph.com
Service Times: Sunday 10:30 am
Sunday Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday night 7:00 pm

PRESBYTERIAN

Chadbourn Presbyterian Church

600 E. First Ave., Chadbourn
Rev. C.F. McDowell III 910-654-3449
chadbournpresbyterian.org
Sunday 10:00 am, 11:00 am

First Presbyterian Church

511 N. Thompson St., Whiteville 910-642-2253
fpowhiteville@embarqmail.com
Sunday School 10:00 am, Services 11:00 am

Westminster Presbyterian Church

307 S. Franklin St., Whiteville 910-642-2762
westminster_presbyterian@hotmail.com
Sunday 9:45 pm, 11:00 am

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh Day Adventist

1002 N. Franklin St., Whiteville
Pastor Kenneth A. Lee 910-642-0698
pastorlee3@gmail.com
Saturday 9:30 am, 10:45 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

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Tabor City Happenings and Events

By Dianne Nobles Ward

Promotions Director, Town of Tabor City

Spring is finally here and what better way to kick off the spring season than to celebrate the long awaited sound of train whistles and trains coming down the tracks in Tabor City. Mark your calendars to attend the “Train Day Celebration” at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 in downtown Tabor City. The town is asking businesses and the public to participate and attend this event. The plan is for everyone to dress in red t-shirts. Let’s show RJ Corman Railroad how excited we are to see the trains up and running again in Tabor City and Columbus County. The event will be hosted by the Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce.

On Thursday, April 14 at 1 p.m. McLeod Primary Care in Tabor City will be having a ribbon cutting and open house. McLeod Primary Care is located on East Fifth Street near the Tabor City IGA. They are currently accepting new patients. Stop by for a tour of the facility and meet the staff.

If boat racing is your thing then head out to Lake Tabor Sunday, April 24. “Lake Tabor Rumble” boat racing will begin at 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and children 12 years old and younger get in free. For more information call Jeff Dunn at 843-222-9498.

A new business has come to Tabor City called “A Lil’ Touch of Heaven.” The business is located across the street from the Todd House. More details will be coming soon on their services and offerings. The Johnson family looks forward to helping you plan your next party or event. Stay tuned for news from the Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce regarding a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Tabor City will be hosting the State Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament this summer. Opening ceremonies will be held Friday, July 1 at the athletic complex behind Food Lion. Games will begin Saturday, July 2. Tournament Chair Richard Miller and Wayne Owens, South Columbus Dixie Youth president, are meeting with volunteers in an effort to make certain everything is a go in July. Volunteers are needed.

Also don’t forget to mark your calendars for the Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration Saturday, July 2 at South Columbus High School.

The Tabor City Visitor Center hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday’s from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Stop by and get information about the beautiful state of N.C. and her many destination spots. Free Our State magazines, phone books, N.C. and Tabor City maps are available as well.

That’s what’s happening in Tabor City this week. Until next week.....

Living Hope offers free prenatal vitamins

In an effort to better serve their pregnant clients and to promote better health in Columbus County, Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services has begun offering a free 6-month supply of prenatal vitamins to women who have positive pregnancy tests.

This allows a pregnant woman to begin taking prenatal vitamins as early as possible in her pregnancy to help ensure her health and the healthy development of her unborn child.

The vitamins have been provided to Living Hope through a grant from Vitamin Angels of Santa Barbara, California.

The provision of free prenatal vitamins is the newest

service of Living Hope, which is celebrating 25 years of service to Columbus County. Other services include free pregnancy tests and estimated due dates necessary for applying for Medicaid for Pregnant Women, and an Earn While You Learn incentive program.

Living Hope provides services free of charge to all women regardless of age, income or marital status.

The center is located at 116 Premiere Plaza, behind Waffle International in Whiteville.

Office hours are Mondays from 3-7 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon-4 p.m.

For more information, call the 24-hour helpline at 642-2677.

Liberty Hospice needs volunteers

Liberty Hospice needs volunteers to provide patient support. Any adult or teenagers interested in providing support for terminally ill patients call Tonia Neal at 641-4095 or 733-5663.

The hospice is located at 44 McNeill Plaza.

Old New Hanover Genealogical Society meeting April 11

Fred Willard, director of the Lost Colony Center for Science and Research, will speak Monday, April 11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Northeast Library Branch, Pine Room on solving one of America’s greatest historic mysteries: What happened to the colonists of Roanoke Island in 1590?

Revealing secrets hidden on old maps, using satellite imaging and metal detecting, performing archeological digs, and administering a DNA project have all led to Willard’s team making some startling discoveries that may change the way we think about the “lost” colony.

The big question is, “Was it ever lost?”

Co-sponsored by the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society and New Hanover County Public Library.

JCPC meetings

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in the Whiteville City Schools Civic Room.

‘Stars at Sunset’ starts April 1 at the planetarium

Ingram Planetarium Manager Will Snyder presents the April installment of the “Stars at Sunset” series. This series showcases the stars, constellations and other celestial events that will be visible in the night sky above the Carolinas each month. In addition to taking you on a live tour of the night sky, Snyder will explore various topics ranging from the earliest history of astronomy to the latest advancements in the field. The next program in this series is scheduled for 7 p.m. on May 6.

