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'Gotta do it'

Sidney Miller is determined to pull this weighted sled as far as he can during the kids tractor pull at Southern Farm Days at Lake Waccamaw this past weekend.

Lonnie Fox is 37th honoree for SCC Foundation's annual dinner

Southeastern Community College and the SCC Foundation have played a major role in the life of Leon M. Fox and his family. Lonnie's service to education through SCC has been a hallmark of his career.

Fox is the first SCC retiree to receive the coveted title of honorary chairman of the SCC Foundation Dinner Theatre. The event will be held Saturday, April 9, and the public is invited to purchase an event ticket in order to be a part of the celebration.

"Lonnie Fox has been very instrumental in writing the history of SCC and in building the SCC Foundation," SCC Executive Dean of Institutional Advancement Sue Hawks stated. "He has led SCC through many stages of development. In 1987, Lonnie was named to the Foundation's board of directors. He served a two-year term as president of the non-profit from 2008-2010. When I assumed my position as dean of institutional advancement in 2000, Lonnie, then vice president of operations and finance, mentored me. He shared valuable lessons in accounting and finance that allowed for success of the foundation."

"I am extremely honored to have been named by my peers as this year's honoree," Fox said. "As a proud retiree, I hope I set an example to others to make the SCC Foundation a priority and to stay involved with 'our' college.

"I have had many people say to me that SCC is the best thing that



Lonnie Fox is to be honored by the SCC Foundation.

ever happened to Columbus County and I believe there are many reasons why this is true. I am happy that I have been a part of the fabric of

SCC and the SCC Foundation," Fox concluded.

Leon M. Fox Jr. a native of Win-

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Work begins on 'economic incentives zone'

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

A new "economic incentives zone" subcommittee met by teleconference Thursday to discuss its broad goals and identify resources to help bring new businesses to Columbus and Brunswick counties in North Carolina, and Horry, Marion and Georgetown counties in South Carolina.

The subcommittee is part of the Interstate Railroad Committee. The group's efforts led to R.J. Corman Rail Group's purchase of the former Carolina Southern Railroad, which had not been in operation for years.

The subcommittee of the interstate rail committee hopes to find ways to create incentives for new businesses and help existing business expand along the rail corridor served by Corman.

Dennis Worley, a Tabor City attorney who chairs the subcommittee, said the goal is ultimately "to create new, good-paying, diversified jobs.

"You can't just get a railroad and stop there," Worley said. "We now need to focus on how we enhance and bring jobs to our region and bring a better lifestyle to our region. The rail line is just one component. We've also got to have highways, utilities and the resources of people who can work in new industries. With the collective effort and objectives of all, we can enhance the overall economic engine within our community."

The subcommittee includes people like Mark Lazarus and Rick Edwards, chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the fully reorganized Interstate Railroad Committee.

Corman railroad's Bill Henderson, Columbus County economic developer Gary Lanier, Myrtle Beach regional economic developer Josh Kay, Columbus County manager Bill

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Landowner faces opposition to solar farm

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Carl Butler said he was shocked at the Whiteville Planning Board's reaction to his plans for a solar farm south of the city.

"When I spoke with people before," he said, "there was no problem. I don't know what's going on."

Butler owns 30 acres of former farmland in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction near Southwood. He said he purchased the property from several heirs at well above market value, originally looking at commercial development. Butler said he paid \$10,000 per acre for the land, which he said is actually worth around \$3,000 per acre "on a good day."

The property came before the planning board recently for approval of a zoning change to allow a solar farm. Due to public criticism, the board forwarded the request to the Whiteville City Council with a negative endorsement. The council has the final say on the matter, which is expected to be reviewed at the April 12 meeting.

Solar farms are becoming increasingly popular in rural areas due to increased farming costs. Lucrative lease agreements with solar firms offer landowners more than they would receive renting the land to other farmers.

Development companies get a 35 percent "instant" federal tax credit for building the panel fields, and utilities such as Duke Progress are required by federal law to buy energy from solar farms if they are within three miles of a major transmission line. State incentives in place mean that the solar farms are taxed at significantly less than market value.

That has driven the demand for some farm properties up, since solar companies pay as much as \$1,000 per acre each year to lease land for 10 to 20 years. N.C. State University reports there are 25,000 acres of solar panels and 4 million acres of farmland in the state, a figure expected to grow to as much as five percent in five years.

Butler said he was skeptical of solar farms, when he was first approached by developers.

"I never thought much about solar farm-

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ECHS student Charity Powell and ECHS Teacher of the Year Debra Datesman-Tripp.

Datesman-Tripp is ECHS Teacher of the Year

By NICOLE CARTRETTE
News Editor

Debra Datesman-Tripp has been nominated Teacher of the Year for East Columbus High School.

“It’s an incredible honor. I was amazed and I was grateful and I just hope that I can represent East Columbus well and not let anybody down,” she said. “... Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Patillo ... those two are hard acts to follow.”

Datesman-Tripp developed a passion for teaching when she was a child growing up in the suburbs of Philadelphia with four younger brothers.

“I’d make them sit and they would be the students and I would be the teacher,” Datesman-Tripp said. “All my life I wanted to be a teacher. I never wanted to be anything else.”

It helped that she had “great teachers” who only fueled her passion more.

She graduated from Temple University in 1980 and began teaching English at the high school she graduated from in Pennsylvania.

She continued her education at LeHigh University where she earned a masters degree in reading.

She taught school in Pennsylvania for 22 years.

She and her late husband, Larry, decided to retire to Wilmington because they had vacationed in the area and loved the warm weather.

Datesman-Tripp worked with a Wilmington author before she found herself missing her true love.

“I thought, ‘you know, I really miss teaching’ so I looked on the website for teaching jobs and saw this job at East

Columbus,” she said.

She got the job but said what she found was a family.

“When my husband unexpectedly passed (earlier this year) I couldn’t ask for a better group of people to rally around me and support me and they still do. They have become my family: the students and the staff,” said Datesman-Tripp, who has

“Education doesn’t stop at 2:45 Monday thru Friday. It continues no matter how old you are or how young you are. You don’t walk out the door of this schoolhouse and say ‘I’m done, I don’t need to learn anything more until tomorrow at 9 o’clock.’ That would be my advice.”

Debra Datesman-Tripp

been an English teacher at ECHS for three years.

“I think we are all English teachers because we all love to read,” said Datesman-Tripp, who is a reading specialist and took classes at UNC Asheville in recent years to become certified to teach Advanced Placement English.

A large percentage of her students do exceptionally well on state proficiency testing and a good number of her AP students score well enough on the AP test to receive college credit for freshman English.

She considers it a great compliment that most of her honors students choose to enroll in her AP English class.

She loves the thrill of “instilling enthusiasm . . . seeing the students light up when they grasp a concept or an idea.”

Her most memorable teaching moments pertain to her love of reading and appreciation for kindness.

“That makes me very proud to pass on my love of reading because that is how we develop literacy. If we just pass on our love of reading and the literacy will just blossom and grow,” she said. “It’s not just the academics. I’m so proud when I see my students being kind to



Debra Datesman-Tripp teaches an AP English class at ECHS.

others because I think that is the most important thing: to show kindness and compassion to every living creature and I am very proud when my students are kind.”

If she must miss a day of school because she is sick she said her students message her.

“They show kindness and compassion. That’s what really makes me proud of them. Those are my proud teaching moments,” she said.

She hopes to pass on a love for learning beyond the classroom.

Her advice to students and parents is about the need to never stop learning.

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She said it is important for parents to show they have an interest in their child’s education and in their own.

College extension classes,

pursuing a hobby and reading in front of your child are just a few ways to do that, she said.

She acknowledged teaching is not without challenges.

“Some students don’t see the benefit of an education, she said. “They take it for granted and we try to let them see other cultures (including) those where females are denied an education. We try to open up their eyes to the world so they know they don’t exist in a box and so they will look beyond the box and care about others.”

She hopes her students see her as a supporter.

“I’d like them to remember me as somebody who believed in them,” she said. “I believe in their capability to do any-

thing they want to do.”

Datesman-Tripp resides in Brunswick Forest. She volunteers with the Cape Fear Community College Fine Arts center and collects funds and supplies for the Brunswick County Animal Shelter. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington where she is also a volunteer.

Her son, Lucas, 29, a personal trainer and professional body builder resides in Tampa, Fla.

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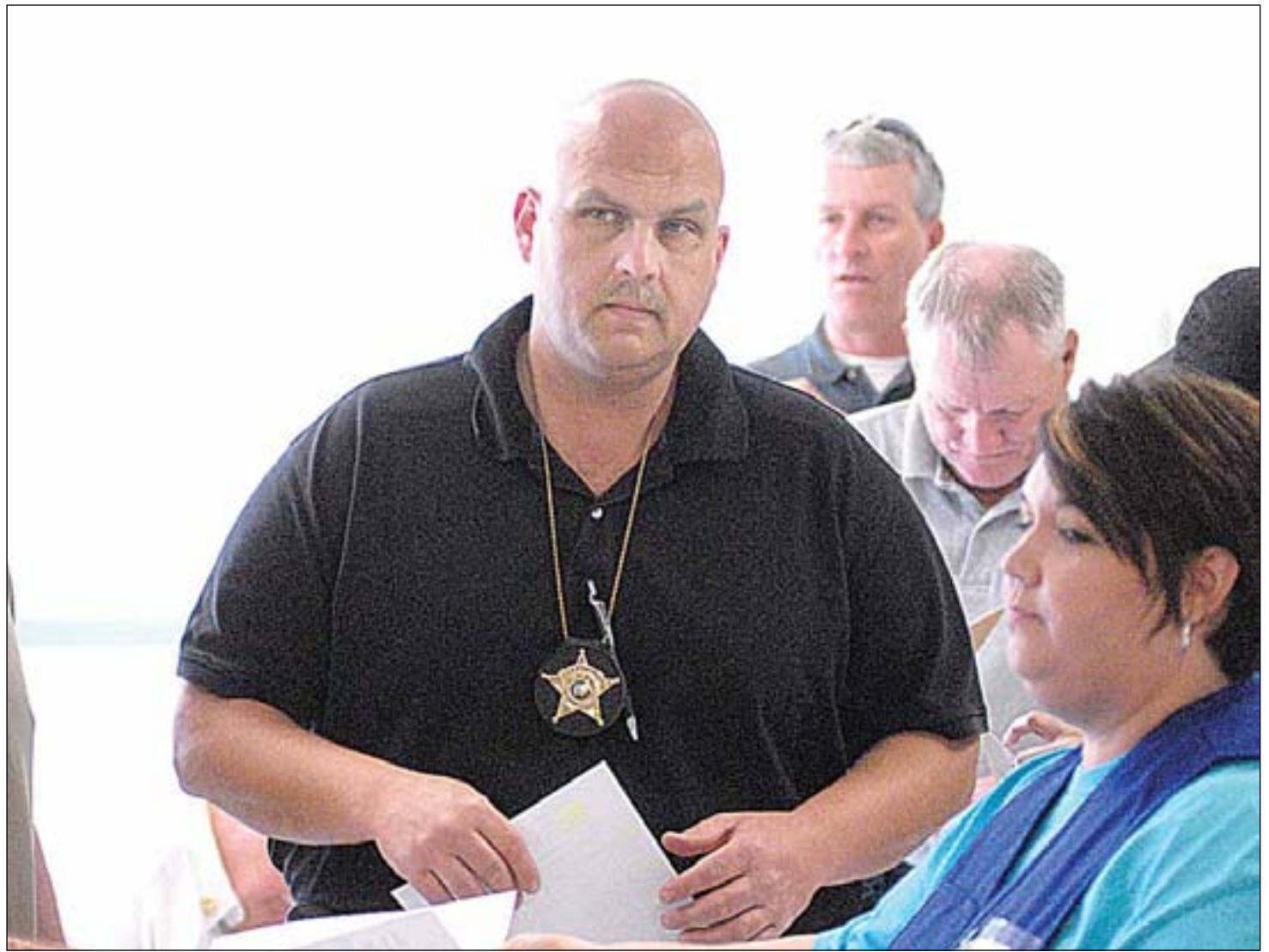
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Law enforcement and fire/rescue personnel would be considered among the first to be potentially exposed in a mass viral outbreak, and would be the first treated.



