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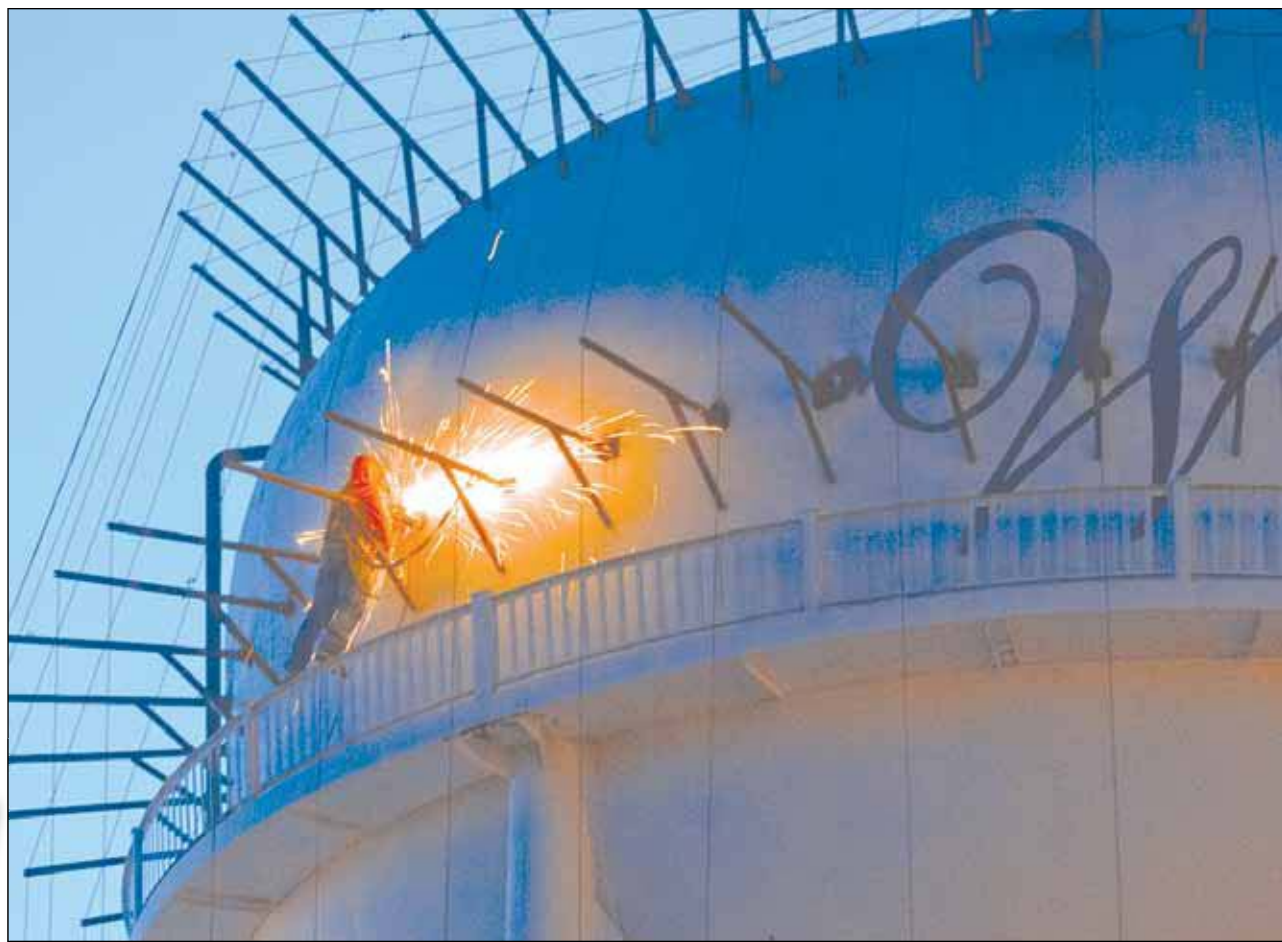
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Water tower light show

Just after sunset Wednesday, a member of the water tower sandblasting and painting crew smooths a weld on the temporary supports for the curtain that will be raised to contain the lead paint as it is removed from the 60-year-old structure. The worker, standing on the railing, is tethered to safety lines.

Hawks' legacy: Excellence at SCC

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Sue Hawks' name has been associated with Southeastern Community College (SCC) since 1974, when she was employed by the college's late president, Dr. Ronald McCarter, as recruitment coordinator. McCarter saw in Hawks a vivacious, energetic young woman with a natural talent for relating to the public, excellent public speaking skills and a creative, can-do attitude that continues to serve her well.

After 42 years of service to SCC, the most longevity of any SCC employee, Hawks will retire May 1.

"Few people are as fortunate as I am to have had two positions at one institution, spanning a 42-year career that they were perfectly suited for," Hawks said. "I'm not sure if I conformed to the positions or the positions took on the qualities that I brought to them, but either way, it was a win-win for me and I believe it was for SCC."

Stellar work ethic

Raised on a farm in Craven County, Hawks developed a stellar work ethic, like many of her era did, in the tobacco fields of her family's farm. She attended East Carolina University, earning a Bachelor of Arts.

During her college years she became familiar with SCC when her older sister Marsha Griffin was hired in 1972 to develop an early childhood development program and a child care center.

The original childcare center was located in the Mt. Olive community, where other programs were also located.

One of those programs was sheet metal fabrication, taught by Jerry Hawks, who had just completed six years as a submariner in the U.S. Navy and had returned home to Whiteville.

Marsha made the life-changing introductions, and the rest, as they say, is history. Married in 1973, Sue worked for Collier's Jewelers under the mentorship of Pebo Collier for her first six months in Whiteville, and when a position for a recruiter at SCC opened, she applied and was hired.

"I recruited students for SCC for 27 years," she recalls. "I made contacts with so many wonderful people, and they were anxious to



Sue Hawks is retiring after 42 years with SCC.

hear the educational possibilities awaiting them at our college. Students, parents, teachers, principals, superintendents and the public opened their doors to me and were eager to hear of the many ways that they and their families could utilize this community college. SCC was on the quarter system then and tuition was only \$27 per quarter. Tuition was such a bargain, then and now, but many still needed to be convinced. As a recruiting tool, I founded the Miss SCC pageant and it was a huge hit. Our representatives traveled across the state.

"Media presentations, county fairs, career fairs, parade floats,

television, radio advertising and print ads were all in my job description, jobs done without the use of a computer," she remembers. "The students I recruited in the 70s now have grandchildren at SCC. The college is 52 years old and we have generations of students who have found success by attending SCC."

Scholarships increase

In 2000, Dr. Brantley Briley hired Hawks as the dean of the SCC Foundation, Inc. In that year, investment holdings of the Foundation totaled \$600,000. Under Hawks' leadership, the Foundation currently boasts holdings of \$5 million and is ranked

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Leaks plague Whiteville's water system

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Water leaks led to low or no water pressure in uptown Whiteville last week.

"This is just part of having an older water system," said City Manager Darren Currie. "The city is always working to improve and upgrade the system, but unfortunately, breaks are going to happen."

Monday saw two breaks in the area of Lee and Calhoun streets, Currie said. An 8-inch line ruptured in the early morning hours, and a second leak was discovered in the same area around 2 p.m.

The third leak occurred early the next day, Tuesday, according to Hal Lowder, the city's risk management and safety officer.

"The main areas affected were from Highway 701 to Madison Street, and Lewis Street to Williamson Street," Lowder said. City crews had final repairs made by around 6 p.m. in both breaks.

"The public works guys were really going above and beyond," Lowder said Tuesday. "They were out there shoveling mud out of the hole in the driving rain to find and fix the leaks."

The breaks are not related to the rehabilitation project on the Wyche Street water tank, Currie said. That tank has been taken offline for a complete cleaning, sealing and repainting. The city's wells were rerouted to the other tank to maintain water pressure during the project.

Hydrants are open in many neighborhoods to prevent the backflow of sediment and rust from the system.

The Water Department is currently evaluating the system to determine the cause of the breaks, Lowder said.

"The water department is keeping an eye on everything, to try and catch more breaks before they happen," Lowder said.

House votes on new maps, primary date

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

The March 15 Primaries in North Carolina will go on, but not with the U.S. Congressional primaries on the ballot.

Lawmakers in Raleigh voted Friday, mostly along party lines, on redrawn district maps and to move the Congressional primaries to June 7.

Friday was the deadline to correct two districts that federal judges said were racially gerrymandered.

The plan, adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly, eliminates runoff primaries in any races held in 2016.

"We still believe the maps as they are presently enacted are fair, legal and constitutional," said Bob Rucho, R-Mecklenburg, chairman of the Senate redistricting committee prior to the vote on the new maps.

If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns the lower court ruling (that existing districts are unconstitutional), the existing districts will remain intact.

The U.S. Supreme Court has not agreed to take up the case, and many suggest it is unlikely.

A three-judge federal panel on Feb. 5 ordered that new maps be drawn on the basis that the state's 1st and 12th congressional districts were not constitutional.

The panel said they had been drawn using race as the predominant factor.

On Feb. 17, Gov. Pat McCrory called for a special legislative session to address the issue.

Republican leaders say the new district maps should alleviate those concerns.

Only minor changes were made to the 7th Congressional District, of which Columbus County is a part, and none of those changes impact Columbus County.

In separate legislation, solons also Friday set the filing period for the rescheduled con-

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Sara Galloway Lennon writes children's book

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Dr. Sara Galloway Lennon, a guidance counselor for the Public Schools of Robeson County, has written and had published a book for children around the age of 8. The book, titled "A Class of Colors," is written as a Native American folktale.

Lennon, who says she has a passion and enthusiasm for working with young children from high poverty and diversified background, based her studies on the effects of poverty on students and is now considered an expert in the field. She has led numerous workshops and training sessions for 14 years and finds that the art of storytelling in the old folklore style engages children's imagination to the mysteries of life and its valuable lessons.

Having grown up on the shores of Lake Waccamaw,



Dr. Sara Galloway Lennon

Lennon was exposed to Native American culture and the value of farm life, which led her to share the value of folklore and old proverbs. She

earned her degree in organizational leadership management and higher education at Nova Southeastern University in Miami, Fla. The daughter

of Frank and Peggy Squires Galloway, she is married to Gregory Lennon and they have three sons, Lawrence, Forrest and Chandler.

"A Class of Colors" can be found at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and Pages Publishing. Following is a synopsis:

When the bright yellow sun becomes bored with his daily view of the green and blue earth, he strikes a deal with his old friend the wind, to bring more colors for him to see. However, the wind warns the sun that every color's personality and behavior is different and can be difficult to deal with, stating the adage, "Pretty is as pretty does."

This proves to be true. Together the sun and the water team up in order to shape and train the behaviors of the colors. They begin to play off the strength and weakness of each color to make a perfect complement, thus creating a beautiful and grand rainbow.

All this proves that no matter what our differences, a team working together that has the desire to change can make something wonderful.

Democrats meet in Whiteville on April 30

The Democratic Men and Women of Columbus County (DMWCC) will host an annual meeting of the North Carolina Democratic Women on April 30 from 12 to 2 p.m. on April 30 at Southern Sizzler, 1405 South Madison Street, Whiteville.

Women, men and children are invited to attend the event. Registration is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6 to 12. Children under 5 years of age eat free but drinks are not free.

Contact Carolyn Sykes, president of DMWCC, to register at (910) 540-0420.

Museum hosts open house for volunteers Friday

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville will host a Volunteer Open House Friday, Feb. 26, from 5-6:30 p.m. Current and interested volunteers are invited to stop by the museum to meet with staff, explore the museum and learn about exciting volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.

Volunteers are vital as the museum prepares for the busy new year. Volunteers are needed to assist in the Discovery Forest, Nature Playspace, iLab, special events, visitor services and more.

Benefits museum volunteers receive are training, professional development, access to behind the scenes exhibits, invitations to special events, annual volunteer appreciation banquet and a 15 percent discount at the museum store.

Volunteers can be 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.

VFW's Boston butt sale Friday

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8073 will hold its annual Boston Butt fundraiser Friday at the Vietnam Veterans building from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Butts are \$25, and all proceeds go to the VFW. Preorders are encouraged.

Call 910.207.6200 for more information.

Hawks

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in the top 10 of the 58 North Carolina community colleges in holdings.

A gift of \$900,000 by Dr. Frederick Barefoot and his wife Lilma in 2000 provides 25 Barefoot Scholarships annually. In 2007, the Foundation's largest gift, from the estate of Ben and Lucy Nesmith of Tabor City, was \$3.5 million, which allowed for the renovation and naming of the Nesmith Student Center. Lelanie Sutton Orcutt, a native of Chadbourn who now lives in Leesburg, Va., has gifted the college more than \$1.4 million since her initial gift in 2005. Southeastern's Orcutt Bookstore is named for her.

The Philip and Mary Comer Nursing Scholarship will be named this April, with a gift of \$500,000 from the estate of SCC's second president, Philip E. Comer.

Naming policy

In 2007, the Foundation's board of trustees adopted a naming of facilities policy. The first named building on the SCC campus was the Cartrette Technology Center in 2009, followed by the Nesmith Student Center in 2013 and in 2014, the Williamson Library, Orcutt Bookstore, Wyche Gallery, Hooks Boardroom, Koonce Lobby, Sasser Industrial Center, Simms Small Business Resource Center and the Westbrook Teaching Laboratory. Resources provided from these naming opportunities contribute to the success of the SCC

Foundation.

Hawks has grown the number of scholarships awarded annually from 39 in 2000 to 86 in 2016, with most being endowed. She has planned major events for the SCC Foundation, to include dinner theatres honoring staunch supporters of the Foundation, galas, golf tournaments and a variety of fundraising events. She is quick to recognize the assistance that she has received from Jean Wooten, Meg Sellers and Amanda Formyduval. All have been instrumental in their administrative assistant roles in the Foundation office. The faculty and staff have also volunteered many hours in support of the SCC Foundation, and this year 100 percent of SCC's employees have made contributions to the Foundation. This is unprecedented at most community colleges.

"All of the donors to the SCC Foundation are extremely important and our annual fund drive would not be successful without their annual gifts," Hawks noted. "The SCC Foundation board of directors supports this Foundation like no other and without their wisdom, their connections and their gifts, the SCC Foundation would lack the leadership that causes us to thrive. Any success that we have had can be attributed to their dedication.

"My parting words to donors would be to support the college that has supported you," Hawks added. "Columbus County is rich in that Southeastern Community College is located here. Don't ever take that for granted. Our students - your students actually - are the benefactors of all of the gifts that we receive."

Hawks is the face of the long running Edu-Cable TV show, SCC Presents.

She has interviewed community leaders, artists, musicians, event planners, her co-workers and the highlight of each year, Santa Claus and the Child Care Center children. The show was initiated by Dr. Steve Scott in the 80s and remains a vital link to SCC's community. The broadcast and production technology program at SCC is a direct result of the show.

Hawks has served under six SCC presidents, Dr. Ronald McCarter, Dr. Steve Scott, Dr. Dan Moore, Dr. Brantley Briley, Dr.

Kathy Matlock and SCC's current president, Dr. Anthony Clarke.

Family increasing

Hawks and her husband Jerry have a daughter, Hillary Melvin, a Walgreens Pharmacy manager in Elizabethtown. Melvin and her husband are expecting their first child in April.

Melvin is quick to give credit to SCC for the success she has enjoyed in her career.

"I grew up at SCC," she said.

"Mom was always involved in one activity or another at the college and as her sidekick, I reaped the benefits. I have pictures of me sitting on the A-building steps with the other employees' children, teddy bears in hand, during the Teddy Bear Parade. I remember driving a motorized car across the stage during a Miss SCC pageant with the song, 'Little Deuce Coupe' setting the theme for the pageant. All of the Miss SCC title holders were my big sisters. I was enrolled every summer in Kollege for Kids and when I was 16 and eligible to enroll in SCC, I did, and accumulated 32 semester hours prior to graduation from Waccamaw Academy, which launched my pharmacy career.

"With a little encouragement from the Foundation's greatest supporter, my mother, I decided to give back by naming the Dr. Hillary M. Hawks Pharmacy Scholarship at SCC," Hillary said. "Even in retirement, I know my mother's heart will remain at her college. She is quite the role model."

"Southeastern Community College has been home to me for my entire career," Hawks said. "The college has afforded me many opportunities for education, growth, camaraderie and a lifetime of friendships and unforgettable experiences. I have learned from the best; I have had the greatest mentors possible. The decision to retire has been one of the most difficult of my life, but I know there are many more chapters to be written. I will always support the SCC Foundation and the college in any way possible."

Here are comments from a few who have worked closely with Hawks on the Foundation and from a faculty member:

Danny McNeill said "Sue has been the perfect person

for the job. She's outgoing and doesn't mind asking for any amount of money. It will be difficult to replace her."

Donna Scott said "Her dedication to SCC, its programs and students is stellar. She has been SCC's biggest cheerleader and managed, through the Foundation, to unite people all across the county who realize the value of the college. She knows the meaning of the phrase, 'community college.' That job fit her personality and skill set perfectly."

Henry Edmund said "Sue has been a champion for SCC. Her relationship with advocates of our college and foundation is enormous. She has been a tremendous asset to the college and the community. As a past Foundation president, I have witnessed many of the things that Sue has done for those who truly love SCC. She will be greatly missed."

Jim High said "Sue has built a very good resume of how things should be done. She's a good employee, good to the community and Southeastern Community College is better because of her interest and ability to get things done."

Kimberly Fine, SCC nursing instructor, said "SCC will endure a tremendous loss. I

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Heavy rains, high water create problems for county

■ A video of part of the flash flooding from last Monday's storm can be viewed at whiteville.com.

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Farmers, municipal employees, trappers, and athletes have one thing in common so far this year—they're frustrated by high water.