The April 1 program will focus on celestial sights and events that fill the night sky. As the evenings get warmer, spring constellations, including Virgo the Maiden, get higher and higher in the sky each night. Virgo carries the star Spica, Latin for “wheat,” which signifies the beginning of the planting season. Discover how to find this star and others in the spring Carolina sky. Also learn about the Lyrids meteor shower that will be at its peak during the end of April.

The planetarium is located on High Market Street in Sunset Beach.

Applications available for David Lawrence scholarship

Applications for the David Lawrence Scholarship are available in the First Missionary Baptist Church office at 505 S. Wilkes Street, Chadbourn for interested graduating students. Pick up applications between 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday-Friday in the office. Applications must be completed and postmarked by April 25.

Volunteers needed for Meals of Love

Lower Cape Fear Hospice is looking for volunteers to help with its Meals of Love program at the hospice care center.

Volunteers prepare meals that are shared by families visiting loved ones at the inpatient hospice care center at 206 Warrior Trail in Whiteville. Meals of Love allow families to concentrate on spending time with their loved ones and take needed breaks without having to leave the hospice care center.

“Home-cooked meals offer comfort to families dealing with a loved one’s life-limiting illness,” said Lisa Clark, community outreach coordinator for Columbus and Bladen counties. “Many of them express their gratitude at having access to snacks and meals. Having food available in the hospice care center’s family kitchen allows families to spend as much time as possible with their loved ones.”

The welcoming setting of the kitchen allows families access to needed nourishment and the opportunity to interact and gain support from other families going through the same experience.

“We rely on individuals and groups to volunteer to help with the Meals of Love program. Their kindness means a great deal to us and the families we serve,” Clark said.

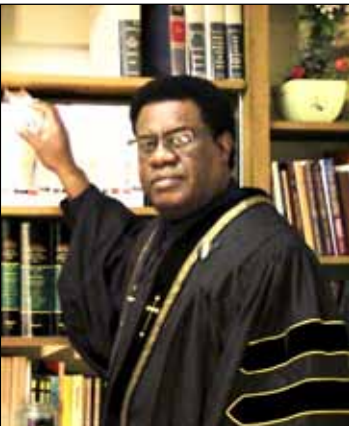
For more information about Meals of Love and other volunteer opportunities, contact Clark at 620-2264 or email lisa.clark@lcfh.org

Cedar Hill FWBC usher anniversary April 3

Cedar Hill Freewill Baptist Church will hold its ushers anniversary Sunday, April 3 at 4 p.m. The guest preacher will be Rev. Anthony Rowell, pastor of New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church along with his choir and congregation. Ushers are asked to dress in uniform for the grand march.

The church is located on Georgia Pacific Road.

Bishop Rudolph Powell is the pastor.



Sandy Plain Missionary Baptist Church will hold the Installation of Rev. Dr. Alphonse Turner Sunday, April 3 at 4 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Jesse L. Timmons, pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Laurinburg. Music will be rendered by the Bethlehem Missionary Church Choir. The church is located at 903 Farmers Union Road, Clarkton.

Friendship MBC church anniversary

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold its church’s 100th anniversary Sunday, April 10 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Algernon McKenzie bringing the message.

There will be special recognition of Friendship’s Golden Disciples. An afternoon celebration will be held at 3 p.m. with Pastor Tracey Troy of Victory in Jesus Ministries along with the VIJM choir.

The church is located at 239 W. Columbus Street.

Abundant Life AOG revival

Abundant Life Assembly of God will hold its spring revival Sunday, April 3-Wednesday, April 6. Sunday service will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weeknight services will be held at 7 p.m. with guest speaker William McGee of Los Angeles, Calif.

Jerry Spivey is the pastor.

Westside Alumni call meeting

The National Westside Alumni Association will hold its call meeting Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at 650 N. Smith Street, Chadbourn.

Sandy Plain has new pastor Turner

Sandy Plain Missionary Baptist Church announces the appointment of its new pastor Rev. Dr. Alphonse Turner Jr. of Fayetteville. Worship service is held every second and fourth Sunday at 11:15 a.m., Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and Bible study is every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Turner is married to Roberta Thompson Turner, formerly of Chadbourn.

The church is located at 902 Farmers Union Road, Clarkton.

Zion Plain BC pastor anniversary April 3

Zion Plain Missionary Baptist Church of Nakina will hold its pastor Rev. Mack Reed’s sixth anniversary Sunday, April 3. Morning service will begin at 11:15.

Lunch will be served. An evening service will be held at 4 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Weston Burgess Jr., pastor of New Light Missionary Baptist Church of Georgetown, S.C. along with his choir and congregation.

HomeCare MC sets special Olympics meeting

A special Olympics committee meeting will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at HomeCare Management Corporation. The meeting is for individuals who want to help improve and grow the special Olympics program in Columbus County.

HomeCare MC is located at 2208 James B. White Hwy. N., Whiteville.

For more information call Jennifer Moore at 640-1153.



Cat soiling

Did you know house soiling is the most common behavior problem, which could also include spraying issues. Some families feel the cat is acting out of revenge, for instance you left the cat alone for the weekend and here is your present for doing so. Don’t believe this common conception as it would require sophisticated cognitive ability, which cats just don’t have.