Health department employees line up to receive precautionary "antibiotics" prior to taking their places in Friday's exercise.



Firefighters, rescue personnel, and police participating in Friday's exercise filled out basic information forms before being sent through treatment stations at the health department.

First responders get pre-treatment in 'Ebola' outbreak

Exercise helps agencies coordinate in case of major viral outbreak, biohazard.

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

A joint exercise Friday helped first responders, the health department and hospital personnel learn what to do in case of an epidemic in Columbus County.

"In this case, we're using Ebola as an example," said Sarah Gray, spokesperson for the Columbus County Health Department. "That's highly contagious and can be easily spread through any population. The same procedures would be used in any kind of viral outbreak."

The exercise was designed to duplicate what would happen in the earliest stages of an outbreak, Gray said.

"You have to take care of your first responders, or who will take care of everyone else?" she explained. "Law enforcement, EMS, medical workers and the Health Department would be among the first to come into contact with people who were ill, and they need to know what to do."

The exercise Friday helps all involved agencies work out

any difficulties beforehand, said Jeremy Jernigan of Columbus Regional Healthcare.

"For today, we just worked with Whiteville police and fire, along with the health department and our own staff," Jernigan said. "Logistically it was too much to coordinate with the entire county at this time. It might have interfered with actual calls."

Ebola—a hemorrhagic fever that killed thousands in Africa in recent years—is spread through infected wild animals into humans, and then through human contact. Early detection and treatment increases the likelihood of survival. Extreme containment measures are necessary to prevent spread of the disease.

Preventing any contagious illness among first responders is vital to prevent further spreading of disease, Gray said. Part of that protection is making sure first responders know how to follow the protocols for treatment.

If a real crisis occurred, Jernigan and Gray said, certain "special populations" would be targeted for treatment first.

"Usually they involve large groups who interact with the public on a daily basis," he

explained.

"We would also issue medicines for every member of the first responder's household," Gray explained. "You can't expect people to focus if they are worried about their family, and if a relative is sick at home, that increases the likelihood of the first responder becoming infected and contagious."

Participants in Friday's exercise were signed in as they came to the front door of the health department, where the agency's security guards controlled access as they would in an emergency.

Once inside, the men and women filled out a basic health questionnaire, with special emphasis placed on known allergies or illnesses. They were then sent through stations where workers asked a few more basic questions, and issued two powerful "antibiotics" — in this case, Fireball and Jolly Rancher candies, depending on whether the patient was prescribed Cipro or Doxycyclene.

Patients who displayed suspicious symptoms would be quarantined in a real event, Gray said. Workers also had to know how to deal with patients who might be allergic to both the antibiotics being

issued.

"We try to be ready for anything that might pop up," she said. "We have to keep things on an even a keel as possible, to keep it moving smoothly, so when and if it happens for real, we're ready."

A final station ensured the participants knew how to use the medication properly, Gray said.

"When people are under a lot of stress, in a crisis like an outbreak, it's easy to forget how to properly take

medication," she said. "You can explain it to them, but if you aren't careful, it's like the grownups in the Charlie Brown cartoons. All they retain is 'bwah-bwah-bwah-bwah, medicine.' They have to know what to look for in case of allergic reactions or other complications."

They were then sent out through the rear lobby of the health department offices.

"In a real emergency, Gray explained, "we'd probably secure the back door as well."

The drill was important to help officials perfect the system in case a real medical emergency occurred, Gray and Jernigan said.

"We used to be able to use the drive-thru flu clinics as a practice exercise," she said, "but the rules changed, and we needed a dedicated event."

Simulations and practice can only go so far, Gray said, but by learning procedures, "we're in better shape."

"If something real happens, we want to be ready," she said.



CCYFA donates to Shriners

Shriners Edwin Russ and Jeff Pridgen receive a donation from Columbus County Youth and Families Association treasurer France Burge, left to right. Shriners support hospitals for children in 20 or more locations, providing treatment for orthopedic and burns. CCYFA is a non-profit organization that helps others in the county and provides services for others through programs, camps, projects and such.

Evergreen kindergarten registration April 11

Evergreen Elementary School kindergarten registration will be held Monday, April 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the school media center.

Parents or guardians may pick up registration packets from the school office prior to April 11. New students can enjoy popcorn and a movie during the registration time.

Evergreen pre-K accepting applications

Evergreen Elementary School is now accepting applications for NC Pre-K. Children must be 4 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2016. Free Bus transportation is provided. Free breakfast, lunch and a snack are also provided for all pre-K students. For more information call Evergreen Elementary at (910) 654-3502 or (910) 642-5168 ext. 24022.

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Crime briefs

DWI

Two drivers pleaded guilty to driving while impaired (DWI) during the March 10 session of District Court. They were:

- Shanquel Jamar Canty, 21, of Tabor City, who had a blood-alcohol level of 0.18 when arrested last year, was fined \$100, and put on unsupervised probation for a year, plus ordered to pay a \$100 DWI fee, and use an Interlock device if driving while on probation.

- Samuel Antonio Stevens, 39, of Tabor City, was fined \$300, told to pay a \$100 DWI fee, and put on probation for two years, with a year's prison term suspended.

Stevens had a blood-alcohol level of 0.18 when arrested last year. Stevens must serve 14 days in jail, and do 48 hours of community service within six months.

Burglary

Charles Alan Bowen, 25, of the 14400 block of N.C. 214, Bolton, has been arrested on a charge of first-degree burglary on a warrant obtained by Sheriff's Detective Andrea Olinger.



Bowen

Bowen, on probation now for a conviction on March 2, 2016 in New Hanover County for communicating threats, is charged with entering Jaquetta Lewis' home along Old Lake Road, Riegelwood, on Feb. 15, 2016, with intent to commit larceny.

Bowen entered between 3 and 4 a.m. when Lewis and two others were sleeping in the home, and had a revolver in his possession, according to the warrant.

Fractures

Henry Troy Norris, 35, of the 3500 block of N.C.904 East, Tabor City, has been arrested on a charge of assault inflicting serious injuries on a warrant obtained by Tabor City Police Detective Major Jerry Sarvis.



Norris

Norris is charged with hitting Deon Rheuark on March 11 of this year with a closed fist, causing a nasal fracture and facial cuts requiring stitches, plus knocking the victim to the ground and causing fractures of fingers and a severe foot injury.

Extradition

Larry Dewayne Dew, 43, and Wendy Tison Dew, 48, both of 570 Tar Landing Road, Evergreen, have been arrested as fugitives from Mississippi where both are wanted for grand larceny, according to warrants. The couple was arrested Thursday by Lake Waccamaw Police Chief Scott Hyatt. They are wanted in Calhoun County, Miss., on the felony charge from an unknown date.



W. Dew



L. Dew

PJC

Termika Lashe Williams, 32, a resident of the Town of Brunswick, pleaded to misdemeanor or solicitation to commit fraud in the March 17 session of District Court, and a prayer for judgment continuance was entered in her case.



Williams

Williams faced a felony fraud charge involving faking a vehicle wreck to collect insurance money. Williams was ordered to make restitution of \$5,016.78 to GEICO, and this was entered as a civil judgment against her.

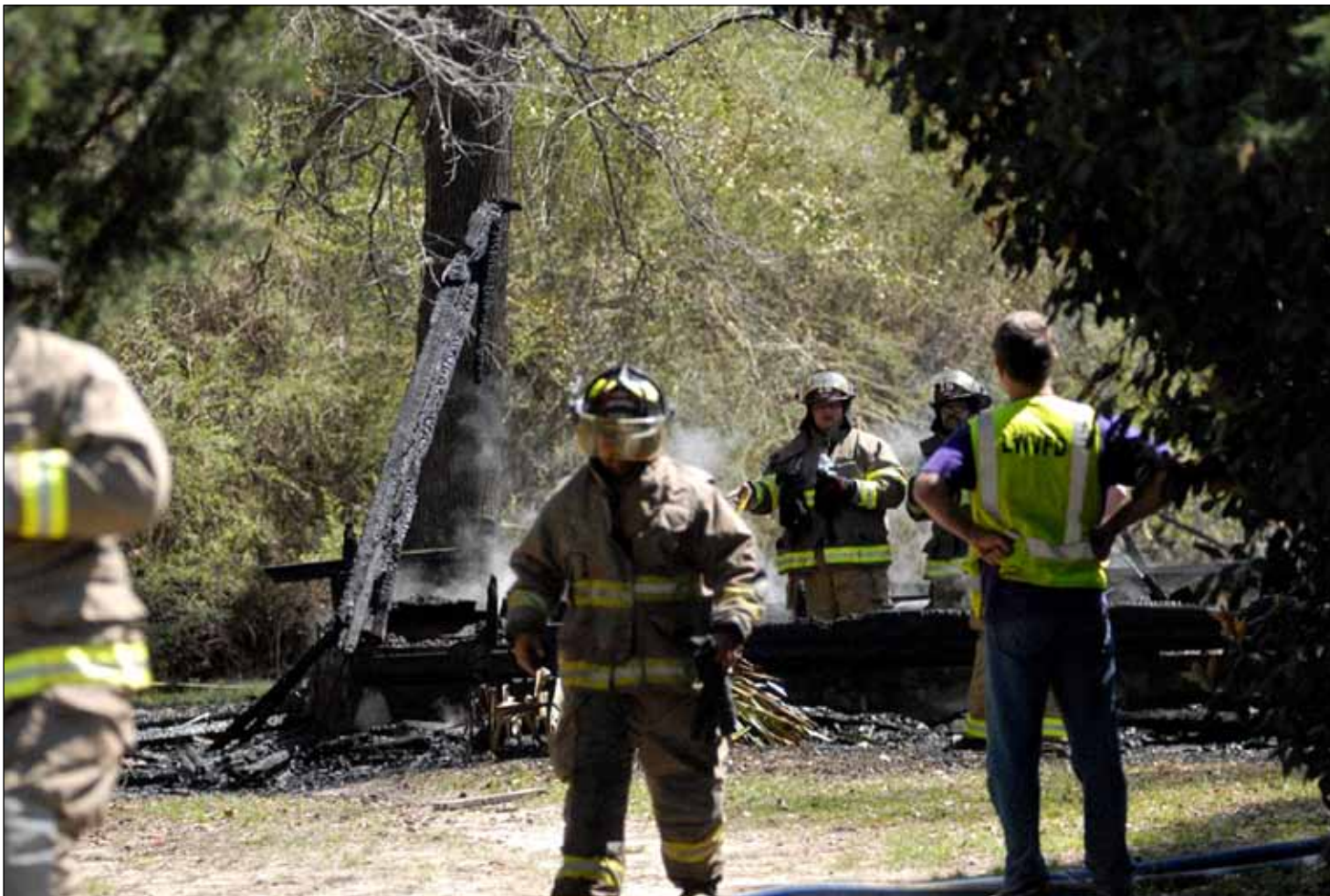
The incident took place in 2014, according to records.