Heavy rains and extended periods of precipitation throughout the area have led to saturated ground, swollen creeks, ditches and rivers, and overflowing swamps.

February 2016 is so far the third wettest on record, according to Steve Pfaff of the National Weather Service Wilmington office.

"On top of that, we are only a little more than halfway through the month," he said.

Pfaff said the rain can be traced back to the El Niño weather patterns, which begin in the Pacific Ocean and determine whether winter months are wet or dry, rainy or snowy. El Niño also tends to dampen hurricanes and prevent East Coast landfalls, while its "cousin," the so-called La Niña, encourages the growth of tropical weather.

"Regarding the rainfall, we are seeing an excellent correlation between El Niño and recent rainfall," Pfaff said. "The first and second wettest Februaries on record are during strong El Niño patterns."

Based on records dating back to 1871, much of the area has seen 175 percent of the normal rainfall during the last 180 days – beginning with the period when a sub-tropical system combined with low pressure to bring flooding to much of the eastern end of the county.

The rest of the winter hasn't been much better, Pfaff said.

Based on data starting Dec. 1, the winter thus far has been the sixth wettest on record. Again, strong El Niño years (1983 and 1998) produced more precipitation during the win-

ter months (23.34 inches and 20.21 inches, respectively). The winter of 2015-16 has seen an average of 16.9 inches throughout the area since Dec. 1, with several areas receiving significantly more.

Currently, 2015-16 is ahead of 1987 (17.19 inches); almost tied with 1982 (17.93 inches) and not far behind 1878, which saw one of the largest and most extended periods of snow ever recorded in the region. Total winter precipitation for the months of December 1877 through March 1878 was 18.72 inches in Wilmington, with more than two feet of total precipitation recorded farther upstream.

The blizzard of 1878 was also preceded by an extremely wet fall and at least one heavy rain event that caused major flooding in the fall – and led to the cataclysmic "Spring Freshet" flooding of the Cape Fear, Black, Waccamaw and Lumber rivers that April.

Winter 2015-16 isn't shaping up to be a double-punch of blizzards and flooding, Pfaff said, but the amount of rain recorded thus far is still significant.

"Over the last 180 days," he said, "rainfall in Wilmington has topped 47.45 inches. The normal is 27.15. We have a rain surplus of 20.30 inches. That measurement is 175 percent of normal."

Area sports teams—high school baseball began last week—have been facing numerous delays due to rainouts and icy weather conditions farther west.

Farmers have also been working frantically during dry spells to get early summer harvest crops planted before the next rainy period sets in. In many cases, those farmers are fighting more than just the weather when it comes to getting fields drained and dried. The wet winter of 2015-16 is producing a bumper crop of beavers that destroy timber and clog canals and ditches.

Deeper and deeper

As the water has risen, so has the beaver problem in Columbus County.

The Wettest Februarys
1998 ... 11.22 inches
1983 ... 8.74 inches
2016 ... 6.95 inches so far

The Wettest Winters
December-March
1997-98 ... 23.34 inches
1982-83 ... 20.21 inches
1877-78 ... 18.72 inches
1981-82 ... 17.93 inches
1986-87 ... 17.19 inches
2015-16 ... 16.90 inches

Source: NWS Wilmington office, based on records dating to 1871.

Columbus started a groundbreaking bounty program in 2012, connecting private trappers and landowners with beaver problems.

The county changes its "proof" method every year, requiring feet, tails or ears of each beaver caught before paying a \$40 bounty fee per animal.

Beavers build dams to create safe habitats for their family units, called colonies. They are particularly prone to stopping up drainage canals, ditches, creeks and runs through swamps, causing timber and crop damage.

As the water rises, beavers work harder to build their dams stronger and higher, especially in the late winter, when they are preparing for the spring birthing season.

The high water has been an issue for both the beavers and landowners, according to Edward Davis of the Columbus Soil and Water Conservation District.

In addition to helping landowners with drainage and erosion issues, Davis also serves on the county's beaver committee.

"High water is a major issue all around Columbus and surrounding counties," he said. "Some of the problems are due to beaver, but many of the problems are due to so much water over the past several months that there is simply nowhere for it to go. I'm telling people

that we can't get any wetter; the water can only get deeper. And, that's about what's happening."

The county currently has 14 trappers on the call list, but most only trap part-time. The additional time needed to navigate high waters, muddy ground and other hazards to reach beaver dams well off the road has deterred some trappers this year.

"It is very busy with all of this rain and the beaver are active everywhere," Davis said. "With so much water, they are having a heyday."

"We have 13 or 14 trappers on our list, but most of them have full-time jobs and they are only working the program once in a while," Davis explained. "With the water as high as it is, it's flowing over many of the beaver dams and it's hard to detect where the dams are actually located and how many we are dealing with."

With the water as high as it is, it's making trapping difficult because the beaver have plenty of water to work with.

"Some of the trappers are stating that they will set their traps and a big rain will come and they are finding their traps under three to four feet of water," Davis said. "It's frustrating."

Dan Jones, a Fair Bluff trapper, said that several of his trapping locations are inaccessible due to high water.

"I have traps under seven or eight feet of water," he said. "I haven't seen it like this very often."

The trappers who have been able to get to their target areas, however, have been doing well.

"We have issued tags to only five of our trappers and one landowner," Davis said, "but we have worked with 34 landowners and issued 207 tags. We have collected and paid bounty on 154 tags as of Tuesday."

As of Feb. 18, 2015, Davis said, the county collected 200 pairs of ears.

"We are 46 short of where we were last year at this time," he said.

The regular beaver trapping

season – and the bounty period – ends March 31, although landowners with documented damage can continue to allow licensed trappers to pursue beaver year round.

"Our intent is to finish this program by the middle of April so I can tally it up for the end-of-the-year budget," Davis said. "However, we want to continue to be able to work with those who are having very serious issues."

Towns taking steps

When Lake Waccamaw spent \$30,000 on pumper trucks after a torrential storm in December, Town Manager Harry Foley decided enough was enough.

The town began an aggressive pre-storm pumping program in January, keeping an eye on weather reports and drawing down the levels in the wastewater and stormwater system before and during storms.

Canal and ditch maintenance in several troublesome areas has also been stepped up, improving the flow of runoff in town.

He told the town board of commissioners last week that the efforts had paid off.

By lowering the levels in the system before the storm, and monitoring the town's lift stations during the rain event, town employees not only avoided any wastewater spills, but kept drains from backing up and causing street closures.

"They saved us enough that they deserve a big raise," Foley said of the town's public works employees.

Tabor City has had a few problems, Town Manager Al Leonard said, but nothing extraordinary. While the Yam City did record the most rain in the county during two of the significant rain events this fall and winter, the town has fared well.

Leonard, who is also the manager for Fair Bluff and town administrator for Brunswick, said Riverside Drive at Fair Bluff has had its usual share of problems.

Situated beside the Lumber

River, Riverside is often over-washed several times a year.

"It has been closed several times in the past few months," Leonard said, "and no work can be done on finishing the boat ramp."

When Darren Currie became city manager in Whiteville, he began focusing more city resources on small-scale but long term drainage solutions throughout the city.

Despite seeing several storm systems with more than three inches of rain, the recently renovated Felix Smith Park has avoided major flooding and standing water problems so far during this year's unusually rainy season.

City workers have overhauled much of the drainage system in the area in recent years.

Work on the Nolan Park expansion has been repeatedly delayed due to saturated ground and flooding in low-lying spots.

The park is affected by the White Marsh, which drains the park and much of the eastern end of town, and the marsh has been approaching the level of the shoulders of Jefferson Street/Red Hill Road for weeks.

Although some areas, particularly on the west side near Molly's Branch, continue to see high water problems, the city is trying to solve drainage problems before they occur.

"We were lucky," Risk Management Officer Hal Lowder said after the drenching rains Monday morning.

"We didn't have any reports of any problems in the city, not even any street flooding this time. Travis (Faulk, public works director) and the guys have been using the vacuum truck to maintain some drains, and try to head off problems before they occur."

Pfaff pointed out that while the ground is saturated, and additional rain events are likely in the coming weeks, there's a positive side to the abundance of rain.

"We'll likely have a pretty uneventful spring forest fire season," he said.

Questions needed for forum

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Questions for candidates still are being sought from the public for a March 1 forum at Southeastern Community College.

The 5:30 p.m. forum will be held in the auditorium in the "D" Building on the campus and feature candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, local seats in the state legislature and county commissioner, said Jennifer Holcomb, president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, which is sponsoring the forum.

Candidates for all those seats have confirmed that they will be in attendance, but she was hesitant to release the names of specific candidates attending.

The event will be a forum and not a debate.

"We'll have three panel discussions," said Holcomb, "one with candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, another with candidates for the N.C. Senate and House of Representatives, and a third with candidates for county commissioner."

Each panel will consist of opening remarks by all candidates, then asking questions of the candidates which have been submitted by members of the public, and end with closing remarks by candidates. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to answer every question posed.

Suggested questions from the public for the candidates are sought and encouraged. People who would like to submit questions in advance can do so by emailing info@the-columbuschamber.com or by calling 642-3171.

People attending the forum may also fill out question cards for submission before the event gets underway.

"The Chamber is proud to host this event for our business leaders and community," said Holcomb.

"It's our goal, as the voice of business, to provide our

members and the general public with as much information as possible in order for them to make informed decisions on issues critical to our business climate and community well-being.

What better way to do so than to have a forum where we can discuss these issues with those that could potentially

represent us."

Justin Smith of Whiteville will serve as moderator for the forum.

Although the forum itself starts at 5:30 p.m. on March 1, a pre-forum meet-and-greet for Chamber of Commerce members and the candidates will be held at 5 p.m. in the "A" Building at the college.

**Columbus County Republican Party
Convention
March 8 6:30 pm
at
Columbus County Courthouse
Guest Speaker
Frank Williams**



Former 7th District Chairman & Current Brunswick County Commissioner Frank Williams to Speak at Columbus GOP Convention

Frank Williams is a small business owner and Brunswick County native who was elected Brunswick County Commissioner from District 5 on November 6, 2012. He previously served as Chairman of the N.C. 7th Congressional District Republican Party and State Chairman of the N.C. Federation of Young Republicans. Williams grew up in the rural community of Northwest, located near the Columbus County line in northwestern Brunswick County. He also spent two summers working in the summer student program at what was then Federal Paper Board (now International Paper) in Riegelwood. Williams has been involved with numerous campaigns over the past 24 years. He owns and operates Pioneer Strategies, a public relations and marketing agency he founded in 2001.

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Crime briefs

Pleads

Patrice Nichole Brown, 37, of Bolton, recently pleaded in Superior Court here to DWI (driving while impaired), and was put on probation for 18 months and ordered to serve 10 days in jail within four months.

Brown, convicted in District Court in May 2015, had appealed her conviction where she had a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 when arrested in June 2014.

Motion

A motion to dismiss at the close of state's evidence on charges of driving while impaired (DWI) and driving left of center against Tammy Price Stone, 39, of Chadbourn, was allowed in District Court recently. The DWI evidence was suppressed.

Fraud

Timothy Andrew Wilson, 37, of the 4600 block of N.C. 242, Chadbourn, has been arrested on five charges of fraud on warrants obtained by Chadbourn Police Officer Brian Campbell and Whiteville Police Detective Scott Moody.



Wilson

Wilson is charged with using a debit card issued to First Baptist Church of Whiteville to purchase items for his own use at four businesses – two in Chadbourn – on Sept. 21, 2014.

Wilson is charged with using the card at CVS and Murphy's Gas in Whiteville, plus the Hasty Mart and Food Lion in Chadbourn.

Jail

Bobby Dale Ward, 51, of Bladenboro, was sentenced to four months in jail after he pleaded in Superior Court here last week in a DWI case. He was originally sentenced to three years in prison for having a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 when arrested in 2013.

Ward was fined \$1,000, and will be under continuous alcohol monitoring for four months after his jail term.

Probation

Joyce Elkins, 54, of Whiteville, was placed on probation for three years here last week after she pleaded in Superior Court to fraud in a November 2014 case. A prison term of six to 17 months was suspended. This was her first criminal conviction, according to state records.



Elkins

Farmers

The Livingston Creek Farmers Harvest, located along Harvest Lane, Bolton, was the victim of a break-in and theft discovered on Feb. 20, according to a sheriff's report. The business' cash register and cash were stolen.

Pedestrian hit by car

Cameron Keyon Green, 16, of Woodrow Street, Tabor City, was severely injured on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, when he was struck by a car on East Fifth Street in Tabor City, according to a police report.

Green unexpectedly jumped in front of a 1999 Pontiac driven by Gary Belton Nobles, 52, of Evergreen, at 11:43 a.m., the report showed. Green, walking with two other males, sustained injuries to his head and a leg. He was cited for impeding traffic, the report showed.

Waived

James Marion Smith, 43, of Tabor City, waived his right recently to a jury trial in Superior Court, and allowed Judge Ola Lewis to render a verdict in his driving while impaired (DWI) case.

Lewis found Smith not guilty. Smith refused a breath test when arrested in October 2013, and appealed his District Court conviction in June 2014.

Break-in

James Daryl Greene, 41, of Whiteville, has been arrested on charges of breaking into a vehicle, misdemeanor theft and felony fraud on warrants obtained by Whiteville Police Detective Scott Moody.



Greene

Greene is charged with breaking into Heather Hayes Mabe's vehicle on Feb. 13 and stealing a grinder and saw owned by Robert Arthur Wagner. He's also charged with selling to Murf's Pawn here the same day the grinder and saw for \$80.

Waterfowl

Three hunters were convicted in Superior Court here last week of having over the bag limit of ducks when hunting in January 2015.

Christopher Alan Pridgen, 32, of Whiteville, and Rodney Brent Pridgen, 48, also of Whiteville, were put on unsupervised probation for a year, and each was fined \$250. Jail terms for each were suspended.

Prosecution against Stephen Quinn Allen, 30, of Chadbourn, was deferred for a year's probation and \$250 fine.

Prison

Lakeithy Keller, 41, of Tabor City, was sent to prison for 16 to 29 months here last week after he pleaded in Superior Court to felony fleeing to elude arrest in a July 2014 case.



Keller

Keller's prior record shows convictions for assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injuries in 2009, assault with deadly weapon in 1994, assault on an officer in 2009, assault on a female in 2006 and 1994, vehicle larceny in 2008, larceny in 1997, breaking and entering in 1991, and communicating threats and trespassing in 2002.

Pleads

Shandi Renee Cook, 30, of Whiteville, pleaded in Superior Court here last week to misdemeanor fraud in an August 2012 case, and was put on probation for a year with a 45-day jail term suspended. Her prior record shows a conviction for larceny in 2010.

Prison for DWI

Amber Lynn Corder, 29, of Nakina, appealed to Superior Court a nine-month prison term for driving while impaired (DWI) she got in District Court on Feb. 18.

Corder refused a breath test when arrested in 2015. Before being sentenced to prison she pleaded to a DWI charge from 2014 where her blood-alcohol was 0.13. She was put on probation for a year, told to spend 24 hours in jail, fined \$100 and told to pay a \$100 DWI fee.

Heroin, cocaine included in arrest of Bladen man

Nathaniel Lavette Spivey, 34, of Round Branch Road, Bladenboro, was arrested last week on several drug charges involving the sale of heroin and cocaine to undercover buyers for the Sheriff's Drug Unit in this county.



Spivey

Spivey is charged with selling heroin once, and cocaine twice in October 2015, according to warrants obtained by Sheriff's Drug Detective Dustin Fowler.

The suspect is also charged with four counts of trafficking in the opium derivative found in prescription medication – by sale, delivery, possession and transportation of Oxycodone tablets. In addition, he's charged with possession of 10 Oxycodone tablets with intent to sell, possession of cocaine for sale, and maintaining a Mercury car as a place to keep and sell drugs.

DWI cases dismissed

Several cases where drivers had appealed their District Court convictions for driving while impaired (DWI) were dismissed in a special session of Superior Court here recently with Judge Ola Lewis from Brunswick County presiding. This was Lewis' first appearance as judge here in more than four years.

Lewis is scheduled to hold regular sessions of Superior Court during her assignment here through June 30.

The dismissals, all decided by the district attorney's staff, included:

- Teddy Randon Inman, 36, of Best Town Road, Clarendon, who was convicted in the lower court in May 2013. Inman appealed a probation term of 18 months. Dismissal was because the arresting officer was "home with the flu."
- Courtney Yvette Williams, 29, of Chadbourn, was put on probation for a year in December 2014. Her case was dismissed because of the officer who had the flu.
- Clarence Terrill Best, 33, of Chadbourn, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.11 when arrested in April 2013. He was convicted in February 2015, and appealed his term of probation for a year. The arresting Highway Patrol trooper has retired, and was not available for court.
- Denise Leggette Taste, 43, of Fair Bluff, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 when arrested in November 2014. She was convicted in June 2015, and appealed. Her case was dismissed because the trooper was not in court, and when he appeared he "had no paperwork."
- Tawana Y. Ranford, 51, of Leland was convicted in February 2015. She appealed her probation term of one year. This case was dismissed because there was "no prosecuting witness" as a subpoena was never served, and the Highway Patrol noted it was "their fault," according to the dismissal form.