So why do cats urinate or defecate on the bed or carpet? I have had pet families call in desperation about the cat urinating on the bed. In questioning them it is often discovered the urination occurs in a child’s bed or a very senior individual. In other words, a family member who may or may not have a urinary problem themselves, thereby leaving a scent to the cat that gives them the impression that it’s okay to also urinate there.

Hints for preventing problems:

- Choose a good location; preferably a quiet, private place, easily accessible day or night. If a multilevel home with an older cat make sure you have a box on each level;

- Keep the litter clean; remove feces and clumps daily and add clean litter as needed;

- Do not use a liner. It may keep the box cleaner but many cats don’t like liners. Try it but be ready to discard it;

- Cats with mobility problems and young cats need boxes with low sides whereas overweight and large cats need bigger boxes.

- Most cats prefer an uncovered box, especially in a multi-cat household. They like knowing they have an escape route if unnecessarily challenged.

- If there is a bed-wetting issue with a human family member, do not let the cat in the room. It can not be resolved otherwise.

There are many other reasons for behavior problems. It could be a medical condition interfering with the cat’s normal elimination behavior which then can lead to house soiling. Kidney disease, thyroid and liver diseases lead to increased drinking which of course leads to additional urination. Age-related diseases can also influence the inability to get to the litter box on time.

We once had a rescue cat use the floor next to the litter box rather than the litter and after thinking it through we realized the cat was declawed and our litter was obviously too hard on the paws. To hopefully solve this we placed an additional box with soft litter adjacent to the other box. It did the trick, no more inappropriate soiling.

Charlene High is the former publisher and editor of Natural Pet magazine, and has been involved with breeding horses, dogs and cats for more than 30 years. If you would like more information or if you have an opinion on this topic, just send an email to yourpetrxtopics@gmail.com or write “yourpetrx” care of this newspaper.

You can also see us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/yourpetrxtopics>.

Zion Plain MBC pre-pastor celebration

Zion Plain Missionary Baptist Church of Nakina will hold its pre-pastor celebration Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in honor of Pastor Rev. Mack Reed and wife, First Lady Brenda Reed.

HOPD youth revival

The House of Prayer and Deliverance will hold its youth revival Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. Shannon Spaulding.

Barbara Powell is the pastor.

Whiteville Apparel lunch April 2

Union members from Whiteville Apparel will meet Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m. at East Wind Chinese Restaurant on 701 bypass in Whiteville.

For more information call Geneva Thompson at 642-6612.

St. Luke A.M.E. Zion to hold play April 2

The Drama Team of St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church will present the play “Deacon Willie’s Last Will and Testament” Saturday, April 2 at 4 p.m.

A meal will be served while you watch the play. Donation for the play and dinner will be \$12. Come and see how the members thought Deacon Willie left them \$1 million from his life insurance policy and equally surprised to learn what they had to do to collect.

The church is located at 410 Martin Luther King Drive, Bladenboro.

Rev. Hardy Ballard is the pastor.

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Mothballs for mouse control could be toxic



By **JOE AND TERESA GRAEDON**
King Features Syndicate

Q. I have a problem with mice, and I’ve been using mothballs to get rid of them. I may have used too much, because I have symptoms like headaches, nausea and eye irritation. How can I detox from mothballs? Something natural would be ap-

preciated. I’d also like a natural way to combat the mice.

A. Mothballs don’t work against mice, so we suggest you get them out of your house immediately. The pesticide in most mothballs, para-dichlorobenzene, can cause the symptoms you describe of eye irritation, nausea and headaches as well as shortness of breath and dizziness. Eliminating your exposure is the best way to protect yourself from this possibly carcinogenic chemical. As far as we can tell, there are no herbs that will reverse the symptoms. As for natural ways to

get rid of mice, a cat or two might work. There also are mousetraps, both ones that kill mice and those that trap them alive so they can be released very far away.

Q. I have a question about aspirin. I had a serious heart attack 15 years ago and have been carrying a packet of BC Powder (845 mg aspirin and 65 mg caffeine) in a plastic bag in my pants pocket ever since. There also is a note to put the powder under my tongue in case of a heart attack. I just looked at the BC packet for the first time in a while. It was past its expiration date. I also found instructions to store it below 77 degrees. Is it safe to keep this drug in my pants pocket even though it is over 77 degrees? I have replaced it with a fresh packet. BC

Powder seems perfect for this purpose otherwise.

A. BC Powder was created more than 100 years ago to provide fast pain relief. Customers often poured the powder on their tongues and washed it down with water. This is a quick way to get aspirin into your system in the event of a heart attack, but the dose is higher than recommended, and the extra caffeine might strain the heart. Keeping it in a pants pocket might speed deterioration. You could be better off with a small container of chewable low-dose aspirin.

Q. I am in my 50s and don’t consider myself a senior citizen, but my memory has been getting worse and worse. I take amitriptyline and oxybutynin for a urinary problem, along with

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Metamucil and Imodium for irritable bowel syndrome.

My name recall is poor, and I sometimes feel like brain fog interferes with my ability to think clearly. I think I read in your column that some of these drugs could cause mental confusion. Please provide some perspective.