Probation

Herbert Adams, 54, of Whiteville, was put on probation for two years recently after he pleaded in Superior Court here to two counts of maintaining a place to keep and illegally sell prescription medication. A 90-day jail term was suspended. He was also ordered to have no contact with Brittany McPherson or her parents, and was ordered to make payments for two SBI drug tests. The convictions were his first criminal records.



Adams



Firefighters from Hallsboro and Lake Waccamaw returned to the scene of this house fire on Pone Road Friday morning, three days after a previous blaze damaged the property. The unoccupied home was a total loss, and the blaze is under investigation.

Felon Edward Riggins caught with pistol, drugs

Edward Deron Riggins, 26, of Tillman Avenue, Tabor City, was arrested in Brunswick County on Wednesday, March 16, on charges from Feb. 12, 2016 involving marijuana and a firearm.



Riggins

Riggins, convicted in 2008 of homicide in South Carolina, is charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, and possession of a Springfield weapon that was stolen.

Long gets prison term in 2013 highway death

Phillip Wayne Long was sentenced to prison for 59 to 83 months here recently after he pleaded in Superior Court to felony death by vehicle and driving while impaired (DWI).



Long

Long was the driver of a soft-top Jeep moving at 65 mph that hit an embankment and overturned twice on Boswell Road south of Whiteville on Nov. 21, 2013, and he and his passenger Jacob Riley Causey, 18, of Hallsboro, were both ejected.

Restitution ordered

Christopher Bentley Cook, 28, of Evergreen and Whiteville, was ordered to make restitution to a local convenience store as part of his probation for two years after Cook pleaded in Superior Court here in a fraud case from November 2014 and attempted fraud.



Cook

Brain injuries

Joseph Samuel, 62, formerly of Charlotte, was sent to prison here recently on his plea in Superior Court to assault inflicting serious injuries. Samuel, living in Whiteville in recent years, was convicted for causing several brain injuries in the beating of James Foster George in October 2013.



Samuel

Samuel, who has a 654-day credit toward a term of 17 to 30 months, has a prior record showing possession of cocaine in 2011, assaulting a female in 2012 and 2013, and possession of drug paraphernalia in 2010 and 2014.

Jail for one day

Gregory Hayes, 48, of Whiteville, was sent to jail recently after he pleaded in Superior Court here to possession of drug paraphernalia in a drug case from October 2014. Hayes got a 30-day term, and had a 29-day credit.

Inmate stabbed

Joshua Haley, 31, an inmate at the Columbus prison unit in the Town of Brunswick here, was cut/stabbed with a saw or some type of cutting tool on Sunday, March 19, in the prison, according to a sheriff's report.

His attackers were not identified, and the nature of Haley's wounds was not described. Haley was sent to prison in 2012 from Wake County for several crimes, including committing a sex offense and possession of marijuana with intent to sell and being an habitual felon for females assaults. His projected release date is March 2021.

Deputy, police find pills, coke, several other drugs

A sheriff's deputy and a Whiteville police drug detective and a Chadbourn police detective made arrests last Thursday and Friday that resulted in the seizure of several types of prescription medication, two forms of cocaine and marijuana – plus marijuana, Suboxone, Oxycodone, Oxycontin, morphine, Acetaminophen and Codeine Phosphate with intent to sell.



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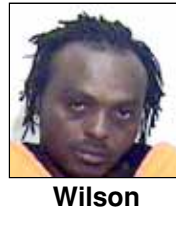
Logan



Bullock

Logan has a criminal record that shows 22 convictions for theft, plus numerous counts of possession of stolen property. He served a prison term from January 2006 to June 2014 for being a habitual felon. Logan has only one conviction involving possession with intent to sell drugs. That was in 1990 and he served a prison term less than seven months.

Reed also arrested Christopher Leon Wilson, 35, of Elizabeth Street, Whiteville, on charges of possession of eight strips of Suboxone with intent to sell the medication, as well as intent to sell an Oxycodone pill he had, and resisting arrest by fleeing on foot from Reed.



Wilson

Chadbourn Police Detective Rene Trevino arrested on March 17 Lorenzo Jerome Bullock, 33, of Berry Street, Fair Bluff, on a charge of possession of 13 Clonazepam pills with intent to sell. Bullock was convicted in 2010 for possession of pills with intent to sell, records show.

Whiteville Police Drug Detective Sergio Reed arrested Henry Lee "Foots" Logan Jr., also known as Henry D. Logan, 52, of Stanley Circle, Whiteville, on several drug charges. Logan is charged with possession of two types of cocaine – powder and crack crystals

Car thief, robber caught

Floyd Baldwin, 47, with healthcare supplies and other addresses in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Fayetteville, was arrested by Whiteville police and sheriff's deputies Sunday on charges of vehicle theft and armed robbery.



Baldwin

Baldwin is charged with using a knife on Dec. 30, 2015 in Myrtle Beach to rob Deborah Ann Basel of the South Carolina resort of her cell phone, iPad, 2015.

Baldwin is shown in warrants drawn here as working for the City of Wilmington.

Dismissed

Felony charges in separate cases against Tasha Spaulding Cox, 35, of Whiteville, and Diondi D. Sadler, 22, of Whiteville, were dismissed in the March 7 session of District Court here.

Cox was charged in August 2015 with intimidating a witness, and Sadler with possession of a stolen firearm in September 2015.

Break-ins, thefts

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

- March 20 – Michael Lane Buffkin, 10300 block of Rough-N-Ready Road, Cerro Gordo – theft of Craftsman push mower, homemade sledge hammer.
- March 19 – Eric Scott Walker, Brown's Lane, Chadbourn – break-in, theft of 65-inch Samsung TV, 55-inch Lucky Goldstar TV, PlayStation 4 console, two controllers, and five games.
- March 19 – Gwen Williamson, 11000 block of Rough-N-Ready Road, Cerro Gordo – break-in, theft of two hammers, socket wrench, grease gun, grinding wheel, large steel clamp, package of screwdrivers, set of wrenches.
- March 19 – Christopher Leon Herring II, N.C. 242, Evergreen – theft of Ruger P-85 9mm pistol.
- March 19 – Eric Zink – theft of EZ-GO golf cart, swing set, two air conditioners, PVC pipe, three bicycles and marijuana crusher and smoking pipe from Daddy Joe's Campground, Tabor City.
- March 18 – Anthony Frank Ciamillo, Pine Grove Road, Whiteville – break-in, theft of Glock 19 9mm pistol, ammo.
- March 18 – Candice Dawn Brisson, 9200 block of U.S. 701 North, Clarkton – theft of Troy-Bilt 42-inch riding mower.
- March 18 – Karen Marie Moore, Red Bug Road, Hallsboro – theft of three pit bulldogs.
- March 18 – Mark Edward Meeks, Old Northeast Road, Lake Waccamaw – theft of scrap metal, water pump, metal poles.
- March 17 – William Hector Stephens, 2700 block of N.C. 242, Chadbourn – break-in, theft of 800 feet of copper wire.
- March 17 – Unknown owner at 118 Davis Drive, Whiteville – break-in, theft not mentioned.
- March 17 – Bonnie Williams Harrelson, Soles Road, Whiteville – theft of Schumacher battery charger.
- March 17 – Jacob Matthew Obriant, Beaver Ridge Drive, Riegelwood – break-in, theft of Briggs & Stratton 5500-watt generator, Harbor Freight 1100-watt generator.
- March 16 – Erika Carrol Posey, Farmers Union Road, Clarkton – break-in, theft of two gas burners and gas tank, chocolate Labrador dog, dog chain and food bowl.
- March 16 – Grover Selmon Stanley, Mollie Road, Clarendon – theft of two water tanks and pumps, two junk refrigerators, junk stove.
- March 16 – Brentwood Owen Parker, Sidney-Cherry Grove Road, Clarendon – theft of Mazda vehicle.
- March 16 – Zacharias Taylor Bright, Pocosin Road, Lake Waccamaw – break-in, theft of Smith & Wesson .223 rifle with scope.

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During the adult tractor pull at the Southern Farm Days, "Home Wrecker" pulled 5,000 pounds.

Annual Southern Farm Days big hit at Lake

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Thousands of people turned out Saturday and Sunday to pet goats, watch a wild west shootout, listen to music and enjoy dozens of antique tractors.

The 8th Annual Southern Farm Days was even bigger than last year, according to Donna Elkins, a member of the Cape Fear Farm Heritage Association.

The association hosts the event each March to showcase the rural heritage of the region.

"It's a lot of work for everyone involved," she said, "but it's worth it."

Proceeds from the event go to the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw, and to help recreate a typical rural homestead of the early 20th century.

The association is building the homestead on a tract of land adjacent to the Boys and Girls Home event center.

Auctioneer Jimmy Smith and his assistants chanted their way through dozens of items brought to the antique farm equipment auction, which featured a number of non-farm related items as well. Smith called a number of passersby by name, challenging them to join the bidding.

Nominations sought for outstanding volunteer

Volunteer Columbus! is soliciting nominations for the annual Columbus County Outstanding Volunteer Service Award.

Any individual, group or organization in Columbus County whose volunteer activities benefit the community in a substantial, important or unique way is eligible. Students receiving course credits are eligible if their volunteer service extends beyond course requirements.

"I encourage organizations to honor and celebrate their volunteers by nominating them for this prestigious award," said Dr. Melody Prevatte, director of Columbus County RSVP.

"Volunteers make an invaluable contribution to our community, and they deserve recognition for their important service."

Nominations must be received by Friday, April 1. Nomination forms can be obtained by phone or e-mail. Contact Dr. Melody Prevatte at melody.prevatte@sccnc.edu or (910) 642-7141, ext. 294.

Volunteer Columbus! is a group of volunteer managers dedicated to enhancing the professional skills of individuals responsible for the administration of volunteer programs throughout Columbus County.



D.J. Trojanowski of Statesville shows off his restored oil-mining rig to visitors at Southern Farm Days.

"I know we can do better'n this," he cajoled, when bids on an antique plow didn't meet his satisfaction. "Who'll give me another five-dollar bill?"

Terry Marsh of the N.C. Trappers Association said Saturday morning had been busy. Increasing problems with coyotes and beavers have created more interest in trapping in the area, he said.