Recent DWI convictions from District Court

Several drivers pleaded guilty to driving while impaired (DWI) in recent sessions of District Court here. They include:

- Brandon O'Neal Bellamy, 27, of Leland, who had a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 when arrested last year. His probation, transferred to Brunswick County, is for 18 months, and he was fined \$100, and told to do 48 hours of community service and pay the \$250 fee, plus a \$100 DWI fee. A 120-day prison term was suspended.
- Rodney Otis Williams, 46, of Whiteville, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.16 when arrested in 2014. His probation for a year is unsupervised, and he was fined \$200. A 60-day jail term was suspended.
- Charles Alex Williams, 24, of Laurinburg, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.12 when arrested last year. He is on unsupervised probation for a year, and he was told to do 24 hours of community service in Scotland County within 90 days. His \$250 community-service fee was stricken, and he was fined \$100. A jail term of 60 days was suspended.
- Jose Erape Saleron, 30, of Fair Bluff, pleaded and was put on probation for a year. He had a blood-alcohol level of 0.24 when arrested in 2014. He was fined \$500, and told to pay a \$100 DWI fee, and used an Interlock device if driving while on probation. He also spent seven days in jail.
- Edward Sutton III, 49, of Whiteville, pleaded, and was put on unsupervised probation for a year. He had a blood-alcohol level of 0.21 when arrested in 2015. Sutton was fined \$100 and told to pay a \$100 DWI fee, plus to use an Interlock device if driving while on probation. A 60-day jail term was suspended.
- Ryan M. Baccus, 30, of St. Pauls, saw his case remanded from Superior Court to District Court. His blood-alcohol level

Heroin, cocaine included in arrest of Bladen man

Felony cases handled in lower court recently

Several felony cases were handled by accepting misdemeanor pleas or outright dismissed in a recent District Court session. The cases included:

- The state dismissed a felony breaking and entering, and larceny case against Carlton Duran Odom, 40, of Chadbourn, after District Court Judge Jason Disbrow refused a motion to continue the case. Odom had been arrested in August 2012, records show.
- James Bland Gillikin, 50, of Wilmington, pleaded to misdemeanor assault by pointing a gun, and two felony weapon charges were dismissed after the recent District Court action.

- Gillikin will be on probation for 18 months, and a 60-day jail term was suspended. He is to do 80 hours of community service within 120 days, and pay a \$250 community-service fee. He was arrested for shooting into occupied property in Whiteville in November 2015.
- A case of felony fraud was dismissed in District Court here recently when Cecil Junior Lee, 36, of Tabor City, pleaded to misdemeanor larceny and was put on probation for a year and told to do 24 hours of community service. Lee was ordered to make \$100 restitution to his victim, and to pay a \$250 community-



Lee

- The charge of larceny of a firearm against Robin C. Spaulding, 38, of Lake Waccamaw, was dismissed when Judge Disbrow wouldn't allow a state motion to continue the case. Court notes show there was no prosecuting witness. Spaulding was arrested in March 2015 in the case.
- Jessie Jach Searson, 39, of Tabor City, refused probation after pleading to misdemeanor or maintaining his vehicle as a place to keep and sell drugs, and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Felony maintaining and possession of marijuana with intent to sell charges were dropped.
- Chandler Reece Simmons' charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill was dismissed when Disbrow ruled against a state motion to continue the case. The 20-year-old from Whiteville was arrested in the case in April 2015.



Spaulding



Searson



Simmons

Taylor gets probation

Richard McCroy Taylor III, 50, of Clarendon, was placed on probation for three years last week in Superior Court here after he pleaded to the sale and delivery of prescription medication in a January 2015 case.



Taylor

A prison term of 12 to 24

months for Taylor, convicted on 17 counts of forgery in 2004, was suspended.

Trailer hit by gunfire

A shotgun blast damaged a cargo trailer parked at the home of the owner, Patrick Troy Mabby, 22, of Roosevelt Street, Tabor City, according to a police report. The incident was reported at 2 p.m. on Feb. 18.



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Chamber officers for 2016 take their oaths from Columbus County Clerk of Court Jess Hill, right. Left to right are director Pam Norris, Vice President Marylou Molina, President Greta Regan, Richard Wight, director Donald James and Treasurer Michelle Dudney.



Richard Wright reads the Exemplary Community Service Award to Marvella Dorman, who was surprised about the award and that her son and daughter and their spouses, Barb and Mike Dorman, left, and Julia and Steve Fort, right, were there.

Molinas, Dorman get Tabor City Chamber awards

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Marylou and Robert "Mole" Molina received double recognition at the Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce banquet held Feb. 8 in The Ritz Center.

They were awarded the Chamber's Business of the Year award, Marylou took the oath as vice president of the Chamber, and "Mole" was awarded the coveted Tabor Medal as the town's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Bruce McPherson presented the Tabor Medal, noting that "Mole" was born on a 50-acre farm but went out into the world to explore new things, such as working as a roadie traveling with Bruce Springsteen's band, becoming a tour manager audio engineer, and working with such notables as Blood, Sweat and Tears, Patty Labelle and others before starting his own band. He had a successful career in theatre audio, IBM, Ford, ABC TV, Pfizer - "But his heart never left the farm," McPherson said.

The Molinas bought Sunnyfield Equestrian Farms in December 2012, starting a boarding and riding lesson



"Mole" Molina accepts the Citizen of the Year award

program. They recently held a barn dance and donated the proceeds to the Chamber.

Children from Columbus and Horry counties learn the equestrian sport at Sunnyfield and riders have successfully competed in horse shows and participated on the Sunnyfield Interscholastic Equestrian Association middle and high school teams. One of the middle school students has earned the right to compete in the state regional competition later this month.

Sunnyfield holds pony and



"Mole" and Marylou Molina, left, accept the Business of the Year award from Michelle Dudney and Donald James.

show camps in the summer, where children between the ages of 5 and 16 years learn about riding, showing and taking care of their horses.

Each fall the Molinas and Devon McDermott, the coach, host a Halloween party open to all children to enjoy a haunted hayride led by "Mole" Molina.

Community service

Marvella Dorman was presented the Exemplary Community Service Award by Richard Wright, who noted that she is not a Tabor City native but graduated from

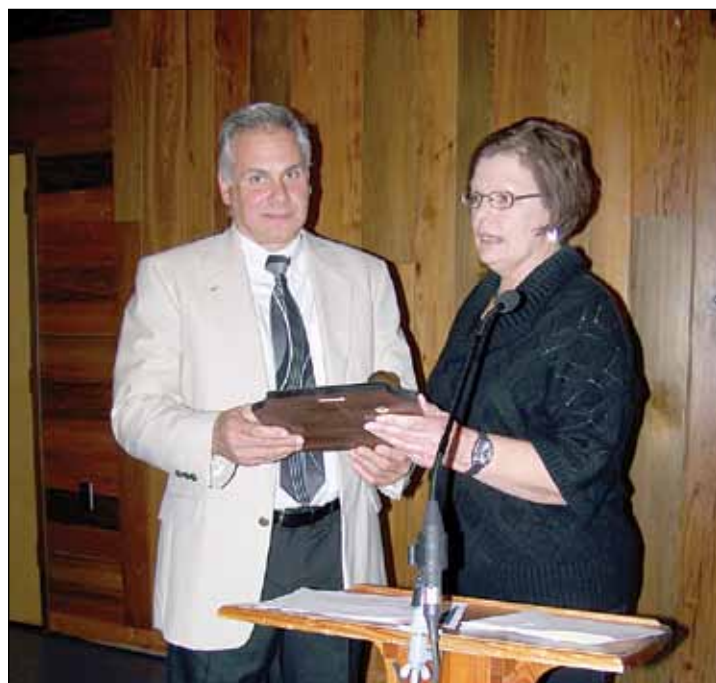
Tabor City High School after her family moved here.

A retired teacher, Wright noted that she was an advocate for teachers, often making contact when he served in the N.C. House of Representatives.

She has spent many summers volunteering at Ridgecrest, a Baptist facility in the mountains.

She was one of the first hosts at Tabor City Welcome Center and shares Wright's interest in genealogy.

"She tells them how to go



Retiring chamber president Chris Avery accepts a plaque from new president Greta Ragan.

online to do research and I tell them how to go to the courthouse for information," he said.

Dorman was recently honored at a reception at the Welcome Center after she announced her retirement.

She said she was totally shocked when the award was announced and she had not seen her son Mike and wife

Barb and daughter Julia and husband Steve Fort before they came to stand with her as she received the award.

Richard Miller, who will chair the Dixie Youth tournament in Tabor City July 1-4, spoke briefly about the 16-team event for 7- and 8-year-olds and asked for community support for a tournament booklet that will be printed.

R.J. Corman report brings good news

A highlight of the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce banquet was an update on the R.J. Corman rail line by Bill Henderson, vice president of sales and marketing.

He was introduced by Dennis Worley, who co-chaired the rail committee to obtain the railroad from the Pippen family.

It's obvious that Worley and Henderson have developed a friendly relationship during the two years they have worked together.

"I think he likes Tabor City," Worley said. He spoke of how Henderson likes to garden, takes his daughter fishing using worms he digs, bought shotguns and taught his family to shoot.

He started a charity to feed the homeless and always finds something to celebrate.

On his first date with his wife Cathy he took her in the pickup truck to buy horse manure and took it to the garden. Henderson shared his garden bounty by bringing a bag of tomatoes to Myrtle Beach when he flew in on a Lear Jet.

Worley noted that Henderson could not get a red engine to put on the railroad tracks in front of The Ritz for the meeting, but managed to get a big red truck on the tracks. He added that Henderson and the Corman group would be working to help bring industry to Columbus County.

Art reception date changed

The date for the art exhibit reception for Lori Lytle and Renee Calhoun Matthews at the Columbus County Arts Center has been changed to Thursday, Feb. 25. It was previously set for Feb. 18.

Their art will be displayed until March 24.



Dennis Worley talks about Bill Henderson.

"It's a real pleasure to be here and provide an update and it is truly a pleasure to bring rail service back," Henderson said, noting that he does love Tabor City, Whiteville and other towns in Columbus County. "This feels



Bill Henderson

like Ashland, Ky. (his home). I love it here; I absolutely love it here."

He credited Worley and co-chair Doug Wendell of Myrtle Beach with "taking something impossible and making it possible" when they brokered the deal for R.J. Corman to buy

the rail line.

Relative to the closeness of the rail committee members, Henderson said he has three children, one studying law and one pursuing a medical profession. "They call Dennis for advice," he said.

"I've never seen such cooperation as with this committee," he continued. "There's a lot to celebrate but there's a lot of work ahead of us. I believe we can be one of the premier short lines in the country. Why did we buy this line? We saw it for what it can be and did our due diligence. It will provide a lot of opportunities with the quality of people here working together but won't happen overnight. Our crews are working seven days

a week, 12 hours a day. We're committed to the long term, we're here to stay."

Henderson said trains would be rolling by March 1 at 10 miles per hour and they hope to increase to 25 miles per hour, which will cost millions of dollars.

He said Corman will apply for a TIGER grant, awarded to enhance and improve railroads, and thinks there is a good chance it will be granted.

He said the Corman group is committed to attracting industry.

"It's all about jobs cre-

ation," he said. "We have people who want to give a fair day's work for a fair salary and we're working with the ports in Wilmington and Charleston. We've had a discussion about reconnecting Whiteville and Wilmington. It takes time and I promise a lot of work is being done. We're in it for the long term and I want to extend appreciation to the committee and what you do and to Dennis for helping solidify our decision."

Henderson received a standing ovation at the beginning and end of his talk.

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Burritt 'Bucky' Benson will exhibit at SCC Wyche Gallery

An exhibit in the Wyche Gallery at Southeastern Community College is a solo exhibition by artist Burritt "Bucky" Benson. The show runs Feb. 22 through March 25 and the artist reception is Thursday, Feb. 25 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Benson's art defies easy description. Even so, his paintings and drawings provide the viewer the opportunity to explore the blurry border between the organic and the inorganic, with the epics of childhood and songs of adulthood intermixed, accompanied by wondrous things both imagined and real.

Through Bucky's art the viewer can experience both the beautiful and the harrowing simultaneously, along with the constant cycles of growth and decay. His impulsive creativity process examines, synthesizes and creates his nonverbal response to the complex experience of working in the moment, while hinting at a narrative, but remaining intentionally ambiguous most of the time. The Benson cosmos folds and unfolds for the viewer with unending and original creative force and bold inventiveness of intent sparking the imaginations of both the young and old alike.

Benson studied drawing throughout his childhood, high school and college. Knowing he was returning after college to work in the family construction company, Benson put his art ambitions aside and concentrated on a business degree, graduating in 1992 with a B.A. in marketing from UNC Wilmington. A year later he married his college sweetheart, Sara Shatterly.

He worked his way through the family construction company to become president.

"My father and I shared an office together," he said. "I loved it. My dad is an amazing man, Citadel grad, liver transplantee, natural health and food guru, loving husband and I could go on with the accolades. In October 2004, things



A sampling of Benson's art.

are going great at the company and my dad popped this question out of the blue, 'Son, if you could be doing anything in the world to make a living and be happy at it, what would you be doing?' I quickly answered, 'My art.' His response was, 'Take off, go get 'em.' So, with my family's support and encouragement, that's what I did."

Benson studied painting and digital arts at UNC Pembroke under professors Tarleton Blackwell and John Antoine Labadie. In 2011, his painting titled "Winning" was showcased at the "State of the Art/Art of the State" exhibition at Cameron Art Museum in Wilmington. In 2012, Benson contributed an original three-dimensional painted work to the "North Carolina

Cow Parade," which was then exhibited at the Ackland Art Museum at UNC Chapel Hill. Benson's "cow" art is now in the permanent collection of the North Carolina Zoo in Ashboro.

Benson's art has been the subject of international interest. In August 2013 his paintings were featured in "The Lakeview International Journal of Literature & Arts, Vol. 1, No. 2."

In 2014, he was commissioned to create original art for the NBC Sports Network Charlotte studio where NASCAR America is produced. His original drawings and paintings have been in numerous exhibitions and arts publications and also reside in various private collections.

Science museum to show Disneynature's 'Crimson Wing'

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville will present Science Cinema Saturday, Feb. 27, featuring Disneynature's "The Crimson Wing: Mystery of the Flamingos." Against a dramatic backdrop of never-before-filmed landscapes in a remote and forgotten wilderness, "The Crimson Wing" is a miraculous story of love, courage and survival.

Follow a lone chick to northern Tanzania where one million crimson-winged birds struggle to survive and prevail over danger and fate as they

continue the circle of life.

This free, 75-minute G-rated film will be shown at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

The museum will show engaging nature and science films perfect for the entire family the last Saturday of each month. Science Cinema programming is funded by a grant from the International Paper Foundation.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. For more information call the museum at 910-914-4185 or email Whiteville@naturalsciences.org.

RBHPS speaker will read from book of Modern Latin Poetry

William Cooper will present a program for the Reuben Brown House Preservation Society (RBHPS) Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. at the Reuben Brown House in Whiteville. This is a part of the literary series chaired by Pat Ray and Janice Simms.

Cooper will read excerpts from his recent book, *Poemata Moderna: Modern Latin Poetry*, which includes English translations of poems published in the 20th century and a few from the present century.

The poems included in this anthology were written by 70 contemporary poets from 17 nations. Cooper describes the criteria used in selecting the poems for the book and scheduled program as "short and sweet" with the average poem length only nine lines.

Cooper grew up on a ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif. He attended Cate School, a preparatory school in Carpinteria, Calif. and then went east to Harvard College, now Harvard University.

He received his undergraduate degree there as well as his first graduate degree.

He taught English as a Second Language at the Kamasinga School in Kenya, Africa, where his daughter was born. Returning to the United States, he taught at the University of California, Santa Barbara while earning his second graduate degree there.

He taught English and Latin at Allan Hancock Community College, also near Santa Barbara, for more than 20 years before his retirement in 2000.

Hancock College was one of only five community colleges in the United States offering Latin to its students at the time.

After his retirement, he and his wife, the former Phyllis Hinson of Whiteville, moved to North Carolina where they maintain homes in Wilmington and Lake Waccamaw.

Although he was introduced to Latin as a young student at Cate, Cooper was excited to be introduced to using it as a modern language at a meeting of the North American Institute for Living Latin Studies in 1990.

He and the late Mexican poet, Francisco Cabrera, collaborated on several Latin/Spanish/English poems, including "Monumenta Mexicana," an elegy of the Dark Virgin of Guadalupe.

Cooper's latest book, *Poemata Moderna: Modern Latin Poetry*, was launched in 2015 at the meeting of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies, held in Vienna, Austria.

The book has received praise from such noted Latinists as Joseph Tusiani, considered to be the leading modern Latin poet in the world.

He referred to the collection as being "the most important anthology of modern Latin poetry ever published."

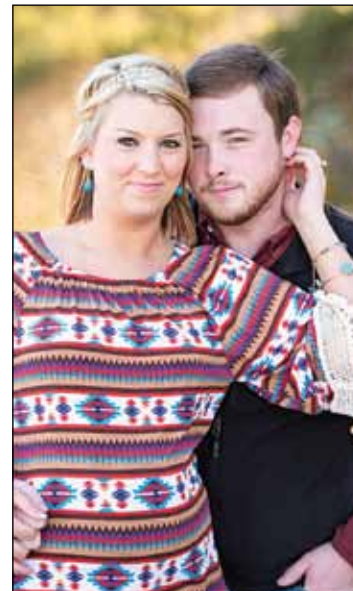
The Latin journal "Melissa," in its review, said, "Reader, you will rejoice." Words used to describe the book by other reviewers have been "important," "comprehensive," "essential" and "elegant."

Cooper has an interest in the early languages of Old and Middle English, as well as for Latin, and has participated in symposiums and recordings of both of these languages.

The RBHPS, Inc. is a nonprofit membership organization with two main objectives: to encourage and promote awareness of, participation in and appreciation for cultural, historic and fine arts in Columbus County, and to preserve the Reuben Brown House and other historic buildings for community use.

For more information contact Janice Young at 642-7367 or Jeanette FormyDuval at 642-4701.

Engagement



Brianna Lee Howell
Roland Garrett Moore

Howell-Moore

Gary and Vicki Howell of Whiteville announce the engagement of their daughter, Brianna Lee, to Roland Garrett Moore, son of Mike and Kim Moore of Kinston.

The bride-elect graduated from the College of Wilmington and is employed with Body Beautiful in Whiteville.