A. Anticholinergic drugs interfere with the brain’s ability to react normally to the neurochemical acetylcholine. Classic symptoms of such medications include dry mouth, eyes and nose, constipation, urinary retention, dizziness, drowsiness, disorientation and memory problems. You are taking only one drug without anticholinergic activity: pylidium (Metamucil). All the rest could be affecting your ability to think clearly. Even though you are not a senior citizen, we are sending you our guide to Drugs and Older People with a list of anticholinergic medications that could impact cognitive function. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (71 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons’ People’s Pharmacy, No. O-85, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: www.PeoplesPharmacy.com.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Write to them in care of this newspaper or email them via their Web site: www.PeoplesPharmacy.com. Their newest book is “Top Screwups Doctors Make and How to Avoid Them.”
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Columbus County Bible College enrolling

Columbus County Bible College is now enrolling students for the spring semester 2016. Day classes are also available. The college is offering certificates in biblical studies, associate bachelor, master and doctorate degrees. This is an accredited Bible college. For more information contact Dr. Tanty A. Freeman, dean of Columbus County Bible College at 619-7111 or 655-8971. The college is housed in Community Prayer House, 17362 Sam Potts Hwy., Bolton.

Weight Express meets Mondays in Chadbourn

People who want to lose weight and learn to eat healthier are invited to join “Weight Express” each Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Chadbourn Masonic Lodge at 417 E. Strawberry Blvd. Everyone is invited and there are no fees involved, although donations are accepted. For more information call George Baysden at 654-3911 or Rosa Watkins at 840-4904.

Clarkton PFWB spring revival

Clarkton Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church will host its spring revival beginning Sunday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 6. Sunday service will begin at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Howard Jacobs. For more information call Rev. Charlie Tatum at 991-6540.

Clothing donations being accepted

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is asking for clothing donations. Donations can be dropped off at 1757 Stanley Road, Supply located near Cedar Grove Middle School. For more information call Elders Utrillia Johnson or John H. Johnson at 294-0656.

Brunswick Waccamaw MBA institute

The Brunswick Waccamaw Missionary Baptist Association will hold its annual institute starting Monday, March 28-Friday, April 1 from 7-9 p.m. nightly at the association building. Institute classes include pastors and ordained ministers, deacons and trustees, ushers, seniors, young adults, youth (3 classes), church music (send 2 choir members per church), Sunday school and BTU, minister’s wives and deacon wives class. A new class has been added for licentiates/associate ministers taught by Rev. Thurman L. Chestnutt. All auxiliary heads and association churches are asked to have officers in attendance.

Yokefellows Prison Ministry seeking participants

Yokefellows Prison Ministry is seeking Christians in the Tabor City area to be a part of this ministry. For presentation dates call 918-4531 or 653-2782.

Baldwin Branch MBC clothes closet reopens

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, March 26 from 7-10 a.m. Clothing is available for the entire family. The food pantry “From His table to yours” will also be open from 10 a.m.-noon. Identification and personal transportation is required. No fees are involved to receive assistance from either ministry. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 N.C. 242 Hwy. South in Elizabethtown. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

Praying for Revival

To every child of God consider this as your personal open invitation to attend a monthly prayer meeting to pray for revival in the local community. This call goes beyond denomination, race and/or size of the building where you worship as a church family. The location will change from month to month as other churches choose to host, but it will always occur on the First Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information call Franklin Spaulding at 641-2377.

By His Grace church announcement

By His Grace Ministries will hold church every Saturday at 5 p.m. The minister of music is Torey Bessent. The event will be held at the Waccamaw Community building, 5585 Waccamaw School Road, Ash. Overseer Elgin Blake is the pastor.

Sweet Home MBC spring revival

Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church will hold its spring revival beginning Sunday, April 3 through Wednesday, April 6. Sunday service will begin at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Jeff Stocks of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. There will be special singing nightly. For more information call Pastor Wayne Faulk at 770-4832.

Riegelwood AA meets Wednesdays

The Riegelwood group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at the USW Local 9-738, 102 Old Stage Hwy. (87) at Riegelwood.

Southeastern COG chicken bog April 1

Southeastern Church of God will sell chicken bog plates Friday, April 1 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The cost is \$6 per plate and include chicken bog, green beans, roll and cake. Eat in or take out. Five or more plates can be delivered to the Tabor City area. For more information or to order tickets, call 653-7788. The church is located on the corner of 6th and Lewis Street.

Cancer Support Group meets

The Cancer Support Group of Donayre Cancer Care Center of Columbus Regional Healthcare meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9-10 a.m. in the CRHS education department. The programs are free. For more information and to register call 641-8220.

FUNDRAISERS

First Presbyterian Church women have cookbooks for sale for \$5 each. The cookbooks are available at the church located at 511 N. Thompson St., Whiteville. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m.

Whiteville United Methodist Church women have prints of the church steeple, by the late Martha Burns, for sale \$40 each. The print size is 17 x 23. Call the church office Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for purchase at 642-3376.

Mt. Olive FWB spring revival

Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church will host its spring revival beginning Sunday, April 10 at 6 p.m. with Rev. Jackie Strickland as the guest speaker. Monday, April 11 through Friday, April 15 revival will be held at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. Timmy Hodge. There will be special singing each night. The church is located on Old Glade Road in North Hallsboro.