Marsh explained the differences in furs to a number of curious visitors, and even cracked the jar on a small bottle of gland scent.

Just a hint of the foul-smelling stuff drew grimaces from several people standing around his tent - but the smell caused a dog, Rocket, to perk up his ears and wag his tail.

"That's a coyote lure," Marsh explained. "My dog likes it, too."

Bobby Ward of Red Bug acted as a greeter to the his-

tory encampment. While Ward is in charge of a Confederate cannon crew at Fort Fisher, he was dressed in the clothes more typical of a late 1700s settler.

"I still love the War Between the States," he said, guiding visitors down the rank of tents housing mountain men, Confederate and Union troops, and Native American interpreters.

"We started doing rendezvous a while back, and it's fun to branch out. It's a different time period, and gives you the chance to learn about another era that had a lot of impact on history."

Southland Dairy brought its mobile classroom to Farm Days this year, after making a couple stops at area schools on the way in. Demonstrations were held throughout the weekend, showing visitors how cows are milked by hand. The main cow rested in a stall between presenta-

tions.

"Is she okay?" one child asked. The boy's father assured him the cow was just taking a nap.

In addition to the trolleys running throughout the parking lot and in the event area, visitors could ride wagons pulled by draft horses and mules.

Baby goats from area farms were also a big hit. There were several pasture-raised Duroc hogs who slept through the day.

Tractors and operators of all ages competed in a driving competition around an obstacle course.

Dozens of antique tractors, farm implements, classic cars and trucks, and one-cylinder "hit and miss" engines were a hit at the event. The noisy machines were

originally used to power everything from generators to pumps before World War II, said George McGill.

"They were a big part of a lot of farms and homes," he said. "Now people just enjoy collecting and tinkering with them."

Elkins said that organizers were originally worried the threat of rain might keep some visitors away, but shortly after the gates opened Saturday morning, people came drifting in.

"We have a lot of families who come every year," she said.

"We have a big crowd, and we appreciate everyone coming out. We do this to help people have a good time, and help them remember their roots."

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Engagements



**Christine Elizabeth Raper
Benjamin Dwight Palmer**

Raper-Palmer

Ed and Cindy Raper of Murrells Inlet, S.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Elizabeth Raper, to Benjamin Dwight Palmer, son of Tom Palmer of Whiteville and Judy Palmer of Lake Waccamaw.

The bride-elect graduated from Chatham High School and Christopher Newport University with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a minor in leadership studies. She earned a Master in Public Health in sociomedical sciences from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in New York, N.Y. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education in curriculum and instruction at the University of South Carolina, expected in 2018. She is employed as a clinical instructor and faculty advisor at the University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health.

The groom-elect graduated from Whiteville High School and Coastal Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and finance. He is employed in outside sales for an industrial supply company.

A May 15 wedding is planned at 6 p.m. at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel at Jekyll Island, Ga.



**Lillian Shackelford
Frank Bush**

Shackelford-Bush

Lillian Shackelford of Lanham, Md. and Frank Bush of Upper Marlboro, Md. announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Rev. Fitzhugh and Frances Smith of Lake Waccamaw.

She graduated from Artesia High School and earned an M.A. at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

She will pursue a doctoral program in the fall.

A June 4 noon wedding is planned at Bible Way Temple in Washington, D.C.

Chadbourn Pre-K applications due

Chadbourn Elementary School is now accepting applications for Pre-K classes. NC Pre-Kindergarten is a free program for at risk children.

A child must be 4 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2016.

The parent or guardian must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, verification of income and proof of residence.

For more information call Chadbourn Elementary School at (910) 654-3825 or (910) 642-5168 ext. 24022.



**Bristol Soles
Jonathan Rawls**

Soles-Rawls

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Soles of Whiteville announce the engagement of their daughter, Bristol, to Jonathan Rawls, son of Robert Lloyd Rawls of Whiteville and the late Jerrie Nichols Rawls.

The bride-elect graduated from Columbus Career and College Academy and Southeastern Community College. She is employed with Walters Surgical Associates.

The groom-elect graduated from Southeastern Community College and is employed as a law enforcement officer.

An April 9 wedding is planned for 6 p.m. at The Bumblinghole Lodge in Whiteville, with a reception to follow.

Dental clinic set for children

Columbus County Health Department Dental Clinic has resources available for a limited time for dental services for children ages 1 year to 19 years meeting income requirements.

For more information contact Columbus County Health Department Dental Clinic at 640-6615 ext. 7041.

There are more plastic flamingos in the United States than there are real ones.

Vietnam Veterans Day at Museum of History

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

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

Get ready for the Shakespeare Marathon: 38 Plays in 5 Days, an around-the-clock reading of all plays by William Shakespeare.

Through a partnership with Raleigh's Burning Coal Theatre Company, 38 theatrical groups from across North Carolina will perform stage readings of the Bard's plays with minimal costumes and props.

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

Other Programs
Vietnam Veterans Day Weekend - Friday-Saturday, April 1-2, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, April 3, noon-5 p.m. Meet veterans; see uniforms, weapons and gear. View a Field Cross memorial, a display of the state's POW and MIA heroes,

and a 1/8-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall. Sponsored by N.C. Vietnam Veterans Inc.

"Etchings in Stone" - Friday, April 1, 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m.;

Sunday, April 3, 2 p.m. This program is free, but reservations are requested. Call 919-624-5091 or e-mail vetdooler1@aol.com.

By North Carolina veteran Ron Harris, this play places audience members "inside" the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall so they are privy to the

words and unspoken thoughts of passing visitors. Music, video clips and photographs from the Vietnam era are featured between segments.

First Fridays at the Museum: An Evening with Los Jets - Friday, April 1, 5-9 p.m. Help open the museum's new case exhibit, Los Jets: Playing for the American Dream, in the lobby, then join a screening of "Los Jets" at 7 p.m. Try samples from Raleigh Brewing Company while supplies last.

The Museum Shop will be open.



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LCFH offering free healthcare decisions clinics

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will host a Begin the Conversation clinic about end-of-life and healthcare decisions from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, April 28 at Angel House Hospice Care Center, 206 Warrior Trail Road in Whiteville.

This session, which is free to adults 18 and older, will provide attendees information and resources to think about and plan for future healthcare decisions.

"At any time in your life, you may be unable to communicate your healthcare choices as a result of an injury or serious illness. Having a plan

will make it easier for you, your doctor and your loved ones to ensure your wishes are honored," said Jason Clamme, LCFH director of community outreach. "The first step in the advance care planning process is to learn what you can about it. This will not only increase your own personal knowledge about healthcare choices and importance of planning, it will encourage communication with loved ones, caregivers and healthcare professionals so all can share in that knowledge."

Begin the Conversation clinics can help you think

about your healthcare wishes and create a plan to ensure your wishes are known. Having a plan will make it easier for you, your doctor and your loved ones to ensure those wishes are honored, especially when you cannot speak for yourself. It's a gift for those you love.

Advance directives, such as living wills and healthcare power of attorney forms, will be supplied so healthcare instructions can be legally documented.

For more information, contact Clamme at 796-7943 or jason.clamme@lcfh.org.

Fox

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ston-Salem, was raised in Wilmington where he met his wife of 50 years, Ann Lewis Fox. Lonnie and Ann have resided at Lake Waccamaw since 2000.

Fox's mother, Evelyn Boling Fox, was a homemaker and his father, Leon M. Fox, a pilot, was the captain of the first commercial Piedmont Airlines flight on Feb. 20, 1948.

Fox received his Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from N.C. State University in 1966 and his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Georgia in 1972. From 1966-68, he was employed as an associate aeronautical engineer with Lockheed-Georgia Company.

He served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft structures engineer for four years.

In 1969, Lonnie and Ann welcomed their first child, Amy, to their family and in 1971, a sister, Elizabeth, was born.

Fox was hired by SCC in 1972 as director of evening programs. In 1977 he was promoted to dean of occupational education.

Under his leadership, SCC's vocational and technical division grew to be one of the largest at the college. In 1985, Fox became associate dean of administrative services and

in 1986 the dean of operations and finance.

For the next 19 years, Lonnie served as chief financial officer. Under his watch, the college added five new buildings to the campus footprint: the Williamson Library, the Business and Industry Skills Training Center, the Art Annex, and the Early Childhood Development and Nursing buildings.

He was involved in numerous renovation projects as well.

With yet another promotion to vice president in 1996, he was tapped to serve as the acting president of SCC when former president Steve Scott resigned his post. For three months, Fox assured seamless operations of the college.

Retirement did not occur as planned in 2005, as the administration requested Lonnie remain on a half-time contract to assist with the transition in leadership.

Fully retired in 2006, Lonnie and Ann have enjoyed time with their four grandchildren, Kate and Jack Schmitzer and Anna and Tanner Fields. Fox is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, an elder and clerk of session at Lake Waccamaw Presbyterian Church, chair of the ways and means committee for the Lake Waccamaw Library Board, vice chairman

of the Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum, a member of the Columbus County Economic Development Commission board and served on the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Foundation board for six years. He is an avid golfer and enjoys 'lake life.'

In 2011, Lonnie and Ann named the Fox Family Nursing Scholarship in memory of their late daughter, Amy Fox Schmitzer, in honor of Elizabeth Fox Fields, a 2000 graduate of SCC's ADN program, and in honor of Leon M. Fox Jr. Three students at SCC have already benefitted from this scholarship and many more will understand the allegiance Lonnie and his family have shared in creating the history of SCC.

Friends of Fox and of the college are encouraged to attend the SCC Foundation Dinner Theatre in his honor. In addition to dinner prepared by the Whiteville Women's Civic League, theatre entertainment will be provided by vocalist Bill Thompson, Elizabeth and Mary Catherine Axelberg and the amazing pianist, Dustin Fowler. Tickets are \$75 per person. The event will be held at Northwood Church on 701 North in Whiteville. To purchase tickets, contact Sue Hawks at 642-7141, ext. 260 or 360.

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Deaths

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DEATH NOTICE



LUCILLE LONG BLACKWELL

TABOR CITY -- Mrs. Lucille Long Blackwell, 83, died Monday, March 14, 2016, at New Hanover County Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. Born Nov. 15, 1932 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late John Wilson Long and Edna Mae Gore Long and the widow of Carlos Blackwell. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Frances Long Hinson.

A graveside service was held Thursday, March 17, in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Tabor City. The family received friends following the service at the cemetery. Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City handled the arrangements.

She is survived by one son, Mark Bradley Stephens of Clarendon; three sisters, Monnie Long McLamb of Calabash, Nell Long Buffkin of Tabor City, Gayle Long Ward (David) of Wilmington; one brother in law, Delmas Hinson of Clarendon; and one grandson, Travis Carl Stephens of Clarendon.

A guest register is available at inmanwardfuneralhome.com.

BILLY LANE LIVINGSTON

TABOR CITY -- Billy Lane Livingston, 66, died Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. He was born Sept. 3, 1949.

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

Final rites were held Sunday, March 20 at Little Iron Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 24320 Peacock Road, Tabor City. Burial, with military honors, was in the Smith Family Cemetery. Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville handled the arrangements.