The groom-elect graduated from Pitt Community College and is a physical therapist at Vidant Hospital.

An April 2 wedding is planned for 2 p.m. at Moore's Farm in Kinston.

Chadbourn Middle sets March 4 dinner at school

Chadbourn Middle School will host a catfish filet/grilled pork chop dinner sale Friday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Deaths

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DEATH NOTICE



CHARLES RANSOM WHITEVILLE -- Charles Ransom, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016. He was born Nov. 13, 1940, the son of the late Herbert Ransom and Mary Lee Thompson Ransom.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 21 at Peacock's Chapel with Rev. Merle Johnson officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Bass Ransom; one son, Charles Kevin Ransom of Whiteville; two daughters, Theresa Ransom Smith of Whiteville and Crystal Ransom Long and husband, Brad, of Lake Waccamaw; one sister, Mary Etta Rhodes and husband, Mike, of Garner; four grandchildren, Andrew Smith and wife, Jessica, Hunter Long, Ben Long, Dylan Hunt; two great-grandchildren, Alysia Smith, Andrew Herbert Smith.

Online condolences may be made at www.peacockfuneralhome.net.

MARIE J. EVANS

BRUNSWICK -- Marie J. Evans, 84, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. She was born March 29, 1931 in Columbus County, the daughter of the late Luther Jones and Tilda Coleman Jones. She was the widow of Memory Evans. She was also preceded in death by one son, James Evans; one daughter, Nancy Hamilton; two sisters, Rosa Lee Best and Dorothy Watson; and one brother, Furney Jones.

She was a member of Brunswick Baptist Church where she served as pianist and Sunday school teacher for many years.

The family received friends Sunday, Feb. 21 at Peacock Funeral Home in Whiteville. Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Tommy Bryson officiating. Burial will be in Peacock's Columbus Memorial Park.

She is survived by one son, Ricky Evans of Hallsboro; one daughter, Pam O'Leary of Jacksonville; one brother, Luther Jones Jr. of Charlotte; seven grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

MARTIN EDDIE JACOBS SR.

BOLTON -- Martin Eddie Jacobs Sr., 73, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at his home.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Peacock Funeral Home in Whiteville.

Whiteville AOG

Whiteville Assembly of God will hold its revival "Awakening" Monday, Feb. 22-Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. with Bishop Greg Myers and wife, Brandi.

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.

DEATH NOTICE

BRICE LUKE "KELSEY" WATTS JR.

GREEN SEA, S.C. -- Brice Luke (Kelsey) Watts Jr., 47, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at his home.

Born in Horry County, S.C. he was the son of Brenda Fowler Watts and the late William "Bill" Watts. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by one sister, Lisa W. Tyler.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 at Inman Ward Funeral Home. Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Carolina Cemetery, Green Sea, S.C.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his stepfather, Greg Brown of Green Sea, S.C.; fiancée, Diane Fisher of Green Sea, S.C.; one son, Brad Watts of Green Sea, S.C.; three stepsons, Joseph Harrison and Christopher Fisher, both of Green Sea, S.C., Chris Harrison of Two Rivers, Wisc.; two sisters, Charlene (Boobe) W. Kuntson (Larry) of Loris, S.C., Trudy W. Faircloth (James) of Longs, S.C.; two step grandsons, Mason Drake Harrison and Caden Harrison.

A guest register is available at inmanfuneralhome.com.

JOHN HENRY BRUTON

LORIS, S.C. -- John Henry Bruton, 77, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016. Born Feb. 23, 1938 in Columbus County, he was the son of the late John Bruton and Margaret Smith Bruton.

Visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 21 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City. Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Twin City Memorial Gardens, Loris, S.C.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie Grainger Bruton of Loris, S.C.; three sons, Johnny Dale Bruton of Green Sea, S.C., Donald Kim Bruton of Loris, S.C., Johnny Henry Bruton Jr. of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; three brothers, Garland Brooks Cole of Columbia, S.C., Robbie Waldon and Delean Waldon, both of Whiteville; two sisters, Jeanette Waldon of Whiteville, Rose Mary Waldon of Lake Whillians; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

LORRAINE GALLOWAY JACKSON

HALLSBORO -- Lorraine Galloway Jackson, 72, died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at Premier Living. She was born in New Hanover County Jan. 3, 1944. She was the widow of Joe Dale Jackson.

She was a substitute teacher for 25 years. She was a member of Hallsboro Church of God.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Peacock Funeral Home in Whiteville.

She is survived by one son, John Dale Jackson of Hallsboro; two daughters, Carolyn Jackson and Carla Todd, both of Hallsboro; and five grandchildren.

Freewill HC to host choir anniversary

Freewill Holiness Church will host its young and strong choir anniversary Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.

The church is located at 3258 Pocosin Road, Lake Waccamaw.

For more information call Vickie Park at 874-0282.

St. James AME Black history

St. James AME Church will hold its Black history Sunday, Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Deacon Richard Peacock of Atkinson Temple Holiness Church.

The church is located at 225 W. Walter Street.

Pastor Dewey C. Farmer Jr. is the pastor.



THURSTON LONG

NAKINA -- Noah Thurston Long, 68, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. He was born March 10, 1947 in Columbus County, the son of the late Noah Myszby Long and Berlene Canady Long.

Final rites were held Saturday, Feb. 20 in the chapel of Peacock Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Collins, J.D. Gore and Carl Ward officiating. Burial was in Reaves-Whaley Cemetery in Nakina.

He is survived by one daughter, Renee Long of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; her mother, Lucille Long of Nakina; and five sisters, Margaret Wilson of Clarendon, Sylvia White and Kathy Smith, both of Nakina, Patsy Hamilton of Whiteville and Dixie Yarborough of Bladenboro.

RACHEL SPIVEY

WHITEVILLE -- Rachel Spivey, 78, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at Liberty Commons. She was born in Richmond County to Emmitt Franklin and Lila Henley Spivey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Frances S. Holt, Virginia S. Chriscoe and Pauline S. Deaton; and one brother, Clinton Spivey.

She retired from Springs Inc. Aileen Plant in Biscoe.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Feb. 20 at Dover Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Wilson officiating. Phillips Funeral Home, 216 South Main Street, Star handled the arrangements.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Morris of Whiteville.

WMU Prayer breakfast March 5

The Columbus County Baptist Association Women's Missionary Union is sponsoring the annual Columbus County Literacy Council prayer breakfast Saturday, March 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall, 412 N. Madison Street in Whiteville.

The program will feature a student who has received tutoring from the Columbus County Literacy Council who will describe how the program has impacted her life. Attendees can look forward to a delicious breakfast as well as a brief presentation from the Literacy Council and music by Rev. Coy Long, associate pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church.

This event is designed to feed those attending both physically and spiritually while providing the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other Columbus County residents. All funds raised will benefit the literacy council.

The cost is \$7 per person. Payments can be made at the door; however, pre-registrations are encouraged so that adequate food may be prepared.

Registration forms are available by calling the Columbus County Literacy Council at 642-2442 or the Columbus Baptist Association at 642-2155.

Antioch BC spring revival

Antioch Baptist Church will hold its spring revival Monday, March 14-Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alan Carr of Lenoir. There will be special singing each night.

The church is located at 1463 Antioch Church Road in Whiteville.

Preacher Chris Hardee is the pastor.



JANIS MEREDITH BUTLER BRYSON

WHITEVILLE -- Janis Meredith Butler Bryson, 85, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. She was the daughter of the late Charlie Ring and Mary Martin Butler and the widow of Reid Bryson who preceded her in death in 2005. She was also preceded in death by four siblings, Aileen Butler Williamson, Wilton Butler, Mearl Butler and Harold D. Butler.

For 40 years she was employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and Winn-Dixie Grocery Stores in Atlanta, Ga.

Final rites were held Sunday, Feb. 21 at Worthington Funeral Home with Dr. Darrin Moore officiating. Interment was in Chadbourn Memorial Cemetery.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a son, Dale O'Brien Bryson of Conway, SC; two sisters, Doris Butler Tedder of Whiteville and Brenda Butler Grainger (Sonny) of Chadbourn; a brother, Edward G. "Ebbie" Butler (Shirley) of Chadbourn.

JULIUS FORD

WHITEVILLE -- Julius Ford, 65, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at his residence.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Brunswick-Waccamaw Baptist Headquarters, 600 Pinelock Road. Burial will be in George Cemetery. Viewing will be held from noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Peoples Funeral Home and Thursday, Feb. 25 following the service at the headquarters.

Surviving are his daughter, Doris George of Whiteville; six sisters, Marianna Mason of Scotch Plains, N.J., Jean Robinson and Stella Hill, both of Whiteville, Hattie Crayton of Dallas, Texas, Bertha Ford of Jersey City, N.J. and Arneha Dickerson of Clayton; and one brother, Randy Ford of Chadbourn.

Welches Creek MBC coat give away

Welches Creek Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor a free coat give away Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 5-7 p.m. All sizes from infant to adult are available.

A dinner in the fellowship dining hall will follow the give away.

The church is located at 1733 Millie-Christine Road in the Welches Creek community.

Rev. Frederick Bryant is the pastor.

Cypress Creek OFWBC revival

Cypress Creek Original Freewill Baptist Church will hold its revival Monday, Feb. 22-Friday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jackie Strickland.

The church is located at 1440 Ward Town Road S., Whiteville.

ROGER DALE STRICKLAND

LORIS, S.C. -- Roger Dale Strickland, 69, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 in the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston. Born July 15, 1946 in Horry County, S.C., he was the son of the late Hallie Hubert Strickland and Hazel Ward Strickland.

He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Visitation was held Friday, Feb. 19 at Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City. Final rites were held Saturday, Feb. 2 in the funeral home chapel, Tabor City. Burial was in Twin City Memorial Gardens, Loris, S.C.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Berta Anderson Strickland of Loris, S.C.; one daughter, Sabrina Fowler of Loris, S.C.; one son, Roger L. Williams of Loris, S.C.; one brother, George Todd of Waltherboro, one grandson; and one great-granddaughter.

EARL CARTRETTE

WHITEVILLE -- Earl Cartrette, 70, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Lower Cape Hospice and LifeCare Center. Born Nov. 10, 1945 in Columbus County, he was the son of the late William Albert Cartrette and Agnes Mae Cartrette.

Visitation was held Saturday, Feb. 20 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City. Final rites were held Sunday, Feb. 21 at Beaverdam Freewill Baptist Church in Chadbourn. Burial was in McPherson Cemetery in Chadbourn.

He is survived by two sisters, Josephine Cartrette and Doris Garrell Dudley, both of Chadbourn; and one brother, John Wesley Cartrette of Chadbourn.

Mt. Pleasant AMEZ 200 men and women in hats Feb. 28

The Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Stewardess Board of Riegelwood will hold its 200 Men and Women in Hats Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Charlean Mapson and the St. Mark AME Zion Church family of Whiteville.

There will be refreshments and door prizes.

For more info call Janice Waddell at 655-4664.

Lee's Chapel AMEZ Black history

Lee's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will hold its Black history Sunday, Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m. There will be a Black history gospel explosion featuring Brother Harold Boone of Hallsboro, Shoulders Branch Male Chorus, Barry Smith and Company of Wilmington, Lamanuel Boykins and Company, St. Phillip AME Zion Church of Wrightsboro, Ed Wilson Singers, Sensational Travelaires, M&R Gospel Singers, Carraway Singers and others.

The church is located at 42 Blacksmith Road, Bolton.

Rev. Thomasina Brailford is the pastor.

Whiteville Holiness Black history

Whiteville Holiness Church will hold its Black history Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. The guest pastor and church will be Apostle Kevin Joyner and the River of Life Church of Chadbourn.

Elder Otis Geiger is the pastor.

JASON T. SMITH

FAYETTEVILLE -- Jason T. Smith, 35, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 at Cape Fear Regional Medical Center. He was the son of Vivian McCoy Smith and the late Clarence Smith and the grandson of the late Marie Bullock McCoy of Fair Bluff.

He was a veteran of the Navy.

Final rites were held Saturday, Feb. 20 at Butler Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Fair Bluff with Rev. Ronald Alford officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. S&L Funeral Home in Fair Bluff handled the arrangements.

He is survived by his mother, Vivian Smith; and two sisters, Tyra J. Smith Johnson and Taitesha Canty.

CHARLES THOMAS SHAW

BLADENBORO -- Charles Thomas Shaw, 55, died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Shaw and Vivian Gibson Packer.

The family received friends Sunday, Feb. 21 at Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. Final rites were held Sunday, Feb. 21 at the funeral home. Burial followed at White Oak Cemetery.

He is survived by his son, Charles Shaw Jr.; one brother, Billy Ray Shaw; and two sisters, Tammy Shaw of Virginia and Vickie Cashwell of Whiteville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral fund of Charles Thomas Shaw, Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home, P.O. Box 3150, Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337.

Welches Creek MBC Black history

Welches Creek Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Black history Sunday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. Local historians will be interviewed. Other activities will include African American poems and music.

The church is located at 1733 Millie-Christine Road in the Welches Creek community.

Rev. Frederick Bryant is the pastor.

Sandhill MBC church announcements

Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church church announcements for February are:

Sunday, Feb. 28 will be the Hammond Creek Woman's Auxiliary "Black History" program at Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church.

The church is located at 16920 Twisted Hickory Road, Bladenboro.

Donald L. Thompson is the pastor.

Beaverdam OFWBC sets revival

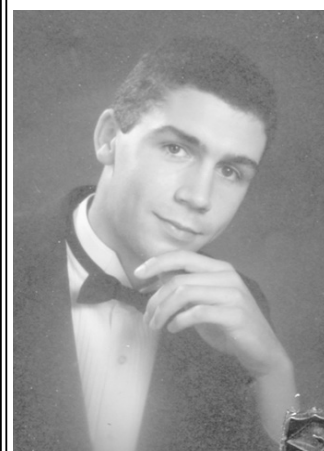
Beaverdam Original Freewill Baptist Church will hold its revival Monday, Feb. 29-Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Wesley Campbell.

Saturday, March 5 the Rivertown Boys of Conway, S.C. will be on the program.

Rev. Buddy Seay is the pastor.

Brandon Spivey

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You finished your course
You kept the faith
So shall you ever be
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Editorials

The News Reporter, Monday, February 22, 2016

City should examine water issues sooner than later

When Rep. Ken Waddell was mayor of Chadbourn, he made a universal observation.

"If it weren't for water and sewer," he said, "this job would be fun."

Infrastructure woes are a part of life for many municipalities, and Whiteville is no exception. When aging water lines ruptured last week in the uptown area, hundreds of customers saw their water reduced from a steady reliable flow to a trickle – not once, not twice, but three times.

Water leaks often breed other water leaks, or at least reveal the locations of their kin.

A break in an eight-inch main, like that in Whiteville, is far worse than just having a leaking one-inch washing machine fitting under your home.

Increasing operating costs and regulations make it hard enough to keep rates reasonable yet still make the state mandate of water and sewer systems paying their own way. With the loss of the old Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program – it's now aimed more at economic development and public use than rehab of private homes and infrastructure – municipalities have to compete harder for water and sewer monies. The obvious answer – borrowing money, then raising rates or adding fees – is never popular, and in some cases, that can be a serious burden in lower income communities.

Some communities have added infrastructure fees to their water and sewer bills, while others have taken the plunge and gone further into debt. Still others simply hike the costs to their customers (a practice which may be practical, but thankfully, isn't common around here).

Whiteville City Manager Darren Currie has plenty of experience with infrastructure improvements, having spearheaded the ongoing effort at Lake Waccamaw to repair, replace and rehabilitate the town's entire system.

Through judicious fiscal management, the Lake has managed to keep the impact on residential and business water customers down as much as possible. As aggressive as that program was and continues to be, it will be years before it's completed. Such a project in Whiteville would be daunting logistically and financially.

To the city's credit, Whiteville has never been shy about water system improvements. Projects have been completed, and some are still underway, but unless the taxpayers are willing to see a bigger dent in their pocketbooks, such progress will continue to be slow and steady.

The city has a policy of leaving repaired areas stronger than they were before something broke, but that is little comfort to someone waiting for a shower at the end of a broken service line.

Improvements have no effect on the breaks and problems that are going to happen in even the newest, best maintained system, but they can help reduce the frequency.