Mill Branch to hold appreciation program

Mill Branch Church will hold an appreciation program for Marie Ganus Sunday, April 3. On the program will be MLC Choir, Rays of Hope, The Baldwin Singers, Emanuel Boykin Company and Tony Campbell and The Goldenaires. By His Grace church announcement By His Grace Ministries has moved to its new location, 5285 Main Street, Suite 18, Shallotte. Word Up Bible study will be held every Thursday at 6 p.m. and worship service every Saturday at 5 p.m. The minister of music is Torey Bessent. Overseer Elgin Blake is the pastor.

Global School of Ministry enrolling students

Global School of Ministry is now enrolling students. Global School of Ministry is being offered free of charge through love offerings and donations. Individuals interested in learning how to receive biblical training and education without paying the high cost of tuition are invited to contact Minister Patrina Wright at 234-3092. Safe Harbor YC offers activities

Safe Harbor Youth Center, a ministry of New Life Church of God is open to families and children each Friday night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Safe Harbor offers skating, basketball, Foosball, ping pong, volleyball, and other activities in a safe Christian environment. Children three and under are free, children four and over are \$5, with skate rental \$1, and adults not skating with family are free. For more information contact Pastor Dwayne Dickerson at 642-0130.

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(Submitted photo)
Woodmen Life Chapter 130 in Cerro Gordo donated Krispy Kreme doughnuts to Chadbourn Senior Center for Valentines Day. Shown is Betty Hinson, right, presenting to Ruby Shelley, center coordinator.

Cape Fear River Shad Festival set April 16

In an effort to preserve the rich history and cultural traditions of the African-American communities along the Cape Fear River, the Lower Bladen-Columbus Historical Society is sponsoring the annual Cape Fear River Shad Festival at Kings Bluff, Lock & Dam #1 in the Riegelwood area community of East Arcadia. The festival will begin at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. Deloris “Cookie” Brown demonstrates her family tradition of preparing fried shad, steamed roe and hush puppies. 1 p.m. Local historian, Earnestine Keaton will give an historical prospective entitled “From Duncan King, pirate/privateer and timber plantation owner to George Dickson, former slave and businessman,” and their contributions to the rise and expansion of communities between the Cape Fear River and the ACL Railroad in Bladen and Columbus counties. Riegelwood-area descendants of Duncan King and George Dickson as well as historians are invited to share their thoughts on the subject. Flashback-Community Life Through the Lens of Mack Munn will be on display. Southern Soul music by D.J. George McLaurin.

Magnolia MBC spring revival

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church will hold its spring revival beginning Sunday, April 3 through Friday, April 8. Sunday service will begin at 6 p.m. and Monday-Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. There will be different guest speakers each night. For more information call Pastor Scott Cumbee at 625-9686.

Chicken bog benefit plates

Chicken bog plates to help with medical benefits for Roy Norris will be held Friday, April 1 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Columbus County Sheriff’s Office metal building. Plates are \$7 and include chicken bog, green beans, bread and dessert. Eat in or take out. Delivery is available for 10 or more plates. For tickets call 770-2837.

Services set at American Legion Post

Pastor Robert D. Williams Sr. and his congregation will hold services at the American Legion Post Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. until further notice.

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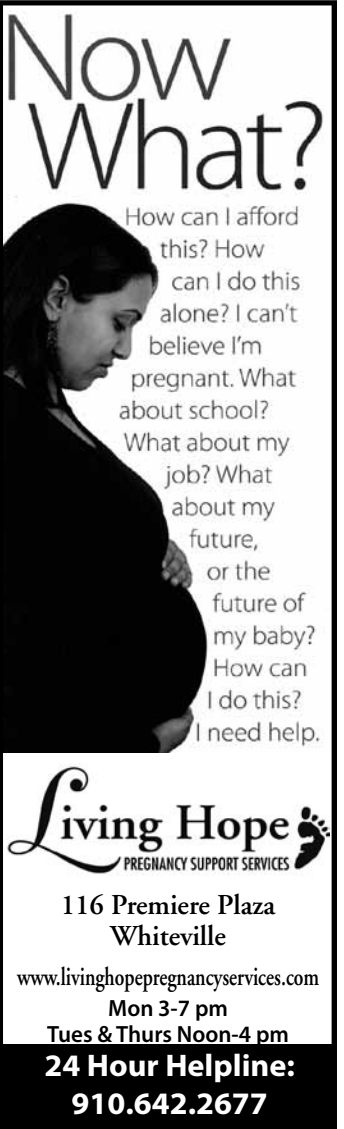
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What's Your Pulse?



Image courtesy of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

The United Nations observes special days, weeks, years and decades with themes or topics that the international group hopes to raise awareness about. This year, the U.N. has declared 2016 the International Year of Pulses.

What are pulses?

We think of a pulse as the beating of a heart. But pulse has another meaning. **Pulses** are a group of crops that include dry beans, dry peas, chickpeas and lentils.

For many centuries, these types of crops have been an important part of the diet of civilizations. In fact, growing pulses dates back to 8000 B.C. They are especially essential to people in **developing nations**, or those where farming is the main industry and people don't have a lot of money.

Food security

When you are hungry, you probably can grab a snack. Or you might know that your next meal is coming soon, so you can wait.

Many people in the world live without food security: They don't have access to a steady source of nutritious food.