Surviving are his wife, Deloris Livingston; one daughter, Billie Faye Livingston of the home; one stepdaughter, Fenisha Ann Hill of Tabor City; three stepsons, Joseph Smith and Robert Dale Hill, both of Tabor City and Joshua Smith of Loris, S.C.; one sister, Joyce Ann Williams of Tabor City.

KATHLEEN KING SCHNEEWEISS

ASH -- Ashlie Kathleen King Schneeweiss died Thursday, March 17, 2016 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. She was born Oct. 5, 1924 in Brunswick County, the daughter of James William and Cecil Smith Ward King. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Jennings King, Eustace King and Ogal Babson; and one sister, Dorothy King Evans.

She was a beautician for 60 years. She was a long time member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 21 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4469 Mintz Street, Shallotte. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in the New Britton Baptist Church Cemetery in Ash. The family will receive friends Monday, March 21 one hour prior to the service at the church. Peacock Funeral Home of Whiteville is handling the arrangements.

She is survived by one brother, Wayne Babson of Bolivia; and two sisters, Barbara Evans of Whiteville and Betty Jane Smith of Ash.

DEATH NOTICE



ROBERT LAUDER BROWN FUQUAY VARINA -- Robert Lauder Brown, 74 died Thursday, March 17, 2016. He was the son of the late Lauder Brown and Eunice Smith Brown.

He was a member of Western Prong Baptist Church and worked with Amtrack Railroad.

Final rites were held Sunday, March 20 in the chapel of McKenzie Mortuary with Rev. Darryll Hester officiating. Burial was in Western Prong Cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter, Kathryn B. Frailey (Dean) of Charleston, S.C.; two sons, Robert C. Brown (Jennifer C.) and Shawn Brown (Heather D.), all of Pawleys Island, S.C.; one sister, Ella B. Whitley of Raleigh; special friend, Sandra Allegood of Fuquay Varina; and nine grandchildren.

JOSEPH RALPH LONG

LORIS, S.C. -- Joseph Ralph Long, 87, died Saturday, March 19, 2016 at McCleod Loris Hospital. Born in Columbus County, he was the son of the late John Davis Long and Lizzie Delton Long. He was the widower of Roma Long.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters, Rowena Long Benton and Janie Long; one sister, Lizzie Mae Smith; and two brothers, Tillman Dallis Long and John Gilbert Long.

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

Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 21 at Dulah Baptist Church in Tabor City. Burial will be in Harley Ford Cemetery in Tabor City. Visitation was held Sunday, March 20 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City.

He is survived by two daughters, Joanne Long Sing of Tabor City and Dawn Long-Miller of Shallotte; two sons, Joseph "Joey" Ralph Long II and John Dallis Long, both of Tabor City; one brother, Jimmy Dale Long of Tabor City; one sister, Dorothy Long Meacher of Lumberton; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

DONALD KEITH WRIGHT

BLADENBORO -- Donald Keith Wright, 64, died Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. He was born Nov. 5, 1951.

The funeral will be held at noon Wednesday, March 23 at Mount Hebron AME Zion Church, 4682 Hwy. 211 West. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery. Viewing will be held from noon-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville and Wednesday, March 23 one hour prior to and following the service at the church.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Dennison of Wake Forest and Carter Dennison of Franklinton; one daughter, Nicole Wright of Lumberton; four sisters, Larnice Spruill of Avenel, N.J., Flossie Banner, Brenda O'Neal and Barbara Wright, all of Bladenboro; three brothers, Harold Wright and Charles Wright, both of Bladenboro and Luther Wright of New Brunswick, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICE



JOAN BOSWELL WARD WHITEVILLE -- Mrs. Joan Boswell Ward, 76, died Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center. She was born June 12, 1939 in Columbus County the daughter of the late Robert and Zella Godwin Boswell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Ward; and her son, Charles Jevon Ward.

Joan served as desk sergeant with the Whiteville Police Department for 12 years and was a member of the Eastern Star.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Her funeral service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 in the chapel of Peacock Funeral Home with Rev. Willard McPherson officiating. Interment will be in Peacock's Columbus Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday March 23, at the funeral home.

She is survived by one brother, Ricky Boswell and wife, Lucy, of Whiteville; two sisters, Tammy Hamilton and husband, Tony, of Indian Trail, Judy Nobles and husband, Gene Allen, of Whiteville; one grandson, Charles Logan Ward of Whiteville; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Lifecare Center, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville, N.C. 28472 and the Columbus County Department of Aging for Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 1327, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

SARAH 'ADDIE' ROBBINS CLARK

VIRGINIA BEACH -- Sarah (Addie) Robbins Clark, 95, formerly of Lisbon, died Thursday, March 16, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband Gethro Clark; her sister, Reeta; and her five brothers, Arthur, Nike, Tup, Ed and Winfred. She grew up in Montgomery, Ala. and Lisbon. She married Gethro Clark, also from Lisbon, in 1940.

The family received friends Saturday, March 19 at Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. A graveside service was held Sunday, March 20 at Mt. Horeb Cemetery in Clarkton.

She is survived by her three children, Annette, Ronnie and Terry; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

CONNIE ELIZABETH CLARK HYATT

CLARKTON -- Connie Elizabeth Clark Hyatt died Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

The family received friends Friday, March 18 at Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. Final rites were held Saturday, March 19 at the funeral home. Burial was in Bladen Memorial Gardens in Elizabethtown.

DEATH NOTICE



H.L. WYATT FLOWER MOUND, Texas -- H.L. Wyatt, 68, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2016. H.L. was preceded in death by his son, Brian in 2002; his father, Homer Wyatt of Okeechobee, Fla.; and mother, Pauline Davis Brown of Whiteville.

He was a loving husband, father, brother and friend.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Flower Mound Funeral Home, 3550 Firewheel Drive in Texas is handling the arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; one son, Erick (Victoria); one brother, Everett (Janet); one sister, Paulette Woodall; three granddaughters, Briana, Emma, and Gabrielle; three nieces; seven nephews; three great-nieces; and 10 great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society in H.L.'s name.

WILLIAM BRAD 'W.B.' CAULDER JR.

CHADBOURN -- William Brad "W.B." Caulder Jr., 61, of Chadbourne died Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Lifecare Center in Whiteville. He was the son of the late Effie Watson and William Brad Caulder Sr. and the husband of the late Kathy Faye Boswell Caulder. He was also preceded in death by two siblings, Robert Caulder and Georgiana Hardison.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 21 at Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourne. Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at the funeral home with Rev. Roger Coffey officiating. Interment will be in Chadbourne Memorial Cemetery.

He is survived by three daughters, Brandy Caulder Soles and Jodi Caulder Ward, both of Chadbourne, Shana Caulder Cribb of Whiteville; siblings, Alma C. Randall and Mitchell Caulder, both of Thomasville, Hazel C. Guyton, Prudie C. Hayes, Irene C. Bullard and Margaret C. Wright, all of Bladenboro, Frankie C. Howell of Clarkton, Kathy C. Charles of Riegelwood; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

JAMES E. ENGLISH

FAIR BLUFF -- James E. English, 69, died Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Shoreland Healthcare in Whiteville.

Final rites will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 21 at Butler Branch Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Ronald Alford officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday, March 20 at S&L Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Ovalina English; two sons, Timothy English and Cory English; two brothers, Roy English and Paul English; one sister, Margaret E. Tart; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICE

J.P. STEVENS JR. HONEA PATH, S.C. -- John Purvis "J.P." Stevens Jr., died Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Rainey Hospice House.

Born in Columbus County, he was the son of the late John Purvis and Bessie Williamson Stevens Sr. and the husband of Rita Metz Stevens.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and retired from Brendels. He was twice married, first to the late Lynn Pope Stevens.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21 at Garden of Memories with Rev. Gayle Summey officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m. Monday, March 21 prior to the service at Pruitt Funeral Home, 603 North Main Street.

Surviving in addition to his wife of the home are, three sons, J. (Angie E.) Stevens of Leesville, Shane (Jennifer W.) Stevens of Greer and Charles (Jennifer C.) Stevens of Brighton, Tenn.; one sister, Beverly (Buddy) Pope of Lake Waccamaw; and eight grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of the Upstate, 1831 Rogers Road, Anderson, S.C. 29621.

Online condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.Parker-WhitePruitt.com.

MARTHA ANN WRIGHT WARD

CHAPEL HILL -- Martha Ann Wright Ward died Saturday, March 19 in Chapel Hill. Born April 6, 1959, she was the daughter of Elmore Wright and Margaret Wynn.

Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at Hallsboro Church of God. The family will receive friends from 1-2:30 Tuesday, March 22 in the church fellowship hall.

She is survived by her children, Bobby Jackson and Joey Jackson, both of Whiteville, Jennifer Jackson Martin of Raleigh; two siblings, Thomas Holt and Barbara Lee; and three grandchildren.

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JAMES IRVIN PARKER WHITEVILLE

-- James Irvin Parker, 81, died Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare. He was the son of the late James Floyd Parker and Carrie Evans Parker and was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Parker Page; and two brothers, Bennie Brooks Parker and Billy Ray Parker.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Vietnam and the seven day War.

He worked in the maintenance department in law enforcement. He was a member of the Haynie United Methodist Church, Garfield, Texas and he attended Brunswick Baptist Church.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21 at Evans Cemetery, Myrtle Head with Rev. Ray Yow officiating. Visitation was held Sunday, March 20 at McKenzie Mortuary.

Survivors include two sons, Brentwood Owen Parker of Clarendon and James Gordon Parker of Whiteville; one daughter, Pamela Kaye Parker of Whiteville; one sister, Wanda Gale Parker McKeithan, of Ash; one brother, Bobby Lane Parker of Whiteville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the N.C. State Veterans Home, 214 Cochran Avenue, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301 or Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75321.

HECK STRICKLAND

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

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourne.

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Jase Mintz, 22 months old, pets a goat provided by Comfort Creek Farms during Southern Farm Days this weekend.

For fresh eggs, chickens, try backyard farming

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

People are paying more attention to what they are eating today than they did a few years ago, and a Whiteville store stands ready to provide its customers with the makings for setting up and operating a small scale backyard chicken farm for producing poultry and eggs free of antibiotics and other additives.

Tractor Supply of Whites Crossing in Whiteville has several galvanized livestock watering tanks, their bottoms covered with wood shavings, in which eight varieties of

baby chicks and ducks are displayed.

The overworked word "cute" applies to most people's opinion of the roundish balls of fluff cheeping away in their enclosures.

The store wisely erected a steel fence to enclose the watering tank temporary homes of the baby poultry, not to contain the baby fowl, but to protect them from the loving but potentially damaging hands of children who are fascinated by the chicks.

"When children come in (into the store), they flock to the chicks. They come just to look at them," says Dixie

McLamb, a sales person at the farm supply business.

She adds that many of the adults who buy the baby egg and fried chicken producers have had no experience with poultry other than perhaps cooking and eating it, so it is not surprising that all the sales people in the store are knowledgeable about raising chickens.

Most of the baby chicks, or biddies as they are known locally, were hatched in the lower Midwest, and shipped to retailers via U.S. Postal Service, says salesperson Harold Ward. Many hatcheries were located in the upper Midwest

until the extended epidemic of avian, or bird, influenza became widespread in the area.