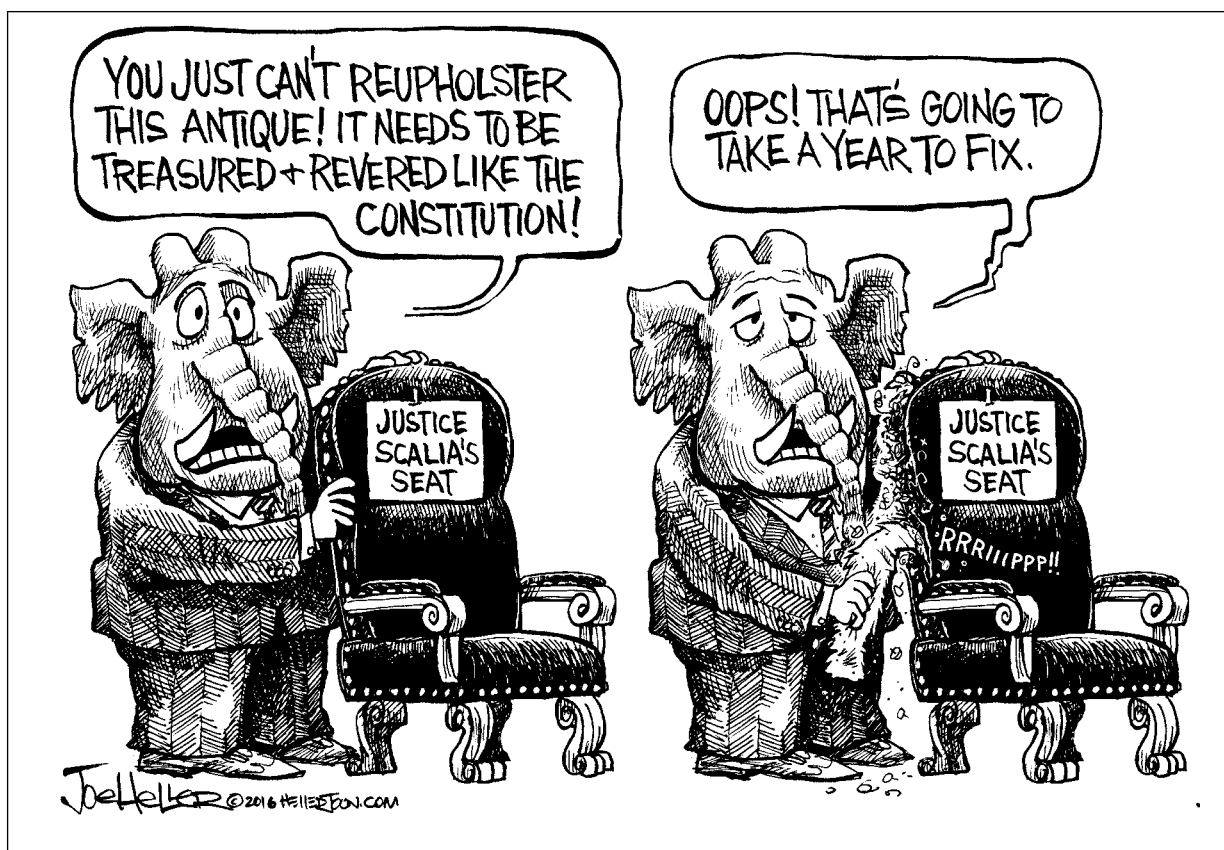
Whiteville has taken great strides with its wastewater treatment plant, which serves Bolton and Brunswick Industrial Park, as well as the planned U.S. 74-76 industrial corridor.

The city, under the city council and Currie's guidance, has also made a major difference in the stormwater drainage system, often a little at a time.

Water breaks aren't as common in Whiteville as they have been and could be, but perhaps the city needs to take a long, hard look at its water system, and embark on a long-term plan to replace the entire water supply infrastructure – or at least everything that's more than a decade or two old.

We aren't suggesting ripping everything out of the ground and starting all over again—the city has hundreds of miles of mains, supply lines and other pipes bringing water to thousands of customers. Water system repairs have to be like a cat on a grindstone, one lick at a time.

But perhaps the city council and staff need to take last week's breaks as a warning, and start looking to the future of the city's water system.



The line between good and evil

I find it nauseating that I have to write these words again, but it's more sickening that eight law enforcement officers have died since Jan. 1.

It seems that every time a civilian is killed or injured by a police officer, there are calls for national conferences, not to mention condemnation by talking heads and political pundits, some of whom stand to make a profit off said deaths. Often as not, the president has jumped into the fray as well, several times before even the police had the whole story.

Yet there are darn few voices crying in the wilderness when an officer dies protecting the public. A quick web search found 31 songs with lyrics pertaining to criminals shooting police officers, and none memorializing fallen officers. Had I taken more time, I likely could have found one or two somewhere, but there likely would have been just as many promoting the murder of policemen.

I know full well there are bad cops out there – I've covered the criminal trials of a few. I even knew at least one, not in the capacity of a reporter but in his professional capacity, which was remarkably unprofessional; his behavior eventually stripped that officer of his badge and uniform, but not because of the way he treated me.

But those officers are few and far between.

Yet, there is very little uproar when a cop is shot from ambush, or walks into a domestic dispute, or makes a traffic stop.

I am thankful that none of the officers are on the updated list at the Officer Down Memorial Page, but two I knew well are listed there. One died in a car crash during a high speed chase (he wasn't driving) and the other was murdered by a drug trafficker during an undercover operation. Witnesses and a recording had him identifying himself as the bullets struck home.

Let's get something straight – the problem ain't guns. Countries where they execute or imprison you for owning a gun still have people killing each other with firearms. The city of Chicago has nearly the highest per capita murder rate in the country, yet it's easier to own a firearm in England than Chicago. The problem isn't guns—the problem is people.

I doubt sincerely that more

than a fraction of a percentage of anyone who wears a badge wants to take a human life.

Training and psychological evaluation weeds out most potential gunslingsers during basic law enforcement school; I took a police firearm class in college, frankly to be able to get academic credit for shooting and to be near a girl I thought was cute. The instructor canned a buddy of mine the first week when the fellow made a casual remark about "learning to blow people away."

When an officer has to shoot someone, the officer's entire life is on the line, even if he is uninjured. He will likely be sued by the survivors of the suspect; cross-examined by the courts in a manner much more harsh than that facing criminal suspects; and he stands a chance of losing his job and career. Never mind the possibility that the suspect-victim's buddies and family may then go hunting him, or some puffed-up wannabe outlaw who wants to prove himself worthy of a gang may set his sights on that particular "Po-po".

Officers have it pounded into their heads not to shoot a human being unless another human being's life is in danger. It should be noted that in some cases, a civilian can legitimately shoot a suspect to defend property. A cop can't.

So don't blame it on the police when an officer dies in the line of duty.

Had someone not been breaking the law and endangering the lives or property of someone else in the first case, there's a better than average chance there wouldn't have been any interaction between that someone and police.

It bugs me that society continues to glorify singers and actors who promote violence against police, then parents allow such glorification into their homes and the lives of their children, then we are surprised when someone gets into a confrontation with a police officer or officers and possibly ends up dead.

People want to be protected by police, but in some cases, only on their own terms.

Take for example, the young lady who wore bandoliers of bullets during a recent performance on national television. Like all celebrities who have no further need for a last name, I am sure she has done a lot of good things, and given a lot of money to worthy causes.

However, her costume was, by her own admission, a tribute to a terrorist organization that was once well-known for chanting "Kill the Pigs," one which has never as a national group gotten around to condemning the video tirades its members post online calling for a race war. Naturally, since the young woman is a celebrity, anyone who questions her outfit or music earns a label of racist. The irony of the performance doesn't end with the fact that her song reportedly calls for unity, while wearing a costume as divisive as a white robe. Media local to the Super Bowl placed the cost of her extra police protection in the neighborhood of \$10,000 (paid by the taxpayers on top of whatever the coliseum paid).

I doubt she was particularly afraid of those police officers who caravanned her limo to the game, or secured the perimeter. If she was frightened of the police, I am sure they would have been happy to stay home and watch the game. After all, like most celebrities, she has her own private armed guards (some of whom likely carry those mean old guns she wants to see banned). If she is so afraid of cops, she didn't have to have them escorting her.

Instead, like 99.99 percent of officers everywhere, the men and women behind the badge were mature professionals, and protected the pop diva like they would the average Joe down the street.

That's because police officers take an oath to serve and protect the general public; they are supposed to be the agents of the image of Lady Justice, who is blind.

I suggest that those folks who have a problem with police officers make a public promise never to call for help if they are victims of a crime – or else they mourn more for the officer who dies in the line of duty than for the suspect who crossed the line between good and evil.



Jefferson Weaver

The political circus in Raleigh

By TOM CAMPBELL

The circus came to Raleigh this week – not the farewell tour of thick-skinned pachyderms – but one in which other elephants were in the center ring.

Faced with the mandate from a three-judge federal panel to redraw Congressional Districts 1 and 12 within ten days, the state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court to stay that order. Legislative leaders were virtually assured their appeal would be successful, therefore allowing the March 15 Primary Elections for Congressional seats to go on as scheduled. As part of this great circus lawmakers held a state-wide public hearing on redistricting Monday but it was little more than a show, minus the calliope, peanuts, Crackerjacks and clowns – though some likened lawmakers to those with the white painted faces and big red noses.

The hearing proved that redistricting is an issue that stirs the passions and interests of more than just the inside-the-beltline politicians and left legislators wishing they had not staged it. Comments were heated enough to melt the snow and ice that blanketed our state and should have been a wake-up call that lawmakers are the villains in this redistricting saga. Voters are weary of redistricting efforts that effectually allow legislators to choose their voters instead of drawing competitive districts in which voters select their representatives. Repeated Republican soliloquies that Democrats did this for decades only confirm that two wrongs don't make a right.

Events changed dramatically on the way to the stay by the Supreme Court. Justice Antonin Scalia's untimely death threw the conservative plurality of the court into a partisan stalemate. The remaining justices are split evenly along party lines, so a tie vote kicks the issue back to the three-judge panel that has already ruled the two districts are unconstitutional and must be redrawn. This speaks to the state of our highly partisan appellate courts on both the state and national levels.

The next act, as daring as walking the high wire without a net, challenged those who had opposed the current districts by declaring "you can't have it both ways." Legislators said they would comply with the three-judge panel and therefore would not use race as any factor in redrawing the two districts. As might be suspected, those who opposed the original districts were forced to back up, explaining, that their opposition was to the stacking and packing of the 1st and 12th districts, then quickly adding that race must have some consideration in accordance with the Voting Rights Act.

While this is all fascinating fodder for those watch every nuance under the political big top it demonstrates the absurdity in moving our primary elections from the traditional second Tuesday in May to March 15. Lawmakers had justified their decision by proclaiming the move would produce two benefits: the March date would allow our state to be a player in the presidential nomination process, while also saving the state millions

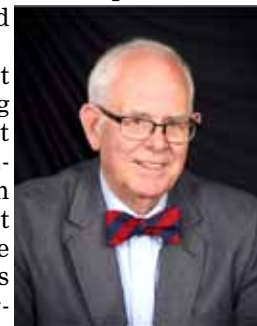
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Tom Campbell

McDONALD'S PRESENTS

Whiteville High School



Isaiah Jones

Junior Isaiah Jones is the 17-year-old son of Lisha Jones. What he likes best about Whiteville High is the teachers and staff. "They are friendly and helpful," he said. His favorite class is American History because he gets to learn about things he didn't know about the country. His favorite school activity is basketball. "It's my favorite sport," he said. One thing he'd change about the school is the lunch hour. "I want to extend the lunch hour so that each student can eat and have time to socialize with their friends," Isaiah said. Outside of school, he likes to play video games and hang out with friends. Drawing pictures is what Isaiah enjoys and does best. Something that most people wouldn't know about him is that he likes to read. His dream is to become a scientist and he'd like to go to community college after high school.

East Columbus High School



Channing Floyd

Weightlifting and art might not seem to have much in common, but both are passions of Channing Floyd. The East Columbus freshman says he enjoys both pursuits. "Weightlifting and art are my favorite classes," he said. "I want to keep getting stronger, and I like to draw and paint." The 14-year-old son of Tim and Mary Floyd is a three-season athlete at ECHS, playing football, basketball and baseball, and he is also in FFA and FCA. "I'm proudest of my athletic achievements this year," he said. "I absolutely love football, basketball and baseball." In the off-season, he is still on the diamond, playing travel baseball. He hopes to pursue an athletic career after attending "a good college." His favorite movie is "When the Game Stands Tall." When it comes to other favorites, Floyd isn't picky. He likes all kinds of music, and says "I love all foods." "I like how my school is like one big family and everyone works together," he said.

West Columbus High School



Cody Ritchart

Cody Ritchart, a junior, is the 17-year-old son of Rhonda Ritchart of Evergreen. While his favorite thing about West Columbus is that so many different types of after-school activities are offered, during school hours his favorite class is English because "It's a really easy course to take." Cody takes pride on never giving up. "I always push myself to do better," he says. After graduation he wants to pursue a career as an electrician. Cody's favorite musical performer is Leerae and his favorite movie is Jurassic World. He enjoys eating chicken and broccoli casserole and his favorite non-school activity is participating in church basketball.

South Columbus High School



Amber Leonard

Amber Leonard is the 17-year-old daughter of Brooke Waltman. The senior said that at SCHS "everyone is like family." Math is her favorite subject because it is her strongest subject. She has been a varsity cheerleader for four years and is a cheer captain. She is a nursing fundamentals student, the senior class president, in the top 10 percent of her class and a marshal. She is proud of recently becoming a certified nurse aide after passing the N.C. Nurse Aide examination. She is CPR certified and has volunteered at blood drives. She wants to attend East Carolina University after high school and pursue a career as a physical therapist. Her favorite book is I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. Her favorite movie is Friday Night Lights. Her favorite food is Italian and she enjoys shopping.



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Taking a stand against bullying

Youth are often victims of bullying, which results in negative emotional impact on their lives. Children and teens want to know how to fight against, and not succumb to, bullying.

These are the findings of a community Survey of Gaps and Needs Assessment conducted by Eastpointe.

To address this issue head on, and to give youth powerful tools to combat bullying, Eastpointe sponsored an anti-bullying youth summit for Robeson County Middle School students Feb. 6 at the school.

The motto of the event was "Stand Up and Speak Out."

The event engaged the students with energizing activities and highly interactive listening sessions and focus groups.

In addition to collaborating with Robeson County Schools,

Eastpointe contracted with Leading to Change, a nationally recognized training agency to facilitate the event, attended by 85 students.

They were able to use the information and resources provided to create individual action plans for how they can combat bullying.

More than 25 adults showed their support for the youth attending the summit, including personnel from Eastpointe and the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Rep. Charles Graham also attended and offered a word of encouragement to the students.

Feedback from the students will be used to enhance future anti-bullying initiative efforts. Eastpointe and the Public Schools of Robeson County will continue to provide education and bullying resources for students and would

like to expand this initiative throughout its 12-county area. Organizations that would like to receive additional information about anti-bullying efforts or other community educational events sponsored by Eastpointe may contact Cheryl Harris, community relations specialist at charris@eastpointe.net.

Eastpointe is a Local Managed Care Organization (MCO) that manages, coordinates, and monitors the mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use/addiction services in 12 eastern counties of North Carolina. Eastpointe works with individuals, families, providers and communities to achieve valued outcomes in the behavioral healthcare system.

To learn more, visit www.eastpointe.net. To access services, contact the Eastpointe toll-free call center at 1-800-

Coping with Stress is topic of Feb. 25 event

"Stress and How to Cope," is the topic of a community education event at N.C. Cooperative Extension on Thursday, Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to noon. William Sellers of Eastpointe, which manages behavioral health for 12 counties, is the guest speaker.

The free event is open to the public and part of a monthly community education series on health, wellness and recovery sponsored by Eastpointe.

For more information contact Sellers at 910-272-1531 or at wsellers@eastpointe.net.

Campbell

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of dollars by holding only one primary election.

Twenty-nine other states will have held presidential contests before North Carolina and it increasingly looks as if our voice will not be so significant. Further, there is no way new districts can get necessary approvals by March 15, so a May congressional primary is almost a certainty.

It doesn't appear we will enjoy either of the promised benefits.

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

Democrats to meet Thursday

Columbus County Democrats will meet Thursday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Columbus County Courthouse.

All precinct chairmen are urged to attend.

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New look for Whiteville Police

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Whiteville Police are sporting new patches on new, more traditional uniforms, and the makeover began with Animal Control Officer Elijah Kemp.

"When I came here, it looked like we had four different departments, not four squads," said Chief Jeff Rosier. "The word 'uniform' means uniform - alike."

While the chief was working on a new dress code for the department, Kemp came to Rosier and said he would like to present a more professional appearance as well.

"Elijah looked like a janitor," Rosier said. "It wasn't his fault - it's what had been made available to him. He needed a uniform that left no doubt he was a representative of the city. He works hard at a vital but thankless job."

Kemp, who handles complaints about stray and dangerous animals in the city, also helps direct traffic in school zones and performs other duties as needed for the city. He is on call virtually 24 hours a day, and coordinates with the county animal control on some cases that involve both departments.

"He deserved to have as sharp of an appearance as any other member of our department," Rosier said. The new uniform has tan shirts and black pants, a standard uniform used by animal control officers across the country.

Rosier then contacted his sister, who has graphic design experience, and worked with her to create a new logo for Animal Control. Edna Dowless of the department provided several options on color, and Rosier and Kemp decided on the new design.

That naturally led to a new design for the Whiteville Police department's shoulder patches as well.

"The old one - no one was sure when it was last updated," Rosier said.

The new police patch features the old courthouse, in-



WPD's new patch



Animal Control's new patch

tersected by two red lines representing the roads leading into Whiteville on a blue background with stars for each of the towns in Columbus County. It maintains the classic shield design, but the new colors are more visible than the old logo. As officers are issued new uniforms, Rosier said, they are issued the new service clothing with the new patches.

Supervisors in the department approve the logo designed by the chief. They had a lot of input on the new logo.

"It's sharp, and stands out," Rosier said.

While the SRT team still wears military-inspired utility clothing with multiple pockets, most of the officers are now presenting a more classic appearance called "Los Angeles Blues," or Class A uniforms - once considered only useful for dress or official functions. The uniforms are fitted, instead of being one-size-fits-most like the utilities, and present a better impression to the general public, Rosier said.

Since the uniforms are being changed out as new ones are issued, and the design work was largely handled in house, Rosier said, there was no need to amend the department's budget.

The new uniforms are drawing a few comments from the public, Rosier said, but the biggest change has been improved pride and morale in the department.

"We have some very dedi-

cated officers," Rosier said, "and a good department. They deserve to look their best, especially since they're sometimes the only face of the city that someone sees. When you do a good job, and have a lot of responsibility, you want a little recognition of that hard work."

Unlike some chiefs who commonly wear business attire at the office, Rosier usually wears the same uniform as his department.