Pulses are important to food security because they are:

- nutritious, providing protein, vitamins, fiber and minerals.
- easy and inexpensive to grow. Farmers can eat and sell the pulses they grow, then use the leftover plants to feed animals or enrich the soil.
- helpful in making land more productive. They are adaptable to changing climates.

- easily stored. They last for months while keeping their nutritional value. That means food is still available even between harvests.

- water efficient. While it takes 3,434 gallons of water to produce 2.2 pounds of beef, it takes only 13 gallons to produce 2.2 pounds of lentils.

Nutrition

Pulses are about 20 percent to 25 percent protein, providing more than wheat or rice (cereals). They are high in fiber, minerals and B vitamins. These crops also have low fat content and no cholesterol. They're gluten-free. But what does this all mean?

- **Protein helps build muscle mass, helps with growth, keeps the heart and lungs healthy and helps fight disease.**
- **Fiber helps with digestion and keeping blood sugar regulated.**
- **Minerals and vitamins help with growth and development.**
- **Fat and cholesterol are fuel sources for the body. We need some fat and cholesterol, but too much can be unhealthy.**
- **Gluten is a protein found in wheat and other grains. Some people get sick when they eat gluten.**

These nutritious foods are even more important in nations where food supplies are limited.

Growing pulses

According to the United Nations, India produces the most pulses — about 25 percent of those grown around the world. Canada **exports**, or sells, more pulses than any other nation. India also **imports**, or buys, the most pulses, about 25 percent of the world's exports.

Thirty percent to 40 percent of people in India are **vegetarian**. This means they don't eat meat. (In the United States, only about 2 percent of people are vegetarian.)

With the International Year of Pulses, the U.N. hopes that educating the world about these valuable crops can help end hunger and provide food security for all.



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Pulses can bring two to three times higher prices than cereals. Processing the seeds also provides a way to make money, especially for women. These farmers in Haiti are sorting *Cajanus cajan* beans, a fast-growing, disease-resistant bean seed.

Resources



On the Web:

- youtu.be/5gmzXnkRYh4
- fao.org/pulses-2016/recipes/en/
- bit.ly/1SebmNS

At the library:

- "Beans and Other Pulses" by Rachel Eugster

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of pulses are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ADAPTABLE,
BEANS, CHICKPEA,
CHOLESTEROL, CROPS,
DEVELOPING, DRY,
EFFICIENT, FAT, FOOD,
LENTILS, NATIONS,
PEAS, PROTEIN, PULSE,
SECURITY, SOURCE,
UNITED, VITAMINS,
WATER.

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Cook's Corner

Tortellini Vegetable Salad

You'll need:

- 1 (20-ounce) package cheese tortellini
- 1 (16-ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
- 1 (15-ounce) can sweet peas, drained
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomatoes

What to do:

1. Cook tortellini according to package directions. Drain and place in large bowl.
2. Microwave frozen broccoli according to package directions.
3. Add cooked broccoli, peas, tomatoes and olives to tortellini.
4. Pour Italian dressing over vegetables and tortellini. Gently stir to mix.
5. Chill for several hours before serving. Add more Italian dressing as desired. Serves 8 to 10.



- 1 (2.25-ounce) can sliced black olives (optional)
- 1/2 cup light Italian dressing (bottled)

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. youngest in the family (4) _____
2. food you buy at the store (9) _____
3. crocodile cousin (9) _____
4. bee or beetle (6) _____
5. short test (4) _____
6. where you save money (4) _____
7. poisonous snake (5) _____

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Answers: baby, groceries, alligator, insect, quiz, bank, cobra.



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Mini Jokes



William: What happens when you illegally park a frog?

Wendy: It gets toad away!

Wendall: What do you call a frog that can't jump?

Winifred: Unhoppity!

Eco Note



More than half of the trash your family throws away each year is **organic**, or made out of things that were once alive. You can save these scraps to make **compost** — decayed organic material that turns into rich, fertile soil. Ask your family about starting a compost pile in your yard.

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For later:

Look in your newspaper for articles about food in developing nations.

Teachers:

For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit:

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advisor chef Sherman Axelberg, Cierra McNeil, Hannah Brown, Preston Prince, Zeuz Rivera, Patricia Faulk, Ari Pattillo, Amreen Nagra, Chance Holmes-Snowden, Justin Lee, Garrett Parker, Ethan Cribb and broadcasting advisor Alisha Alston; not pictured: Charles Townsend and Aaron Tyler.

CCCA wins 10 events, 26 medals at SkillsUSA South Central Rally

By **EMILY PRIDGEN**
CCCA SkillsUSA Reporter

Columbus Career and College Academy had a great turnout recently for this year's SkillsUSA 2016 Regional Rally. CCCA took the most students ever, 28, this year. CCCA brought home 26 medals, 13 of which were first place.

First place medals were earned in Audio/Radio Production, Television (Video) Production, Commercial Baking, Culinary Arts, Culinary Arts Skill Showcase Individual, Culinary Arts Skill Showcase, Pledge, Masonry, Masonry Estimating, and Masonry Poster.