Ward adds that most people buying baby chicks want between six and 30.

They have a choice of seven breeds at Tractor Supply, plus baby ducks. The store seldom sells chicks without the customer purchasing waterers, chick feed and feeders, and walking out of the store well equipped to be a backyard poultry raiser.

And also well equipped with the know-how of chicken farming on a small scale, gratis the helpful sales force at Tractor Supply.

Moss finishes basic training

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

Steven Moss, 20, recently completed U.S. Army basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. His next assignment will be at Fort Eustis, Va. where he will learn to work on CH-47 helicopters. As a CH-47 helicopter repairer, he'll ensure the safety of airborne soldiers by servicing and maintaining Chinook helicopters.

He is the son of Betty Stevens and Charles Moss and is a 2014 graduate of East Columbus High School.

Steven's older brother, Brian Moss, 34, spent eight years in the U.S. Navy, six years in the U.S. Army and is now a sergeant in the N.C. National Guard Reserve Unit in Raleigh. Also an East Columbus High School graduate, he is an EMT, has his CDL license and will soon go to Fort Eustis to work on Apache helicopters at the same time his brother Steven will be learning to



Pvt. Steven Moss

work on Ch-47s. Apache helicopters are designed to survive heavy attack and inflict massive damage.

Steven and Brian are the grandsons of Elsie Stevens and Bobby Stevens of Hallsboro and Jimmy and Betty Moss of Whiteville.

Hilburn is new EMS director

Sonja Hilburn has been named director of Southeastern Health's (SeHealth) Emergency Services, which includes Southeastern Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department, Clinical Decision Unit, Infusion Clinic, Tele-monitoring, and Med-Care Ambulance Service and Dispatch.

Hilburn earned an associate's degree in nursing from Southeastern Community College in 2004, a bachelor's degree in nursing from UNC Wilmington in 2012, as well as a master's degree in nursing leadership and management from Western Governor's University in 2015.

Before being named director, Hilburn served as manager of emergency services. Since joining SeHealth in 2004, she has also worked as quality improvement specialist in quality management, as a manager in patient care services and as a staff nurse in the emergency department.



Sonja Hilburn

Hilburn lives in Bladenboro with her husband, Keith, and their two children, Kinley and Weston.

Wright's art in exhibit

Award-winning artist Jenny McKinnon Wright is one of five artists who have paintings in an exhibit at the MC Erny Gallery at WHQR in Wilmington. Titled "Five Vantage Points," the show opened Feb. 26 with a reception, and another reception will be held Friday, March 25. The exhibit will remain on display until April 8.

Wright is a member of the Anne Newbold Perkins Critique Group. Others in the group who have art in the exhibit are Betty Brown, Barbara Jamison, Rena Powell MacQueen and Anne Newbold Perkins.

Wright is an artist who believes that working in plein air allows her to "capture the emotion that only painting in that location can offer." For those who have her work, Wright's sense of color shines through. Although she is personally enlivened by the

locations she paints, those places can become viewers' own experiences. Wright's formal art training began at East Carolina University and continued with graduate work in Atlanta at Georgia State University. She has taught art in the North Carolina and Georgia school systems and instructs private students.

For the past 10 years, the Anne Newbold Perkins Critique Group has been coming together on a monthly basis to paint, share ideas, critique one another's paintings and to network.

The group began as the Fine Arts Committee at First Presbyterian Church. It was founded by Anne Newbold Perkins, who gathered Dot Daughtry, Gladys Faris, and Jodie Rippy to join her.

The group started meeting regularly to help improve the art display at the church.

They installed a new art

hanging system in the main corridors and meeting rooms, paving the way for each of them to display their art in separate rooms. Each artist has decades of experience and training to bring to the circle.

Brown is a painter of people and places, attracted by subject matter that invites exploitation of color, shape and texture. She finds inspiration at home or through travels to the Greek Islands, Portugal, France, England, Italy, Scandinavia, New Mexico, and Maine and holds degrees from Queens University in Charlotte, and UNC Wilmington, earning a B.A. with honors in art.

Jamison has been drawing and painting since she was a young girl taking classes locally. She graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a degree in art education, taught in Chapel Hill and Iowa City, and now resides in Wilmington with

her husband. She maintains a studio in her home.

MacQueen is an emerging plein air artist who grew up in the Wrightsville Sound area. She studied under John Poon and other nationally known artists. She lives in Southport and frequently paints on Bald Head Island.

Anne Perkins grew up in Wilmington. After marriage she moved to Richmond, Va. where, excepting five years in Blackstone, Va., she lived until she returned to Wilmington in 2004.

She has taken art classes at Peace College and at Agnes Scott College and obtained a BFA in painting and printmaking from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1984.

Park Day volunteers needed to help beautify Fort Fisher

As part of Civil War Trust Park Day 2016, individual and group volunteers are needed Saturday, April 2, from 8:30 to 12 noon to help beautify and preserve Fort Fisher State Historic Site, the largest earthen

fortification in the Confederacy. It once protected the port of Wilmington and the vital blockade running trade on the Cape Fear River.

Civil War Trust Park Day brings history enthusiasts to

gether in an effort to help keep our nation's heritage not only preserved, but pristine. Since 1996, the Civil War Trust has sponsored Park Day, an annual hands-on preservation event to help battlefields.

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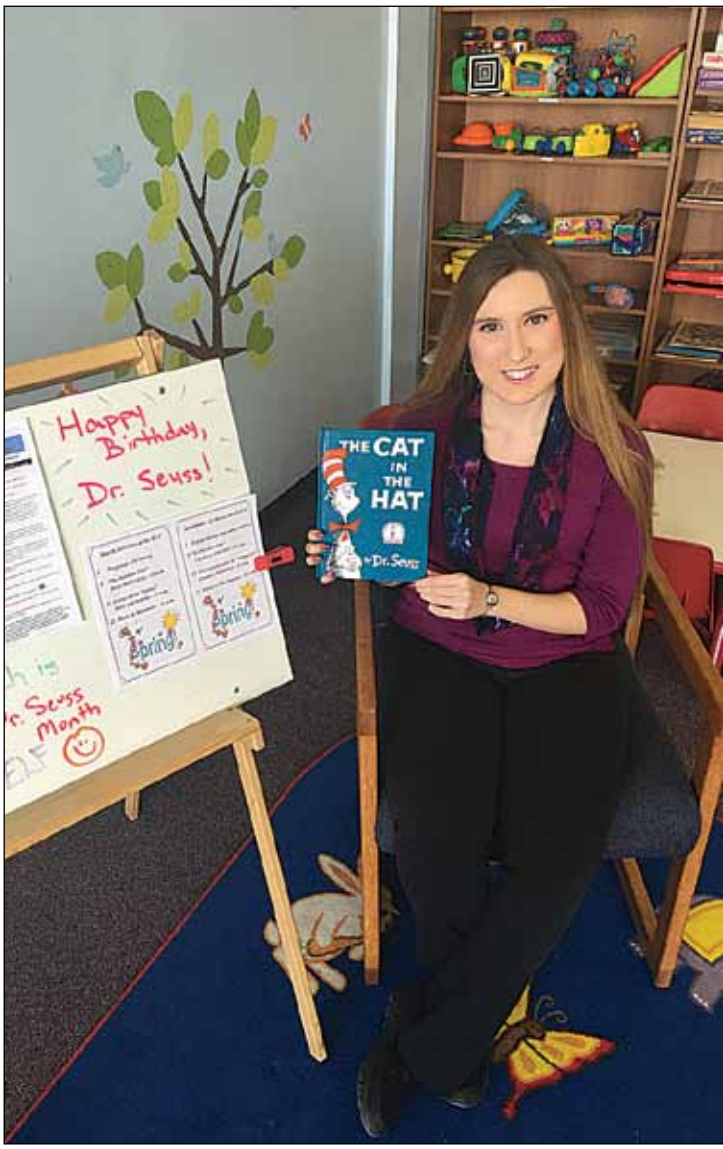
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Katelyn Stanley

Dr. Seuss story time set for March 24

It is Dr. Seuss Month at SmartStart's Early Learning Facility (ELF), and a special story time is planned for Thursday, March 24 at 11 a.m. The Columbus County Partnership for Children (CCPC) welcomes Katelyn LeAnn Stanley, an early education college intern, to work with the Partnership for her service-learning project. Children will first en-

joy an interactive reading of *The Cat in the Hat* and then they will be invited to create rhyming kites with assistance from adults as needed.

Families are encouraged to attend this event designed to promote early literacy skills, print knowledge and a love of reading.

The ELF is located at 107 W. Main St., Whiteville.

Gambling problem help is only a text or a click away

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Support for problem gambling is now only a text or click away, thanks to new technology from the N.C. Problem Gambling Program.

By calling, texting or using online chats with the Problem Gambling helpline, someone with a gambling problem or their loved ones can receive referrals for free, confidential sessions with a local counselor. Help is available 24 hours a day by:

- Texting morethanagamenc to 53342
- Joining a live web chat at www.morethanagamenc.com.
- Calling the toll-free helpline at (877) 718-5543.

"We wanted to provide services to people who feel more comfortable communicating via text or online," said Smith Worth, program administrator for the program.

"Problem gambling is a serious issue in our state and we are excited to have the technology to reach a broader audience and offer help to more North Carolinians struggling with problem gambling."

The Education Lottery is sharing the news about the new text and web chat services to support Problem Gambling Awareness Month in March. The goal of this year's campaign, "Have The Conversation," is to educate the public about warning signs of problem gambling and promote the availability of resources for help and support.

Signs of problem gambling include:

- Argumentative and defensive about gambling behavior;
- Unexplained absences for long periods of time;
- Lies to loved ones about gambling behavior;
- Going without basic needs

in order to gamble;

- Borrowing money to gamble.

The Education Lottery has followed important principles of responsible gaming since its inception and has worked since then to strengthen its program. It provides \$1 million a year to fund the state's program.

"We want those who choose to play the lottery to play for fun and play with money set aside for entertainment," said Alice Garland, executive director of the lottery. "A sign that it's time to take a break is the time when you are playing the lottery and it doesn't feel like fun."

'Stars at Sunset' starts April 1 at the planetarium

Ingram Planetarium Manager Will Snyder presents the April installment of the "Stars at Sunset" series. This series showcases the stars, constellations and other celestial events that will be visible in the night sky above the Carolinas each month. In addition to taking you on a live tour of the night sky, Snyder will explore various topics ranging from the earliest history of astronomy to the latest advancements in the field.

The April 1 program will focus on celestial sights and events that fill the night sky. As the evenings get warmer, spring constellations, including Virgo the Maiden, get higher and higher in the sky each night. Also learn about the Lyrids meteor shower that will be at its peak during the end of April.

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

Science Cinema presents 'Born to Be Wild' March 26

The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville presents "Science Cinema," Saturday, March 26, featuring Warner Brothers' "Born to Be Wild."

This film tells an inspiring story of love, dedication and the remarkable bond between humans and animals.