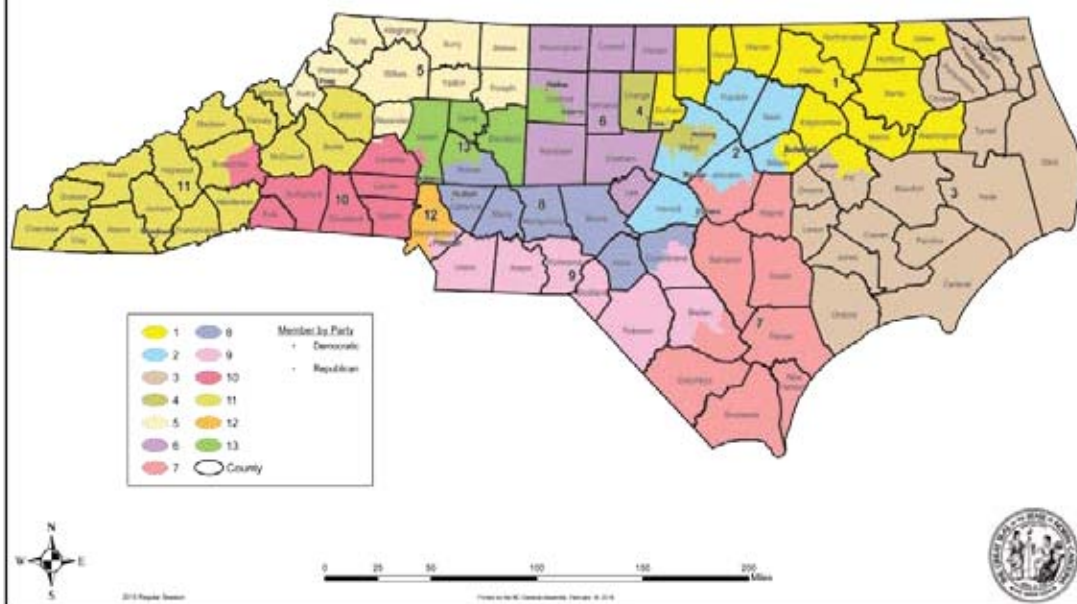
"I want us all on the same page," he said. "We're proud of being Whiteville Police, and we want the citizens to have confidence and be proud of us as well. We want them to see an officer standing there and have no doubt that the officer is there to help."

Meet the Stars March 8 at Madison Lounge

Meet the stars of the 2016 Dancing with the Vineland Stars at The Madison Lounge at The New Southern Kitchen on Tuesday, March 8 from 5-7 pm.

This is a fun evening where you can show your support for this fundraising event to support Vineland Depot. Admission is at least one \$10 vote for your favorite star. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

2016 Contingent Congressional Plan - Corrected



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gressional primaries to begin at noon on March 16 and close at noon on March 25.

In a major provision affecting all races, both on March 15 and June 7, runoff primaries for 2016 only have been eliminated.

Candidates who receive the most votes in a primary for any office will be declared their party's nominee.

Without that provision, a

candidate would have to receive 40 percent of the vote in order to avoid a runoff.

Language for the bills - the legislation setting new congressional maps and rescheduling the congressional primaries and the separate legislation changing rules for all primaries - state "This act is effective ... and applies ... unless ... the U.S. Supreme Court reverses or stays the

decision of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of N.C. ... and in any such case this act is repealed."

McCrory was out of state for the winter meeting of the National Governors Association from Friday through today (Monday), but was expected to sign the new bills into law immediately upon his return.

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6:30pm

Vineland Station Depot
Whiteville, NC

Sports

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Kligerman drives RBR entry to third place in CWTS opener



Parker Kligerman

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Parker Kligerman, in his first ride in the Ricky Benton Racing (RBR) Enterprises Valvoline/Advance Auto Parts BTS Tire and Wheel Distributors/Goodyear Commercial Tire Network Ford 5-150, survived a wild finish to bring home third place Friday in the NASCAR Camping World Truck

Series (NCWTS) NextEra Energy Resources 250 at Daytona International Speedway.

The third place matches the best-ever in the RBR team's more than six years of NCWTS competition. Clay Rogers drove the Cerro Gordo-based team to a third place finish in the 2011 running of the Daytona race. The result wasn't without

some hard driving and evasive maneuvers for Kligerman. He barely missed being collected by the "big one" on lap 93.

"Everyone was trying to make the outside line work ... and it just wouldn't," Kligerman said. "There eventually comes a point where you could see the race kind of take a character ... it takes a shift and

suddenly (everyone) is hitting each other as hard as they can. I could see it happening, so I sort of backed off and the 88 got turned sideways and that big wreck happened. But after the wreck cleared, so many of the trucks focused on, I was thinking, 'You're gonna get third.'"

Even after the white flag flew, the finish was not as-

sure. Another large wreck, that saw Christopher Bell's Toyota tumble down from the front stretch, was caused by contact that occurred directly in front of Kligerman's No. 92 Ford. Kligerman was able to skate through the carnage.

See Kligerman on 2B



Staff photo by Dan Biser

East Columbus Lady Gators
2016 Three Rivers Conference Tournament champions
2016 Three Rivers Conference Regular Season co-champions

Edge S. Robeson 47-46 in TRC final

Lady Gators hang on to claim title

By DAN BISER
Sports Editor

ST. PAULS - Even though they watched a seemingly comfortable seven-point lead nearly evaporate in the exciting final two minutes of play, the East Columbus Lady Gators still left the floor here Friday night with a 47-46 win over South Robeson and their fourth Three Rivers 1A-2A Conference Girls Basketball Tournament championship in five years.

South Robeson made a steal under the East Columbus basket and converted it for a lay-up right before time expired, but the two-point goal was still one point shy.

South Robeson put up a strong pressure defense against the Lady Gator spread offense in the game's final moments and quickly converted two turnovers into field goals to draw to within two, 46-44.

After the Lady Gators' Tia Campbell converted one of two foul shots with 20 seconds remaining, South Robeson's

Lady Mustangs worked to set up a game-tying 3-point shot with high-scoring guard A'terria Quick.

Quick got off a good shot, but it didn't fall. East Columbus controlled the rebound as the final seconds ticked away, but the ball was stolen by South Robeson's Nytia Lewis who put the ball in before the buzzer sounded - one point short.

"That's not the way we planned for things to be in our last time out," said ECHS head coach Candra Powell, whose squad gained a 20-win season for the fourth time in five seasons along with having won or shared the TRC regular-season title for the fifth straight year. "We didn't take care of the ball and that let South Robeson get right back in it. Still, a win is a win and winning the tournament championship is what we came here to do tonight."

Tia Campbell and Marlena McClure each had 12 points for the Lady Gators, followed by Charity Powell with 11. East Columbus trailed 15-14 after

one quarter but went ahead for good midway through the second quarter when it ripped off eight straight points on two shots by McClure and one each by Sayeh Campbell and Rosalind Harper.

Sayeh Campbell added nine points for East Columbus, which had split its two TRC regular-season games with the Lady Mustangs.

As she has all season, Quick once again led the Mustang scoring attack by amassing 26 points, scoring from virtually everywhere on the court.

Carrington Mitchell also had a big night for South Robeson, scoring 12 points, including three explosive 3-pointers from deep in the corner during the first half.

The loss dropped South Robeson's season record to 17-9.

Powell and McClure, both juniors, have provided to be the backbone for the Lady Gators for most of the past three seasons.

"There's pressure to win sometimes, but we feel like

we can handle the challenge when we play together as the team," said Powell, sister of the ECHS head coach.

McClure, the daughter of ECHS girls junior varsity coach Clarence Shipman, said that the team has a lot of confidence when it takes the courts.

"When we give it our best and play as a team, good things happen," she said.

The Lady Gator squad will open play in the state 1A playoffs Friday with a 6 p.m. home game with Kestrel Heights of Durham.

East Columbus advanced to the third round of the playoffs last season and made it to the Eastern N.C. 2A Regional semi-finals in 2015 and 2013.

S. Robeson 15 9 9 13 - 46
E. Columbus 14 13 10 10 - 47
SOUTH ROBESON (56): Vanderhill 2, Grace 2, A'terria Quick 26, Nytia Lewis 5, Carrington Mitchell 12.

EAST COLUMBUS: Marlena McClure 12, Tia Campbell 12, Sayeh Campbell 9, Charity Powell 11, Mia Campbell 2, Rosalind Harper 2.

Turner Brown Fabulous debut at ECU

GREENVILLE - Whiteville native Turner Brown got his first taste of intercollegiate baseball Saturday by lashing out three hits, including a two-run homer and a run-scoring double, in an 11-1 ECU victory over visiting Longwood University of Virginia.

The switch-hitting Brown scored two Pirate runs in the lop-sided season-opening win over the Longwood team, which competes in the Big South Conference.

The ECU freshman, starting at shortstop and hitting in the No. 9 position, had one of best opening-day outings for a freshman in Pirate baseball history.

Brown was a four-year starter for the Whiteville High School baseball team that captured three state championships during that span.

Following his senior season, he was named the Three Rivers Conference Player of the Year, the Columbus County Player of the Year and was also the recipient of the 2015 Jiggs Powers Award as Columbus County's Most Outstanding Athlete.

He committed to ECU during his sophomore season at



Turner Brown

WHS.

In Saturday's game with Longwood, Brown had a hit in three at-bats and was also hit by a pitch as the Pirates claimed a 9-6 victory. On Sunday, the Pirates completed a three-game sweep over Longwood by a 5-3 score.

Coach Cliff Godwin's Pirate squad will travel to take on the Virginia Cavaliers this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Charlottesville.

NCHSAA basketball playoffs scheduled to open Tuesday

Three Rivers Conference champion East Columbus will play host to Kestrel Heights of Durham Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the opening round of the state 1A girls basketball tournament. East Columbus, carrying a 20-4 record, holds the No. 7 seed in the East 1A bracket while Kestrel Heights holds the No. 26 seed in the 32-team field.

The Whiteville Lady Wolfpack (9-10) is also competing in the East 1A bracket as the No. 27 seed. The WHS squad will travel to take on No. 6 Northampton (16-3) on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

In the 1A boys bracket,

Whiteville (15-4) will entertain Perquimans (13-12) at 6 p.m. in the opening round for the second straight year. The Wolfpack is the No. 1 1A seed from the Three Rivers Conference.

Second round action in all brackets is set for Thursday with third-round play scheduled for Saturday. Regional semi-finals will be played on March 1 with regional finals set for March 5.

State championship games will be played on March 12. The East Columbus girls team and Whiteville boys team each advanced to the third round of the state 1A playoffs last year.

Salkahatchie sweeps doubleheader over SCC

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

Coach Milan Rasic's SCC Ram baseball team battled to the very end before dropping a 7-6 decision to the USC-Salkahatchie Indians in game one of Saturday's doubleheader. A stout pitching performance by the Indians' Hunter Hernandez was the key in their 6-1 game two win.

Salkahatchie jumped on top in game one with an unearned run in the top of the first. Jawan Caviness gave the Indians a 2-0 lead with a solo homer to left in the second.

The Rams got on the board in the second when Royce Woolfolk singled, stole second and advanced the final two bases on passed balls. The Rams took a 3-2 lead in the third. Chase Hetzel singled and scored on C. J. Hammonds' double into the left field corner. Hammonds advanced to third on a wild pitch.

Woolfolk walked. Hammonds was called out at the plate on the back end of a double steal. Blake Glass walked, Pete Baddick had an infield single and Dillon Frye drew a bases loaded walk to score Woolfolk. SCC added another run in the fourth.

Kevin Williams was hit by a pitch. Christian Kercado moved him to second with a bunt. Williams advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on Hetzel's single. Salkahatchie retook the lead, 5-4, with three runs in the fifth on two walks that both scored and three hits.

Three hits and a sacrifice fly increased the Indian lead to 7-4 in the top of the seventh. Insurance runs that proved costly for SCC. Glass led off the bottom of the seventh with a line drive home run to right. Baddick doubled causing a pitching change for Salkahatchie. Baddick scored on Cody Harris's sacrifice fly,

but the rally ended there, giving the Indians a 7-6 victory.

Josh Stikeleather started for SCC. Kolin Causey pitched the final two and one-third innings. Hetzel, Hammonds and Baddick each had two hits for the Rams.

Strong Indian pitching and defense and Ram generosity were keys to game two. Salkahatchie's Hunter Hernandez did not give up a hit until Baddick led off the Ram fifth with a solid single to left. He was erased on the second Indian double play of the game. Salkahatchie shortstop, Jon Wright and left fielder Josh Litchfield each made diving catches that robbed Rams of hits.

Salkahatchie scored two runs in the second to take the lead. A single run scored on an unusual play in the fourth. Wright scored from first base



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Ram triple

Southeastern Community College outfielder C.J. Hammonds slides safely into third base for a triple in the Rams' homefield baseball win over the Methodist University JV last Wednesday. Hammonds played a big role on Whiteville High School's state 1A baseball championship team last spring. At left is SCC head coach Milan Rasic.

See SCC on 2B



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

SCC softball

Southeastern Community College's Taylor Baysden delivers a pitch to a Pitt Community College batter in Saturday's softball doubleheader. The Lady Rams dropped weekend doubleheaders to Florence-Darlington on Friday, and Pitt on Saturday. Jordan Smith is the SCC catcher.

Lady Gators use big second half in defeating St. Pauls in semi-final round

By DAN BISER
Sports Editor

ST. PAULS - A 10-0 burst to open the second half sparked the top-seeded East Columbus Lady Gators to a 44-27 victory over host St. Pauls in Tuesday's girls semi-final play of the Three Rivers 1A-2A Conference Tournament. The game drew a capacity crowd.

Juniors Marlena McClure and Charity Powell combined for 30 points and 10 rebounds while avenging a regular-season loss to the St. Pauls team.

East Columbus recorded its 19th win of the season after gaining a 20-16 halftime lead

before coming out with its strong opening surge in the third quarter.

Powell scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half while McClure tallied eight in each half to finish with a game-high 16 points. Each had 10 rebounds.

"We did a good job of taking care of the basketball and working for good shots," said ECHS coach Candra Powell. "We also went after the ball hard on defense.

"St. Pauls played a strong, aggressive game. They are much better than their record indicates," Powell added.

Freshman forward Grace

Hall scored nine points to lead No. 5-seeded St. Pauls, whose record slipped to 9-15.

East Columbus opened tournament play Tuesday with a 55-26 win over West Columbus, and St. Pauls grabbed an opening-round win by defeating a higher-seeded Whiteville team 35-22.

St. Pauls 8 8 6 5 - 27
E. Columbus 10 10 14 10 - 44
ST. PAULS (27): Grace Hall 9, Destiny Hardin 6, Hannah Stephens 4, Alyssa Emanuel 4, Tyeemah Lewis 4.

EAST COLUMBUS (44): Marlena McClure 16, Charity Powell 14, Sayeh Campbell 6, Tia Campbell 6, Mia Campbell 2.

Wolfpack boys eliminated in TRC semi-finals

By DAN BISER
Sports Editor

ST. PAULS - Timely 3-point shooting spurred the No. 3 seeded Red Springs Red Devils to a 46-42 win over the No. 2 seed Whiteville Wolfpack in Thursday's boys semi-final round of the Three Rivers 1A Conference Basketball Tournament at the St. Pauls High School gym.

Whiteville, which won the 2015 TRC Tournament title, had a difficult evening connecting with the basket as it managed to make only three of 10 attempts from the foul line and failed to convert on several put-back attempts off offensive rebounds.

"Our guys played hard, but we had a tough time getting shots to fall, and Red Springs

came up with some big baskets down the stretch," said WHS coach Jerry Singletary, whose team lost to the Red Devils for the second time in three games this season.

The game featured nine lead changes. Whiteville led 12-10 at the end of the first quarter and Red Springs led at the half 25-23.

The Red Devils reeled off a 7-0 run in the final three minutes to gain the upper hand.

Eric Graham's 14 points and 12 rebounds led the way for Red Springs. Caleel Mitchell had 12 points, including three 3-point goals as Coach Glenn Patterson's Red Devils improved their season record to 17-9 and advanced to Friday night's championship match against TRC regular-season champion Fairmont.

Tyrell Kirk had 14 points, including a pair of 3-pointers to pace Whiteville scorers. Lamarr Green followed with 10 points as the Wolfpack season record slipped to 15-5.

Whiteville had opened tournament play Tuesday with a 56-42 homecourt victory over West Columbus.

Red Springs downed South Columbus 62-47 in its opening round game.

Red Springs 10 15 9 12 - 46
Whiteville 12 11 8 11 - 42

RED SPRINGS (46): Eric Graham 14, Caleel Mitchell 12, Tavion Atkinson 6, Nichorie West 3, Tyrus McLean 2, Amire West 2, Jerome Bass 2, Monte Wilkerson 1, Shamar Bowers 3.

WHITEVILLE (42): Tyrell Kirk 14, Lamarr Green 10, Monchovia Gaffney 7, Germaine McNeil 4, Tre Davis 3, Demetrius Brown 3, B.J. Davis 1.

cado and Kevin Williams also pitched for SCC.

After the game, Rasic felt good about the way the Rams played in game one, but overall, "we just gave up too many freebies with walks, hit batsmen and errors."

In a single game on Sunday, SCC defeated Salkahatchie 5-3.

Three Rivers Conference Basketball Tournament results

BOYS

OPENING ROUND, FEB. 16

Fairmont 82, East Columbus 43
Whiteville 56, West Columbus 42
Red Springs 62, South Columbus 47
St. Pauls 90, South Robeson 61

SEMI-FINALS, FEB. 18

Red Springs 46, Whiteville 42
Fairmont 70, St. Pauls 55

CHAMPIONSHIP, FEB. 19

Fairmont 56, Red Springs 47

GIRLS

OPENING ROUND, FEB. 16

East Columbus 55, West Columbus 26
Red Springs 51, Fairmont 25
South Robeson 54, South Columbus 41
St. Pauls 35, Whiteville 22

SEMI-FINALS, FEB. 18

South Robeson 35, Red Springs 30
East Columbus 44, St. Pauls 27

CHAMPIONSHIP, FEB. 19

East Columbus 47, South Robeson 46

Rams win home opener

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

After two postponements, the SCC Rams baseball team finally played its home opener under new coach Milan Rasic. The Rams staged a seventh-inning comeback to pull off a 10-9 win over the Methodist junior varsity.