CCCA also has a new SkillsUSA Regional Officer, Autumn Brown, for the

2016-17 school year, Autumn Brown. Brown said that her sister, Caitlyn Soles, who had been a regional officer for the past three years, had a huge influence on her decision to become an officer. "Getting to see the impact SkillsUSA has had on my sister made me want that same experience," says Brown. "Being in Skills isn't just about the competition. Not only are we learning how to present and carry ourselves as professionals, but we are also learning other life skills that will help us in the future. Being an officer to me means commitment and new responsibilities."

CCCA hopes to continue to progress in SkillsUSA by attracting even more students to join over time.



(Submitted photo)

St. Patrick's Day

Students in Rebecca Long's pre-K class at Chadbourn Elementary School enjoyed learning about St. Patrick's Day and celebrated by having a parade at the school.

Registration at Whiteville Primary

Whiteville Primary School will begin accepting applications for the Pre-K program and registration for Kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. Whiteville Primary is a Pre-K through 2nd grade school with approximately 581 students. There is a faculty of 41 certified teachers (all highly qualified) and 22 teacher assistants. Forty-four percent of our staff hold advanced degrees. Whiteville Primary employs 11 National Board Certified teachers and a National Board Certified school counselor. We also employ a full-time nurse to meet your child's health needs.

Students at Whiteville Caswell Center scholarships are available

The Caswell Center Foundation Inc. has announced the availability of three \$1,000 scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic school year. To qualify, applicants must be a rising college senior or working toward a graduate degree with an allied health, education or psychology major in one of the following areas: occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreation therapy, psychology, nursing, speech-language pathology or social work and intend to serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities after graduation.

The scholarships will be available to qualified applicants residing in one of the 38 counties, which includes Columbus County.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or to receive an application, contact Danielle Howell, executive director, at (252) 208-3790 or danielle.howell@dhhs.nc.gov or visit www.caswellcenterfoundation.com. The scholarship application deadline is April 1.

Established in 1999, the Caswell Center Foundation Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that enhances the quality of life for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in eastern North Carolina.

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WCHS Class of '06 planning reunion

The West Columbus High School Class of 2006 is planning its 10-year class reunion.

If interested in participating in activities or taking part in planning contact Phylisa Collier at msp.collier@gmail.com or call Amber Lee at 336-493-9808 or join the class group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wch-sclassof2006.

WHS '96 class plans reunion

Whiteville High School Class of 1996 is planning a 20th year reunion, which will be held the weekend of Oct. 15, 2016.

For more information email Blake Biser Brookshire at jblakebrookshire@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/whsclassof96.

Old Dock Elem. kindergarten registration

Old Dock Elementary School will hold its kindergarten registration Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8.

If your child will be five years old on or before Aug. 31 go to the school for an application and to schedule an appointment.

Columbus CA BBQ dinner/auction

Columbus Christian Academy will hold a BBQ dinner and auction Saturday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the student library and technology center.

The academy is located at 623 Warrior Trail. For tickets call 642-6196.

Credit Union scholarships total \$4 million

State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) members are continuing their investment in the educational future of North Carolina students through the renewal of SECU Foundation's "People Helping People" high school and community college scholarship programs. Both programs represent the allocation of more than \$4 million in scholarships annually, providing students with the resources to help pursue their dream of attaining a college education.

The 2016 grant renewal now brings the Foundation's collective financial commitment to more than \$50 million since its inception in 2004.

WCHS 50th reunion in May

The Class of 1966, the first graduating class of West Columbus High School is planning its 50th year reunion for May 14. All graduates include Chadbourn, Cerro Gordo, Evergreen and Fair Bluff.

Anyone who would like to help or attend the reunion should contact one of the committee members to provide contact information: Gary Bass, 840-3611 or colbass1@gmail.com, Nancy Yates Dove at ndovecc@hotmail.com or Ann Nobles Lanier at ealaniem@yahoo.com.

WCHS class reunion meeting

The 1974 class reunion committee of West Columbus High School will meet Friday, April 1 at 6 p.m. at Hardee's in Chadbourn.

Any 1974 graduate of WCHS may attend.

ECHS plant sale

The East Columbus FFA will hold its plant sale fundraiser beginning Monday, April 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily until all plants are sold. The plant sale will be held in the greenhouse behind the school.

Hanging baskets are \$8 and include Spider plants, Sweet Potato Vine, Wave Petunias and mixed succulents; 6-inch pots are \$3 and include Geraniums, Dragon Wing Begonia, New Guinea Impatiens, Coleus (large variety), Agaratum, Wave Petunia and Purple Heart.

Marigolds and Impatiens are \$1 for a 4-pack. Vegetable plants are also available such as tomatoes (Homestead, Beef Steak, Roma and Rainbow), Peppers (Cali, Bell, Sweet Banana), Squash (crook and straight neck), Watermelon (Charleston Grey and Crimson Sweet) and Cantaloupe (Hale's Best).

For more information call Ashley Fowler at 646-4094.

WTS Foundation meeting April 7

The Williams Township School Foundation will not meet tonight as scheduled, but will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7 in the media center.

Whiteville City schools menu

Menus are subject to change. Assorted milk is served with each meal. Served daily: Fruit or Fruit Juice at breakfast and Chef Salad or PB&J Sandwich at lunch.