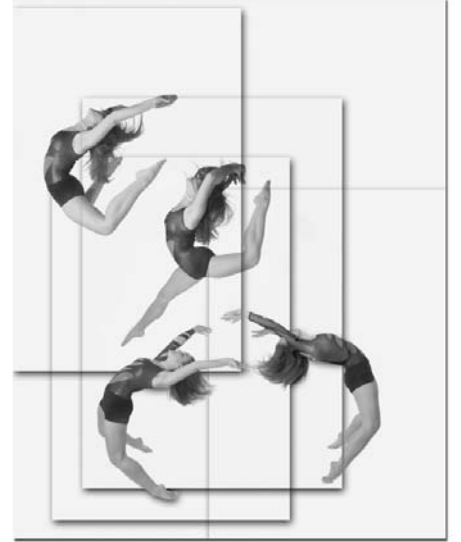
"Born to Be Wild" documents orphaned orangutans and elephants and the extraordinary people who rescue, raise and return these incredible animals

back to the wild – saving endangered species one life at a time.

The free, 40-minute G-rated film will be shown at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

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

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Q. I found a hole in the windowsill and sawdust underneath. Do I have termites?

A. No. Termites do not leave sawdust, but carpenter bees do. In the late spring, they search for a place to build their nest. Carpenter bees usually prefer unpainted softwoods such as cedar, pine, redwood, cypress and fir. Common nesting sites include eaves, window trim, fascia boards, siding, fence posts and dead tree limbs. They begin by boring a hole approximately 1/2 inch in diameter. The tunnel goes straight into the wood for a few inches and then makes a 90 degree turn and follows the length of the wood. There may be several tunnels from a single opening. The carpenter bee lays the eggs in the tunnel in a series of cells. Preventative measures may be taken to keep carpenter bees from damaging your home. Use only hardwoods during construction, fill cracks and holes with steel wool or caulk, paint or varnish exposed surfaces and finally, protect rough areas, such as ends of timbers, with wire screening or metal flashing.

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Q. What can I do about my child waking up several times at night?

A. Everyone awakens a few times at night. Most people have no memory of these awakenings because they put themselves right back to sleep. However children are often trained to wake the family at night. If a child is fed or rocked to sleep, that causes problems. When they awaken, they expect the same treatment and cry until someone provides that service. The best form of prevention is to put them to bed awake after two months of age. Then they will learn self-comforting behaviors. When they awaken, they will learn to put themselves back to sleep. It is hard to give up rocking your child to sleep. However it can prevent sleep problems for your baby and the entire family for months in the future soon as possible.

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Q. Is it easy learning to use a prosthesis?

A. NO! Learning to use a prosthesis is a tough job. It takes time, great effort, strength, patience and perseverance. You will do best to work with a Physical Therapist while learning how to handle the new device. Cooperation and follow-up with your Prosthetist during the early stages of fitting is also an essential part of beginning to walk again. Much like learning how to operate a car, you will need guidance on how to:

- Put on (don) and take off (doff) the prosthesis
- Walk on different types of surfaces, including stairs and uneven terrain
- Perform daily activities at home, at work and even in a car
- Investigate new things like sports and recreational activities
- Handle emergencies safely, and learning how to fall down
- Take care of the prosthesis and the accessories such as liners and socks

Adjustments will need to be made to keep the device fitting comfortably. Also your prosthesis will likely need to be re-aligned as you walk more. A good Physical Therapist can spot possible adjustments that may need to be made and can convey the information effectively to your Prosthetist. Stay in touch to keep improving!

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Editorials

The News Reporter, Monday, March 21 2016

Positive bond vote a win for progress

In most years, the \$2 billion bond issue to improve university facilities, medical schools, community colleges, infrastructure, the North Carolina National Guard and state parks, would have been a sure thing.

But in a year of topsy-turvy politics where a good number of the electorate seems angry at just about anything, supporters of Connect NC had to be a little nervous going into Tuesday's referendum.

Fortunately, reasonable heads prevailed and the referendum passed by a nearly two-thirds majority statewide, a number mirrored in Columbus County.

South-eastern Community College

Community College, which essentially has no money to do anything other than make repairs because it gets its capital funding from the county, will be a major beneficiary.

The college will receive \$6.8 million to renovate the Advanced Manufacturing and Technologies Career Center, renovate the Student Services and Health Technologies areas, and improve science labs and classrooms.

These improvements will allow the college to better teach students the skills they need to compete for 21st Century jobs.

The bond puts \$1 billion toward UNC system campuses. The state has long invested money in its vaunted public university system, and it's paid off many times over.

One group opposed to the referendum, "N.C. Against the Bond," interestingly noted that, "Out-of-control government spending is robbing from our children's future."

That's a hard logic to swallow, especially when a great majority of the money is going to improve higher education in areas like science, math, technology and medicine.

Fortunately, two of three North Carolinian voters understood that the bond is an investment in the state's future and chose not to take the "against everything" mindset that's darkened some corners of the electorate.

Stoll was a loving guidance counselor

There are many wonderful teachers who make lasting impressions on their students.

By the nature of their profession, however, guidance counselors must take a broader approach, dealing with students in brief, passing segments of time.

Gayle Stoll, who died last week, was one of those guidance counselors who connected with many, many students and their parents or guardians in her years at Whiteville Primary.

Stoll, who was a kind soul by nature, provided the empathy, love and caring that the youngest students, those in K-3, need on a daily basis.

The "Pencil Lady," as she was called, was always there with calm, reassuring words, and yes, a pencil, if a student was under duress or needed a helping hand.

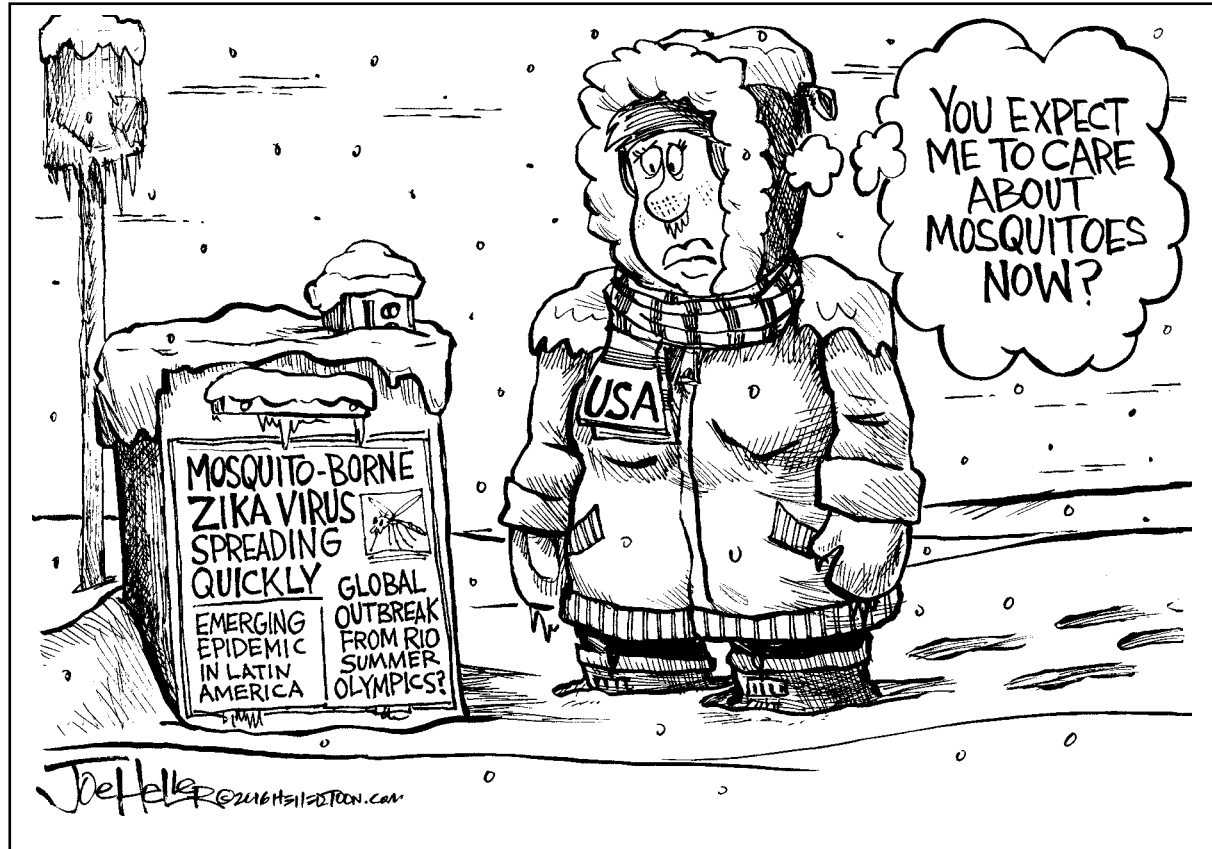
The K-3 years are so important in the development of young lives, and guidance counselors are often more social workers than anything.

Stoll touched the lives of hundreds of Primary students, many of whom came from very difficult situations and needed her constant, loving touch.

Quote of the week

"He helped keep Whiteville viable for a long time. He was pro-downtown, pro-chamber of commerce, pro-local and pro-education. He always had a keen interest in young people and their educations."

— News Reporter publisher Jim High on longtime Whiteville businessman and civic leader Pebo Collier, who died last week at the age of 78.



Songs that tell a story

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

The lady in front of me in traffic the other day – I know her well, and she'd be embarrassed if I mentioned her name—was obviously enjoying her music on a bright spring afternoon.

She was dancing from one side of her seatbelt to the other, and I applauded both her performance and lack of concern with the opinions of her fellow drivers. I couldn't quite hear the song that had so enervated her drive home, but it didn't involve caterwauling, eardrum-shattering bass, or a stuttering vibrato that would have caused a DJ like Miss Rhonda to dive for the arm on the turntable, lest the vinyl be indelibly scratched and ruined.

During his famous "walkout" from Burma during World War II, Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell commented to his aide that he missed music on the march.

Two of the better histories of that epic march describe how Stilwell told of singing on the march in World War I, and how it lifted the spirits of the soldiers. A short time later, the nurses attached to the refugee train began an a cappella concert that lasted through the days and weeks of hardship that lay ahead of the brave group. Sure enough, morale improved.

Humans have sung since the dawn of time; theologians and Bible scholars disagree over whether Adam or Moses sang the first song to the Lord. Some African and Native American tribes required children to learn musical histories of their family trees before being considered adults. My own Welsh and Irish ancestors were famous—some might say infamous—for their musical proclivity.

I can't recall a time when there wasn't music in my family. Some of our scant neighbors in Keener didn't recognize or understand Mother's love of classical, opera and Broadway music, just as Mother and Papa couldn't understand my brother Mike's love of the Stones, Three Dog Night and Steppenwolf. Many folks were kind of neutral on my sister's obsession with the Carpenters. The Old Man loved Dixieland and Big Band music, having professionally played both during a time when musicians were often paid in alcohol. Although he hadn't had a drink in decades, and wasn't proud of

having been such an enthusiastic tippler, he could describe the stories behind even the most obscure instrumentals, as well as his own memories of hearing or playing them.