Methodist struck for three runs in the top of the first. Two walks and two base hits did the damage. An SCC 4-6-3 double play prevented further damage. The Rams came right back in the bottom of the frame. Kevin Williams singled and Dillon Frye was safe on a fielder's choice. Frye stole second and scored on Royce Woolfolk's base hit. A Blake Glass double scored Woolfolk. Chase Hetzel's single scored Glass to tie the game at three apiece.

The Rams took a 6-3 lead in the third. Hetzel reached on an error. C. J. Hammonds' triple plated Hetzel. Hammonds jogged home on Pete Baddick's two-run homer to left field. Methodist struck for two runs in the fifth. Two Ram errors and a single scored one run.

A sacrifice fly scored a second run, but Frye's throw from right field gunned down the runner trying to advance to third. Methodist tied the score at six in the sixth. A Monarch runner was thrown out at the plate in the inning prior to an error in right that allowed the tying run to

score. The play was a tough scoring decision given the wet conditions of parts of the outfield.

Southeastern defensive fundamentals probably saved the game in the Methodist seventh. The Monarchs utilized three singles, two walks and hit batsman to score three runs. However, the damage could have been much worse as the Rams caught two runners attempting to advance. One runner was part of a double play on a fine throw by centerfielder Royce Woolfolk to catcher Kevin Williams. The other occurred when C.J. Hammonds' throw to home was not in time, but Williams' throw put out the Methodist base runner when he over slid the bag at third.

SCC retook the lead 10-9 in the bottom of the seventh. Hetzel and Hammonds singled. Baddick reached on a fielder's choice. Josh Stikeleather walked to load the bases. Cody Harris drove in a run with a single. Kevin Williams' triple plated the tying and eventual winning runs.

Ryan Allen pitched the final two innings to get the save for SCC. He faced just six batters. One batter reached base on a walk, but was erased when Williams caught his third runner attempting to steal.

Chase Hetzel led SCC with four hits in five at-bats. Kevin Williams and C. J. Hammonds each had two hits.

Dixie Softball umpire clinic

Columbus County Dixie Softball Association, in conjunction with District 9, will co-host two softball umpire clinics.

Anyone interested in umpiring Dixie Softball in Columbus County must attend one of these MANDATORY scheduled

dates. Dates and locations are as follows:

Sunday, March 6, at Lake Waccamaw Brinkley Park, 2-5 p.m.

Cost of clinic/test is \$30. For more information, call Willie Wilkins 640-0102, Melissa Sykes 625-9491 or Stuart Carroll 770-0499.

Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth registrations to begin Friday

Registration for players wishing to participate in the 2016 Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth Baseball program will be held at Whiteville Parks and Recreation Center according to the following dates and times:

Friday, Feb. 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth League will include the following leagues for 2016: (League age is age of child as of April 30, 2016).

AA - Machine/Coach Pitch - ages 6-8
AAA - Regular Dixie Youth - ages 9-10
Majors - Regular Dixie Youth - ages 11-12

Registration in the Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth League is open to any child who lives in the Whiteville City School District or attends a school located within the Whiteville school boundary (including private schools and charter schools) and must be at least 6 years old before May 1 and who will not turn 13 before May 1 of this year.

League age 6-year-olds (birthdays May 1, 2009 April 30, 2010) can opt to play Dixie Youth or remain in Whiteville Recreation Tee Ball program.

A \$35 fee must be paid at the time of registration. Registration forms must be signed by both player and parent. Orders for Dixie Youth Baseball T-shirts and car magnets also will be taken at registration. The cost of T-shirt is \$12 each and magnets \$6.

Any participant who previously has NOT PLAYED in the 6-to-12 age group leagues also must bring a birth certificate copy to registration to be kept by the league. Players wishing to participate must register even if they played on a team last season.

Anyone interested in coaching in any of the age groups should contact Brent Lawson at brentlawson@earthlink.net or apply at registration.

Online player registration forms and volunteer coaches' application forms are available at www.eteamz.com/whitevilleoptimistdixieyouthbaseball1. The Parent-Player information is also available on the website.

SCC

Continued from 1B

on a sacrifice bunt and the ball never left the infield. Wright, running on the play, advanced to third and then sprinted home when he saw it was not being covered. The Indians

scored twice in the fifth and once in the sixth to take a 6-0 lead. Royce Woolfolk's solo home run, leading off the seventh, avoided the shutout.

Tanner Daniels got the mound start for the Rams in game two. He allowed five runs, but only two earned in four plus innings of work. Ryan Allen, Christain Ker-



Whiteville High School pitcher MacKenzie Gore returns for his junior season after helping pace Coach Brett Harwood's Wolfpack baseball team to state 1A championships in each of the past two years. He was named the Most Valuable Player in both the 2014 and 2015 state championship series match-ups.

Kligerman

Continued from 1B

The green flag never came out, and when the final order was sorted out, Kligerman and the RBR team were scored third behind race winner Johnny Sauter and second-place finisher Ryan Truex.

"I can't say enough about his team's efforts," said team owner Ricky Benton. "We had a few mistakes on pit row that cost us a track position, but they kept working hard and at the end, we were in position to win. (Crew chief) Mike (Hester) called a great race and Parker drove a smart race.

"I'm glad we were able to get a good finish for Valvoline, Advance Auto Parks and Good-year," Benton added. "We really appreciate their support for this race and this finish gives us a great start to 2016."

"...for this team, there's three guys that work full-time in the shop: Hester, (car chief) Bobby Gill and Mikey Hammond, our tire guy," Kligerman said. "They're in the shop and work very hard very methodically to put great equipment on the track, and you see it today, and I think you saw it last year too. "To give this team that kind of momentum, to give them the opportunity to be up front, it's great."

Kligerman and the RBR team plan to return to NCWTS action Saturday for the Georgia 200 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

NWTF banquet

The local National Wild Turkey Federation, Three Rivers Chapter, will hold a Hunting Heritage Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 27 at Whiteville Country Club. The benefit will include dinner, raffle and live auction. Sponsorships are available. Contact Greg Ward at 910-840-0590 to purchase tickets. Single tickets \$60 and couples tickets \$85.

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Tuesday	NC Now		NC Science Now		NC Science Now		SCITECH Now NC	
Wed.	Carolina Ballet		Much Ado About Nothing				Dance Fantasies	
Thursday	North Carolina People				North Carolina People			
Friday	Good Ol' Girls				Evening With Doc Watson		Great Amer	
Saturday	Our State		NC Science Now		30th MidSouth Regional Emmy Awards			
Sunday	North Carolina Bookwatch				North Carolina Bookwatch			

MONDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Bachelor (TVPG) (N) HD	ABC: Supergirl (TVPG) (N) HD	ABC: Scorpion (TV14) (N) HD	ABC: The Biggest Loser: Live Finale (TVPG) (N) HD	ABC: Castle (TVPG) (N) HD	ABC: Local (N) HD	ABC: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) HD	ABC: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	ABC: Nightline (N) HD	ABC: Late Late Show (TV14) (N) HD																							
CABLE	A&E: Gladiator (00, R) ★★★	AMC: Better Call Saul (N) HD	BET: To Be Announced (C01) To Be Announced	BRVO: Martin (N) HD	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Last Man Standing (N) HD	CNN: Anderson Cooper 360° (N) HD	COMEDY: South Park (N) HD	DISCOVERY: Street Outlaws: Full HD	DISNEY: Princess Protection Program (09) ★★	EI: Kardashians (TV14) HD	ESPN: (7:00) College Bball (N) HD	ESPN2: (7:00) Wom. Basketball (N) HD	FOOD: Kids Baking (N) HD	FREEMFORM: The Fosters (N) HD	H&TV: Hunters (N) HD	HISTORY: Swamp Blood (N) HD	LIFETIME: Walk the Line (05, PG-13) ★★	MTV: Teen Mom (TVPG) HD	NICK: Henry (N) HD	SPYFI: Cops (N) HD	TBS: The Conjuror (13) (N) HD	TGM: Family Guy (D) (N) HD	TLC: A Foreign Affair (48, NR) ★★	TNT: 48 Hours: Hard (N) HD	TRAVEL: Major Crimes (N) HD	TV LAND: Raymond Loves Raymond (N) HD	USA: Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	VH1: Fried Green Tomatoes (91, PG-13) ★★	WGN: Married at First Sight (03, R) ★★	HBO: Marjorie Hotel (15) HD	MAX: Drumline (02, PG-13) ★★	SHOW: Shameless: "Paradise" (N) HD

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CABLE	A&E: Married at First Sight (03, R) ★★	AMC: Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines (03, R) ★★	BET: To Be Announced (C01) To Be Announced	BRVO: Real Housewives (N) HD	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Last Man Standing (N) HD	CNN: America's Choice 2016 (N) HD	COMEDY: Tosh.0 (N) HD	DISCOVERY: Moonshiners (TV14) (N) HD	DISNEY: Girl Meets (N) HD	EI: Total Divas (TV14) (N) HD	ESPN: (7:00) College Bball (N) HD	ESPN2: College Basketball: Kansas vs Baylor (Live) HD	FOOD: Chopped (TV G) HD	FREEMFORM: Pretty Little Liars (N) HD	H&TV: Fixer Upper (TV G) HD	HISTORY: Cars (N) HD	LIFETIME: Dance Moms (N) HD	MTV: Ridiculous (N) HD	NICK: Henry (N) HD	SPYFI: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (08, PG-13) ★★	TBS: Big Bang (N) HD	TGM: The Game Continues (54, NR) Humphrey Bogart.	TLC: The Little Couple (N) HD	TNT: Rizzoli & Isles (N) HD	TRAVEL: The Trip: 2016 (N) HD	TV LAND: Raymond Loves Raymond (N) HD	USA: Law & Order: SVU (N) HD	VH1: Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	WGN: The Last Samurai (03) (N) HD	HBO: Wimbledon (04) (N) HD	MAX: The Invasion (07, PG-13) ★★	SHOW: Billions: "The Deal" (N) HD

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Middle (N) HD	ABC: Goldbergs (N) HD	ABC: Modern (N) HD	ABC: black-ish (N) HD	ABC: American Crime (N) HD	ABC: Code Black (N) HD	ABC: Local (N) HD	ABC: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) HD	ABC: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	ABC: Late Late Show (TV14) (N) HD																							
CABLE	A&E: Duck (N) HD	AMC: Enemy of the State (98, R) ★★	BET: To Be Announced (C01) To Be Announced	BRVO: Housewives (TV14) HD	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Last Man Standing (N) HD	CNN: Anderson Cooper 360° (N) HD	COMEDY: South Park (N) HD	DISCOVERY: Dual Survival (N) HD	DISNEY: Nanny McPhee (06, PG) ★★	EI: Kardashians (TV14) HD	ESPN: NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls (Live) HD	ESPN2: (7:00) College Bball (N) HD	FOOD: Hungry (N) HD	FREEMFORM: World War Z (13, PG-13) ★★	H&TV: Property Brothers (N) HD	HISTORY: American Pickers (N) HD	LIFETIME: Little Women: LA (N) HD	MTV: Catfish: The TV Show (N) HD	NICK: Henry (N) HD	SPYFI: Face Off (TVPG) (N) HD	TBS: Big Bang (N) HD	TGM: A Little Romance (79, PG) ★★	TLC: My 600-lb Life (N) HD	TNT: Castle: "Dance Death" (N) HD	TRAVEL: Expedition Unknown (N) HD	TV LAND: Raymond Loves Raymond (N) HD	USA: NCIS: "Status Update" (N) HD	VH1: Mom Wives (N) HD	WGN: Person of Interest (N) HD	HBO: Furious 7 (15) (N) HD	MAX: Neighbors (14, R) (N) HD	SHOW: The Imitation Game (14, PG-13) ★★

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Middle (N) HD	ABC: Goldbergs (N) HD	ABC: Modern (N) HD	ABC: black-ish (N) HD	ABC: American Crime (N) HD	ABC: Code Black (N) HD	ABC: Local (N) HD	ABC: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) HD	ABC: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	ABC: Late Late Show (TV14) (N) HD

THURSDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: Grey's Anatomy (N) HD	ABC: Big Bang Pieces (N) HD	ABC: Apocalypse (N) HD	ABC: American Idol: "Top 10 Revealed and" (N) HD	ABC: The Blacklist (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD																								
CABLE	A&E: The First 48 (TV14) HD	AMC: The Patriot (00, R) ★★	BET: To Be Announced (C01) To Be Announced	BRVO: Top Chef (TV14) (N) HD	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Last Man Standing (N) HD	CNN: To Be Announced (N) HD	COMEDY: Tosh.0 (N) HD	DISCOVERY: Diesel Brothers (N) HD	DISNEY: Meet the Robinsons (07, G) ★★	EI: Hollywood Medium (N) HD	ESPN: (7:00) College Bball (N) HD	ESPN2: (7:00) College Bball (N) HD	FOOD: Kids Baking (TV G) HD	FREEMFORM: The Hangover Part II (11, R) Bradley Cooper.	H&TV: Flop (N) HD	HISTORY: Join Die (N) HD	LIFETIME: Project Runway (N) HD	MTV: Ridiculous (N) HD	NICK: Monsters vs. Aliens (09, PG) ★★	SPYFI: (7:30) Red Dawn (12, PG-13) ★★	SYFY: (6:30) The Mummy (99, PG-13) ★★	TBS: Broke Girls (N) HD	TGM: The Longest Day (62, G) ★★	TLC: My 600-lb Life (N) HD	TNT: NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City vs New Orleans (Live) HD	TRAVEL: Mysteries (TVPG) (N) HD	TV LAND: Raymond Loves Raymond (N) HD	USA: Bad Boys (95, R) ★★	VH1: Elementary (TV14) (N) HD	WGN: Blended (14, PG-13) ★★	HBO: (7:40) Hulk (03, PG-13) ★★	MAX: (7:30) Meru (15, NR) (N) HD	SHOW: Billions: "The Deal" (N) HD

FRIDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: Last Man Standing (N) HD	ABC: Dr. Ken (N) HD	ABC: Shark Tank (N) HD	ABC: The Amazing Race (N) HD	ABC: Dateline NBC (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD																							
CABLE	A&E: Duck (N) HD	AMC: 3:10 to Yuma (07) HD	BET: Insane Pools (N) HD	BRVO: The Help (11, PG-13) ★★	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Raising Helen (04, PG-13) ★★	CNN: Anderson Cooper 360° (N) HD	COMEDY: Kevin Hart (TV14) (N) HD	DISCOVERY: Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N) HD	DISNEY: Liv (N) HD	EI: He's Just Not That Into You (09, PG-13) ★★	ESPN: NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks (Live) HD	ESPN2: (7:00) College Bball (N) HD	FOOD: Diners (N) HD	FREEMFORM: Here Comes the Boom (12, PG) ★★	H&TV: Love It or List It (N) HD	HISTORY: To Be Announced (N) HD	LIFETIME: Bring It! (TVPG) (N) HD	MTV: (7:30) Kicking & Screaming (05, PG) Will Ferrell.	NICK: Sanjay (N) HD	SPYFI: Cops (N) HD	TBS: Mummy Returns (01) (N) HD	TGM: Young Frankenstein (74, PG) ★★	TLC: Dress: Atlanta (N) HD	TNT: I Am Number Four (11, PG-13) ★★	TRAVEL: Mysteries (TVPG) (N) HD	TV LAND: Three Men and a Baby (87, PG) ★★	USA: Modern (N) HD	VH1: The Breakfast Club (85, R) Emilio Estevez, Paul Gleason.	WGN: Person of Interest (N) HD	HBO: Magic Mike XXL (15, R) ★★	MAX: Dumber To (15) (N) HD	SHOW: The Aviator (04, PG-13) ★★

SATURDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: NBA Count (N) HD	ABC: NCIS: New Orleans (N) HD	ABC: NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche (Live) HD	ABC: Rosewood: "Fireflies" (N) HD	ABC: Law & Order: SVU (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD	ABC: Local Programs (N) HD																							
CABLE	A&E: The First 48 (TV14) HD	AMC: (6:30) Jurassic Park (93, PG-13) ★★	BET: Tricks (N) HD	BRVO: Coyote Ugly (00, PG-13) ★★	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Fool's Gold (08, PG-13) ★★	CNN: To Be Announced (N) HD	COMEDY: Kevin Hart (11, R) ★★	DISCOVERY: MythBusters (N) HD	DISNEY: (10) Monsters University (13, 0) Billy Crystal.	EI: Kardashians (TV14) HD	ESPN: Coll. GameDay (Live) HD	ESPN2: College Basketball: Gonzaga vs BYU (Live) HD	FOOD: Chopped (TV G) HD	FREEMFORM: (6:45) Gleeless (95, PG-13) ★★	H&TV: Property Brothers (N) HD	HISTORY: American Pickers (N) HD	LIFETIME: Suicide Note (15, NR) (N) HD	MTV: Shakers (N) HD	NICK: Cops (N) HD	SPYFI: Big Bang (N) HD	TBS: Breaking Away (79, PG) Dennis Christopher.	TGM: Untold ER (TVPG) (N) HD	TLC: Clash of the Titans (10, PG-13) ★★	TNT: Ghost Adventures (N) HD	TRAVEL: Raymond Loves Raymond (N) HD	TV LAND: Blindsport (TV14) (N) HD	USA: Love & Hip Hop (N) HD	VH1: The Perfect Storm (00, PG-13) George Clooney.	WGN: San Andreas (15, PG-13) ★★	HBO: (05) Hollow Man (00, R) ★★	MAX: Shameless: "NSFW" (N) HD	SHOW: Shameless: "Paradise" (N) HD

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CABLE	A&E: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	AMC: The Walking Dead (N) HD	BET: Curse Frozen (N) HD	BRVO: Housewives (TV14) HD	CARTOON: King of Hill (N) HD	CMT: Skull Challenge (N) HD	CNN: To Be Announced (N) HD	COMEDY: Kevin Hart (TVMA) (N) HD	DISCOVERY: Naked Afraid (TV14) (N) HD	DISNEY: Mako (N) HD	EI: Red Carpet (N) HD	ESPN: (7:00) Americas Rugby (N) HD	ESPN2: Guy's Grocery Games (N) HD	FREEMFORM: World War Z (13, PG-13) ★★	H&TV: Hunt (N) HD	HISTORY: Ax Men: Logged (N) HD	LIFETIME: Suicide Note (15, NR) (N) HD	MTV: Step Up 2: The Streets (08, PG-13) ★★	NICK: Henry Danger (TV G) HD	SPYFI: Bar Rescue (TVPG) (N) HD	TBS: Big Bang (N) HD	TGM: Big Bang (N) HD	TLC: My 600-lb Life (N) HD	TNT: Olympus Has Fallen (13, R) Gerard Butler.	TRAVEL: Mysteries at the Castle (N) HD	TV LAND: Reba (N) HD	USA: Law & Order: SVU (N) HD	VH1: Space Jam (96, PG) ★★	WGN: Blue Bloods (TV14) (N) HD	HBO: San Andreas (15) ★★	MAX: The Transporter (02, PG-13) ★★	SHOW: The Circus (N) HD

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-7131, SUB 0 APPLICATION OF HCE COLUMBUS II, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 9, 2015, HCE Columbus II, LLC (Applicant), filed an application, as amended on November 16, 2015, seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 4-MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 5353 James B White Highway S in Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-7131, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326 or to The Honorable Roy Cooper, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

Southeastern Community College is seeking qualified individuals for the following position:
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For a Southeastern Community College application and full description of this position, visit www.sccnc.edu or call (910) 642-7141, ext. 310. Position should be filled by March 21, 2016.