MONDAY, APRIL 4: - Breakfast - Cereal Bar, Graham Crackers, Banana, Orange Juice. Lunch - Cheeseburger or Domino's Pizza, Corn, Broccoli Dippers, Fruit Iceee.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5: - Breakfast - Mini Pancakes, Raisins, Apple Juice. Lunch - Taco/Shell or Chicken Fajita/Shell, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes, Shredded Cheese, Salsa/Chips, Blueberries.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6: - Breakfast - Honey Bun, Apple, Fruit Juice. Lunch - Sloppy Joe/Bun or Corn Dog Nuggets, Pinto Beans, Cuke Dippers, Fruit Cocktail.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7: - Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit, Mixed Dried Fruit, Orange Juice. Lunch - BBQ Chicken/Biscuit or Steak & Gravy/Biscuit, Creamed Potatoes, Collard Greens, Apple.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8: - Breakfast - Pop Tart, Orange Wedges, Apple Juice. Lunch - Pizza or Ham & Cheese/Bun, Crinkle Fries, Carrot Dippers, Pineapple Tidbits.

Columbus County schools menu

Menus are subject to change. Assorted milk is served with each meal. Students may select one meat, bread and milk, and a choice of two fruits and/or vegetables.

MONDAY, APRIL 4: - Breakfast - Nutri Grain Bar, Craisins, Juice. Lunch - Cheeseburger or Chicken Nuggets, Peas, Broccoli, Carrots, Roll.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5: - Breakfast - Pop Tart, Apple. Lunch - BBQ Sandwich or Turkey/Cheese Wrap, Peaches, Baked Beans, Oven Fries.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6: - Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit, Strawberry Cup, Juice. Lunch - Spaghetti or Toasted Ham & Cheese, Pineapple, Side Salad, Corn, Rice Krispy Treat.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7: - Breakfast - Muffin, Orange, Raisins. Lunch - Baked Chicken or Sliced Ham, Mixed Fruit, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Roll.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8: - Breakfast - Mini Waffles, Applesauce, Juice. Lunch - Pizza or Chicken Salad Sandwich, Peaches, Marinara Sauce, Oven Fries, Side Salad.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY

Hawaii vacation cured psoriasis permanently



By JOE AND TERESA GRAEDON

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Q. I developed psoriasis when I was 16, mostly on my legs. It was painful and unsightly, so I wore pants to cover the plaques.

Throughout my 13 years of marriage and 10 years of single motherhood after that, the psoriasis persisted. The stress of working two jobs and caring for my children made it worse.

After I remarried, my husband took me on a

vacation to Hawaii. We both loved to swim and snorkel, so we spent as much time as we could in the sun and warm water. When I got home, I realized the psoriasis had disappeared. Forty years later, it has never returned.

A. Dermatologists have long known that exposure to sunlight can produce impressive results for psoriasis lesions. Doctors replicate phototherapy benefits with ultraviolet light in the clinic (Dermatologic Clinics, January 2015).

A study published in the European Journal of Dermatology (May-June 2015) found that people taking the active ingredient in the spice turmeric (curcumin) got even more benefit from phototherapy.

We've never heard of such a long-lasting response to sun and salt water. That must be the best vacation you ever took.

Snoring and pressure points

Q. Ten years ago, I started snoring when sleeping on my back. It was not deep sleep apnea, but it would generally wake me up. Rolling over onto my side solved the problem.

Then I started snoring on my side as well, which pretty much ruined my sleep cycle. I searched your website for solutions and found a reference to using a wristband with a button to press on an acupres-

sure point about three fingers up from the wrist joint.

That sounded goofy, but in desperation I tried it. I got immediate relief! I have essentially NO snoring now, and I've got my sleep cycle back.

A. We'd almost forgotten about using acupressure wristbands to quiet snoring. These are the same wristbands that are used to prevent motion sickness; the acupressure point ("Inner Gate") is between the two tendons on the inner wrist, three finger-widths above the joint.

We've not seen any research on acupressure to relieve snoring. There are a number of studies on this technique for treating insomnia. Research suggests this nondrug approach can be helpful in adolescents (Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment online, Jan. 24, 2013); in geriatric patients with Alzheimer's disease (Aging Clinical and Experimental Research, February 2015);

in menopausal women (Iranian Journal of Medical Science, July 2015); and in heart patients in intensive care (Journal of Traditional and Complementary Medicine, October 2015).

Since we don't know of any side effects from this therapy, others may want to try this low-tech approach to snoring.

Listerine, meet toenail fungus

Q. Your advice for toenail fungus works. I've been soaking my affected toenails daily in a Listerine/white vinegar mixture. After four months, they look normal and have almost grown out. I will continue with the soaks until they are totally clear.

I tried many tubes of antifungal prescription ointment that did not work. This approach takes persistence and devotion, and at least 30 minutes daily, but seeing these results is very

rewarding.

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Comedian George Carlin's views on aging

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

'How old are you?' 'I'm 4 and a half!' You're never 36 and a half. You're 4 and a half, going on 5! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life! You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50, and your dreams are gone....

But! wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50, and MAKE IT to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that, it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80s, and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30;



George Carlin

you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I was JUST 92.' Then a strange thing happens.. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!'

May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

How To Stay Young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age,

weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That's why you pay them.

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever, even ham radio. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's family name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, nlong and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves, so Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every

opportunity.

And, always remember: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but to skid in sideways, totally used up and worn out, shouting " ... man, what a ride!"



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