A completed Southeastern Community College application, resume, letter of interest addressing the position requirements and educational transcripts must be submitted to the college Human Resources Office in order for applicants to be considered for this position. Deadline for receipt of applications is 3:00 pm on Friday, February 26, 2016. Applications received after this date may not be accepted.

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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Amended Notice of Foreclosure Sale

14 SP 36
NORTH CAROLINA, COLUMBUS COUNTY
Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by William R. Shepherd, III and Crystal S. Shepherd to F. Spencer Cosby, Jr., Trustee(s), which was dated February 13, 2002 and recorded on February 18, 2002 in Book 681 at Page 140, Columbus County Registry, North Carolina.
Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on March 8, 2016 at 10:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Columbus County, North Carolina, to wit:

Being all that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situated in Bug Hill Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron said point of beginning being the Northeast corner of Lot Number 7 as recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 118, Columbus County Registry and recorded in Deed Book 356 at Page 884, Columbus County Registry and being a corner of lands now or formerly owned by the J. Lester Gore estate, said point of beginning being also located South 35 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 66.30 feet from an old iron axle which is located in the western right of way of the Jenrette Road, and said point of beginning being further located in the southern right of way of North Carolina Highway 904; thence from the point of beginning and with the southern margin of North Carolina Highway 904 South 55 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds East a chord distance of 209.63 feet to a second iron located in the southern right of way; thence a new line South 35 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West and with the lands of the Grantor a distance of 416.00 feet to an iron; thence North 55 degrees 08 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 209.63 feet to an iron; thence North 35 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 416.00 feet to the place and point of beginning and containing 2.00 acres, more or less, and being shown and delineated on a map entitled, "Plat for Crystal Danielle Stocks", by Billy M. Duncan, Registered Land Surveyor, bearing date of 14 December 1995, a copy of which is recorded in Book 497, Page 409, Columbus County Registry, and to which reference is hereby made for more clarity and particularity of description.

Being those same lands described in a Deed dated 2 January 1996 from Brenda S. Stocks and husband, J. W. Stocks to Crystal Danielle Stocks, now Crystal S. Shepherd, said instrument being recorded 12 January 1996 in Book 497, Page 407.
Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 14496 Swamp Fox Highway East, Tabor City, NC 28463.
A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.**

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations 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. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Crystal Danielle Stocks.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but 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 the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon

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termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.
Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
Substitute Trustee
Brock & Scott, PLLC, Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: (910) 392-4988
FAX: (910) 392-8587
File No.: 13-27417-FC01
February 22, 29, 2016

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO.: 15-SP-201
IN THE MATTER OF:
The Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust executed by Iva Callihan, widow
To:
C. Martin Scott, II,
Trustee

As recorded in Book 1006, Page 103, Columbus County Registry
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust executed by Iva Callihan as original grantor recorded in Book 1006, Page 103, Columbus County Registry, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of the Columbus County Courthouse, Whiteville, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 8th day of March, 2016, all of the Property as conveyed, defined and described in the Deed of Trust including, but not limited to, the following:

All that certain real estate herein described, together with all improvements thereon as defined and described in the Deed of Trust and being described as follows:
Being all of that certain 1.70 acres, more or less, as shown on that certain Plat for Branch Banking and Trust Company Blackwell Tract, prepared by Billy M. Duncan, P.L.S., dated May 17, 2005, and is duly recorded in Deed Book 820, Page 732, Columbus County Registry and is incorporated herein by reference for more particularity of description.

The record owner of the Real Property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds as of February 16, 2016 is Iva Callihan.

The Property is to be sold subject to any City-County ad valorem taxes and any special assessments that are a lien against the Land or any portion of the Property.

The Property is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the Notes secured by the Deed of Trust being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Trustee or the holder of the Notes 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, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such conditions are expressly disclaimed.™ The Trustee, after sale, shall require the highest bidder immediately to make a cash deposit as required of 5% of the amount of the bid or \$750.00, whichever is greater. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the bid amount in cash at the time the Trustee tenders a deed or attempts a tender of the deed for the Property, which shall be a date not more than

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thirty (30) days following the date the time for upset bids has expired; and should the successful bidder fail to pay at that time the full balance of the bid amount, he shall remain liable on the bid as provided in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30(d) and (e).

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Columbus County Clerk of Superior Court.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. Upon such termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

This sale shall be held open for upset bids filed in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.27

TIME: 12:00 o'clock noon on the 8th day of March, 2016.

PLACE: Courthouse Door, Columbus County Courthouse, Whiteville, North Carolina

TERMS: Cash
This the 22nd day of February, 2016
C. MARTIN SCOTT II
Trustee
Williamson, Walton & Scott, L.L.P.
136 Washington Street
P.O. Box 1467
Whiteville, NC 28472
910-642-7151
February 22, 29, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing Columbus County Planning Board

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, that the Columbus County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 starting at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners Chambers located in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex at 112 W. Smith Street in Whiteville, NC. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public regarding the following application for a Special Use permit:

The planned installation of a four (4) MW solar farm to be constructed on a tract of land that is bordered by James B. White Hwy South, Hunt Road and Princess Place Road in Whiteville, NC. The property is owned by North Fork Habitat, LLC. The application is submitted by submitted by ESA Renewable Energy, LLC. All interested citizens are invited to attend these hearings to present oral and written comments. Contact the Columbus County Planning Department at 910-640-6608 regarding questions.

NOTE: The Regular Scheduled Planning Board Meeting for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016.
February 22, March 3, 2016

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Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
COLUMBUS COUNTY
08SP156

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JERRY RAY ROBINSON AND PATRICIA ROBINSON DATED JANUARY 7, 2003 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 718 AT PAGE 312 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 10:00AM on February 23, 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:

To locate the beginning point proceed to a nail cap located in the centerline of N.C. Highway 211 at the point at which the run of Gum Swamp crosses under said highway; thence proceed North 17 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds west 1,353.14 feet to a nail cap located in the centerline of N.C. Highway 211, said nail cap being the point and place of beginning. FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT proceed South 80 degrees 53 minutes 44 seconds West 37.14 feet to an existing iron pipe located in the Western margin of N.C. Highway 211; thence proceed South 81 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West 190.42 feet to an iron pipe; thence proceed North 10 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West 186.78 feet to an iron pipe; thence proceed North 82 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 225.80 feet to a nail cap located in the centerline of N.C. Highway 211; thence proceed South 11 degrees 22 minutes 08 seconds East 181.03 feet to the beginning point, containing 0.96 acres, more or less, including highway right of way.
And Being more commonly known as: 2007 North Green Swamp Rd, Bolton, NC 28423

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The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Jerry Ray Robinson and Patricia Robinson.
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 Dec-

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laration 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 January 19, 2016.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ellis
Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
704-333-8107
http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/04-57329
February 15, 22, 2016

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO.: 15 CV 1141
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and
TOWN OF BOLTON,
Plaintiffs

vs
WANTIA FREEMAN; UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, U.S. Small Business
Administration, Beneficiary (Lien-
holder),
Defendant
To WANTIA FREEMAN, above named
Defendant:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against the Defendant WANTIA FREEMAN and naming you as a Defendant has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Tax Foreclosure for the collection of past due Columbus County property taxes. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 28th day of March, 2016, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 11th day of February, 2016.
WILLIAM E. WOOD
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS
100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
TELEPHONE: 910/642-3965
STATE BAR NO.: 5901
February 15, 22, 29, 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 687
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and
TOWN OF BOLTON
Plaintiffs

vs
SHAWN DEL BROWN a/k/a SHAWN-DEL BROWN; FRANCINA FREEMAN BROWN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Department of the Treasury, Judgmentholder (Lienholder),
Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and the TOWN OF BOLTON as 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 7th day of January, 2016 and are foreclosing on the following land of SHAWN DEL BROWN a/k/a SHAWNDEL BROWN and FRANCINA FREEMAN BROWN in order to satisfy the properly assessed but unpaid taxes and/or special assessments upon certain lands. Pursuant to the Judgment entered on the 7th day of January, 2016, William E. Wood has been appointed Commissioner with the authority to sell the following lands 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 1st day of March, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all interest in the following described real estate: Lying and the Town of Bolton, Bolton Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Northeast edge of North Carolina Highway No. 211; running thence North 41 degrees 45 minutes East 74.6 feet to an iron Pipe; thence South 55 degrees 30 minutes East 297 feet to a stone; thence South 28 degrees 15 minutes West 114.2 feet to an iron pipe in the Northeast edge of said highway; thence with said edge of said highway North 48 degrees 15 minutes West 321.4 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 0.66 acres, more or less.

And being the same lands conveyed from E.E. Nye and wife, Lucille R. Nye, to J.H. Coleman and wife, Grace Coleman, bearing date March 12, 1954, and recorded in Book 199, Page 188, Register of Deeds Office of Columbus County.

Being also the same property described in Deed from J.H. Coleman and wife, Grace Coleman, to W.C. Lewis and wife, Helen Lewis, dated February 3, 1958, and recorded in Deed Book 209, Page 547, Columbus County Registry.

Being the same property conveyed by W.C. Lewis and wife, Helen Lewis, to Judith Kurf by Deed dated September 21, 1993, recorded in Book 450, Page 460, Columbus County Registry. Being the same property conveyed by Judith I. Brown (formerly Judith Kurf) and husband, Senous Brown, to Judith I. Brown and Senous Brown, for life with the remainder interest to Shawn Del Brown, by Deed dated March 18, 2005, recorded 809, Page 774, Columbus County Registry. Senous Brown died May 2, 2013, in Brunswick County, North Carolina; Judith I. Brown died December 31, 2005, in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

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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 W. Nance, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina was held in connection with this foreclosure on the 7th day of January, 2016 at which time Clerk Amy Nance authorized this foreclosure sale as required by statute.

This the 5th day of February, 2015.
WILLIAM E. WOOD
COMMISSIONER
100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472
TELEPHONE: 910-642-3965
STATE BAR NO.: 5901
February 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of David James Stramara, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the

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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 1st day of February, 2016.
Carrienne Volk,
Administratrix of the estate of David James Stramara
1113 Faison Ave
Fayetteville, NC 28304
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Haynes Benjamin Dores, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of February, 2016.
Sinda Dores,
Administratrix of the estate of Haynes Benjamin Dores
227 Cardon Drive
Whiteville, NC 28472
February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Martha Watts Caldwell, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 8th day of February, 2016.
Jimmy Lenneau Caldwell,
Executor of the estate of Martha Watts Caldwell
520 Trader Mill Road
Columbia, SC 29223
February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 14th day of May, 2015, as Executrix of the Estate of JOSEPH MICHAEL WILLIAMS, Deceased, late of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all per-

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sons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executrix, Mary C. Williams, of 810 Arn Ward Road, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, on or before the 16th day of May, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment. This 10th day of February, 2016.
/s/ MARY C. WILLIAMS, EXEC.
Attorney for the Estate
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
Saffo Law Firm, P.C.
5900-B Oleander Drive
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403
Telephone (910) 256-3364
Feb. 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2016.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

North Carolina
Columbus County
The undersigned, Michael Ann Williamson, has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Margaret Ethelene C. Williamson, of Columbus County, NC, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 15, 2016 or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned Executrix.
This the 1st day of February, 2016.
Michael Ann Williamson, Executrix
463 E Vinedo Ln
Tempe, AZ 85284
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 2016

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
The undersigned, LUTHER SANFORD HESTER, JR. and PRISCILLA ANN HESTER, have qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of JO LANE M. HESTER, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 15, 2016, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address:

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This the 15th day of February, 2016.
LUTHER SANFORD HESTER, JR.,
CO-EXECUTOR
262 Onslow Road
Riegelwood, NC 28456
PRISCILLA ANN HESTER
CO-EXECUTRIX
181 Cronly Road
Delco, NC 28436
Williamson, Waiton & Scott, L.L.P.
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1467
Whiteville, NC 28472
February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified on the 22nd day of January, 2016, as Executor Of The Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley, deceased, of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 2, 2016, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims to the attention of Mark Council, Executor, Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley, 134 Summer Lane, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto.

This the 27th day of January, 2016.
MARK COUNCIL, Executor Of The Estate Of
Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley
134 Summer Lane
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For The Estate Of
Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley
The McGougan Law Firm
130 Jefferson Street
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

Public Hearing Notice Town of Chadbourne

The Chadbourne Town Council will hold a Public Hearings on March 1,

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2016 at 7:00 p.m. Below is a description of the case for consideration: 1: Case No.: CUP-01-16 - The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to install a manufactured home on property located at 2657 Andrew Jackson Highway, SW. The property is presently zoned RA-20 Residential District.

The Public Hearing will be held at: Chadbourne Town Hall
Town Council Chambers
602 North Brown Street
Chadbourne, North Carolina 28431
If you would like to make a comment in favor or against this requests, you may do so at the public hearing. For questions regarding this request, you may contact Town Manager Robert Jones at 910-654-4148, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Thank you,
Robert Jones
Town Manager / Zoning Administrator
February 22, 2016

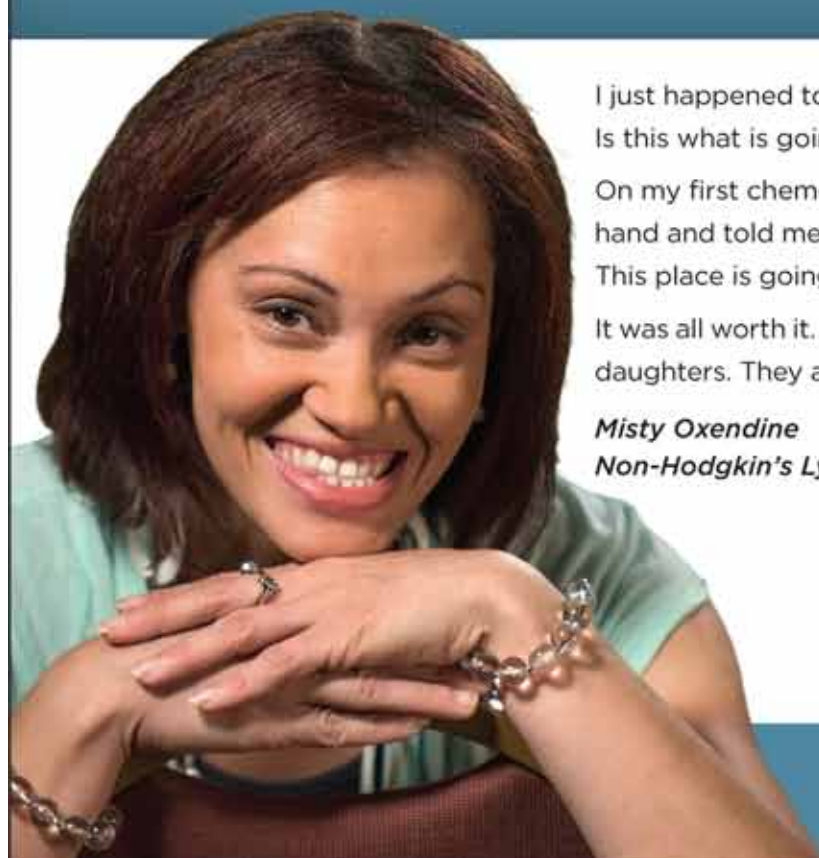
Public Hearing Notice Town of Chadbourne

The Town of Chadbourne has received a rezoning request to have property located, at 217 (Parcel 24934), 215 (Parcel 25930), 203 (Parcel 25601) and 207 (Parcel 24930 - a vacant lot) on South Brown Street rezoned from R-7 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B1(Central Business District). A public hearing will be held on this request before the Chadbourne Town Council on March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held at:

Town Hall
Town Council Chambers
602 North Brown Street
Chadbourne, North Carolina 28431
If you would like to provide public comments in favor or opposition to this request, you will be able to do so at the public hearing. If you have questions about this rezoning request, you may contact Robert Jones, Town Manager at: 910-654-4148.
February 18, 22, 2016



“Life is going amazing.”



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

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

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

Misty Oxendine
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Survivor

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