Being a typical suspicious teenager, I checked Papa's version of the backstories, and they were usually spot-on. Thankfully, there was no reference material save his memory on his own adventures which were resurrected by a trumpet solo, a saxophone bridge, or a crashing, swinging chorus introduced by a crescendo that went from three-quarter to six-eight time in two shakes of a conductor's baton.

Regarding those stories—I can't help but think, bad habits aside, that Uncle Winnie would have been fun to have around, provided one had plenty of bail money, and could avoid Aunt Martha's wrath. He may have been the originator of the phrase, "Hold my drink and watch this," except that Uncle Winnie would never have let loose of his bottle of bootleg whiskey. But Uncle Winnie is a column for another day.

It was natural, I guess, that I would marry a music lover. When we met, Miss Rhonda was a disc jockey (at a radio station, a real radio station where people talked on the air. While they had those newfangled CDs, they still spun records. MP recordings were still on the drawing board.

I was grumbling at hearing some pop song the other day, about how it seemed to have no message, no story and no reason for being recorded. The primary purposes of the song seemed to be to demonstrate the singer's range (digitally manipulated, of course); ability to maintain vibrato (possibly digital as well); and to describe her desire to get to know the subject of the song in a more intimate manner. I think that part might have been real, or at least part of a very skilled marketing campaign.

Perhaps I am being unfair -- a failing which, when it comes to music, I cheerfully embrace -- but

modern songs too often lack a story.

Music should tell a story, whether it be the rousing "Holy City," describing John's revelation, a Marty Robbins' hero defending law and order with his "Big Iron," a Gullah "Sea Shout," or the haunting drum chant "Korea," a tribute to American Indian soldiers who died in that war.

Any song can tell a story, and should. I don't mean only ballads and such; a heartbreak song is as much of a story as one of those overused and often poorly sung wedding promise anthems. Amazing Grace is as much of a story as At The Cross. Whether it is of love lost or found, success or failure, defeat or victory, growing up or growing old, a song should be a story. The genre doesn't matter—you can find literary genius everywhere from Southern rock to contemporary Christian, classic country to modern hip-hop.

I personally am particularly partial to some modern Christian music, Southern rock, or Chicago and St. Louis blues, but the music in our old record cabinet, the ever-tumbling stack of CDs, and the player on my phone is eclectic, to say the least. The Wayans' hymn sung in Swahili has as much right to a place as Jethro Tull, Kay Kaiser, Johnny Cash, Phil Gerard or either Patricia (Cline or Benatar). Phil Collins and Lynard Skynard are old friends, as are Sonny Boy Williamson, Chris LeDoux, Weird Al Yankovich and Gorge Strait. The primitive Gaelic of Clannah an Drummh belongs beside the Eagles, along with Etta James and the Dorsey Brothers.

I tried to find the story line in a couple of modern songs lately, just to satisfy my curiosity, and even with the magical assistance of an allegedly accurate lyric site on the Internet, I could find little or nothing of value.

And before you call me names, let me point out the songs I looked up were what passes for country music nowadays, although the line between country and pop has long since blurred into a muddy mess of manipulated madness that seems to involve consuming large quantities of alcohol in hopes that everyone will have fun, bend a few laws, and perhaps some young woman will remove her clothing.

Or were those songs on a pop station? I really couldn't tell -- but I'm fair to middlin' sure not a one of them was a song that told a story.

Wedding to remember

BY RAY LUNDY
Special to The News Reporter

Yesterday, several of us gathered at the home of Robert and Loretta Edwards for a joyous occasion—a wedding. Members of the Edwards family of Cherry Grove have been my friends for years.

A few years back David's father, Sonny Boy, began attending our church in Fair Bluff.

He lived and worked in South Carolina, but often he came back to his home near Fair Bluff. Often, David accompanied his dad to our church, Fair Bluff Baptist.

Sonny Boy contracted a rare form of lung cancer, and the disease took its toll on him quickly. Linda and I traveled to his house to visit and pray with him. Some men of our church visited him also. However, during Sonny Boy's ill-

ness, a splendid woman was hired to help care for Sonny Boy. Penny was her name.

And, during that time David fell in love with Penny. After Sonny Boy's death, David and Penny continued seeing each other.

Recently, David's health deteriorated, and after tests it was discovered that David had the same rare form of lung cancer.

His heart was broken. David called me to tell me of his sickness and to pray for him on a regular basis, which I have. He has taken the chemo treatments, and soon will begin radiation treatments.

David called Sunday and told me that he would be coming to Fair Bluff at midday. "I have a favor to ask you, preacher. I am going to make my funeral arrangements when I get to town. After that, will you marry Penny and me? I

want to do the wedding at Robert's house. We already have the marriage license. Will you?" I told him that I would not miss it for the world. "Yes, I will!"

In Robert's yard, in the glorious sunshine, in front of a beautiful camellia bush, David and Penny exchanged vows and rings and became husband and wife.

There were few dry eyes; it was a wonderful wedding.

David and Penny spoke privately: "Will you bury me, preacher?" "It will be an honor, my buddy." David, Penny, and I wrapped arms around each other and wept. "I love you, preacher." "I love you too, David- Penny."

I walked to my truck, drove away, and cried halfway home. It was a wedding to remember.

David and Penny, live each day to the fullest. We're praying.

Contrarians, protestors and disruptors

By TOM CAMPBELL

The 2016 election cycle is one of the wildest and strangest we've seen, especially the presidential contests. In recent days these campaigns have raised interesting questions about protest and disruption.

Former Senate leaders Trent Lott and Tom Daschle speak to those points in their insightful new book, *Crisis Point*. In the introduction they say, "The adversarial system of government, was meant to spur debate, challenge complacency, and drive progress. It has sustained our Republic for over 225 years, but we have to face a sad truth: it has stopped working. In fact, it has begun to work against us."

These two, from opposing parties and political perspectives, assert that partisan rancor has replaced reasoned debate and whether deliberate or unintentional the media has become a forum for voices to shout at each other, without facing one another, in an ever-escalating arms race that airs the extremes at such deafening levels it drowns out everything and everyone else in between.

Daschle and Lott remind us that our differences and diversity are a large part of what has made America the great nation we love. Our founding fathers established a climate that encouraged contrarians, stimulated argument and that very process has sustained us. Disparate interests competed with and checked each other. "The pulling from both sides is intended to create a strong whole, just as two opposing forces pulling a rope tightens that rope. However, too much tension breaks the rope entirely, an apt metaphor for where we find ourselves," the authors say.

We should never forget the lengthy and heated arguments the Continental Congress conducted regarding separation from England, arguments that resulted in the Declaration of Independence. Author Joseph Ellis remembers "a decade-long shouting match" in the 1790s that produced our Constitution and Bill of Rights. Both helped unify 13 disparate colonies into a strong nation, while not allowing government to become so powerful we felt the need to revolt all over again.

Today's contrarians and protestors should be encouraged and are not, as some suggest, tearing us apart. They are voices to which we need to actively listen. Our very existence and strength has come from these necessary and valuable arguments. With the exception of The Civil War, people of good will seeking the common good have always come together to find those things we can agree upon and find compromise, a word with an undeserved bad name.

What has historically been - and should continue to be - perhaps our biggest virtue, the ability to disagree, is devolving into our great failing. The First Amendment guarantees every citizen the right to protest and advocate for or against issues they believe important, but it does not offer that guarantee when that protest becomes disruptive. This belief that one side can only win when the other side loses runs counter to our history, is unproductive and impedes any hope of reaching win-win progress for the common good. We see it in our Congress, in many legislatures and Town Halls.

Lott and Daschle contend we need to take the time to develop chemistry among those with whom we differ, have the courage to listen to them, demonstrate true leadership and vision through finding compromise. Our continued greatness demands we return to those long-held practices and back down from this crisis point.

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



Tom Campbell



Jefferson Weaver



Tanner Benton of Wilmington shows off one of his restored tractor engines during Southern Farm Days at Lake Waccamaw this past weekend.

Zone

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Clark, Marion County administrator Tim Harper, Horry County administrator Chris Eldridge, Tabor City town manager Al Leonard, Steve Yost of the regional economic development group North Carolina's Southeast, Jeff McKay of the NESA regional economic development group in South Carolina and former N.C. senator Michael Walters are among the people serving on the committee.

Worley said he was "absolutely amazed" at the level of participation in the meeting. "We were only able to give a couple of days' advance notice of the teleconference," he said, "but participation was substantial. Only two people were not able to participate due to schedule conflicts."

He said that before the next teleconference, "Everybody's going to do their own research and we'll reconvene the subcommittee again for the purpose of reporting back to the full committee what we hope to accomplish in terms of identifying economic incentives to recruit industry to the region."

The group will be looking at existing resources, such as

the state departments of commerce in North Carolina and South Carolina. Economic development offices in the participating counties, economic development representatives of R.J. Corman, representatives of towns and cities along the rail line and participants from private businesses will be contacted and part of the process.

Attorneys specializing in economic development projects and engineers specializing in site certification will be utilized and they'll be working to blend the legal requirements to make things happen.

At the request of Corman's Henderson, the subcommittee will look at whether funds can be obtained from the states for the purpose of acquiring property. Establishment of investment tax credits in both states and the creation of local tax incentives for new and existing expanding businesses are the focus. Plans to get properties site ready with utilities are part of the project. Federal and state grants are being considered.

The railroad is working closely with Rick Edwards,

chairman of the Columbus Jobs Foundation and vice-chair of the Interstate Railroad Committee, Columbus County economic developer Gary Lanier and Columbus County manager Bill Clark.

"I can't emphasize enough how impressed we have been working with such quality people," Henderson said. "The committee really accomplished the impossible by getting the previous owner of the railroad to sell, they really did. You can't do the impossible if you don't try, and this group has gotten absolutely incredible results on everything they've tried to do."

Henderson said, "I have been in business 31 years and in my lifetime I have never seen as progressive a group as you folks have working down there. I believe it's important that people understand that."

"At the end of the day, it's all about jobs and the vehicle for that is going to be that railroad," Edwards said. "That's the best vehicle we've had in years. If we can get that railroad in a profitable position, it's going to do so much for Columbus, Horry and

Marion counties. . . I thought (Thursday's teleconference) was fantastic due to the fact that two states are coming together to try and achieve a common goal: jobs. If we can offer the right incentive plan, industry will come, jobs will be created and Columbus, Horry and Marion counties will be better places in the future."

In other matters, Edwards said an announcement concerning the former Georgia Pacific plant between Whiteville and Chadbourne is "very close." Any announcement probably would come from the governor's office, he said, but "I feel highly confident that an announcement will be made soon. "We're pretty confident something will be happening, hopefully in the next 90 to 120 days."

DID YOU KNOW?

The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year.



CCYFA gives to Boy Scouts

Columbus County Youth and Families Association board member Meleah Evers presents a donation to Dalton Dockery for the Boys Scouts breakfast fundraiser. CCYFA supports other organizations that are promoting programs and providing services to residents of Columbus County. The ultimate goal is to assist in the building of a wellness center to benefit everyone from birth to senior citizens. For more information contact Rhonda Dutton 640-8080, Meleah Evers 840-9295 or Selena Rowell 445-6031. The organization meets the first Tuesday of each month at Dale's of Whiteville.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS ON U.S. 74/76 AT HALLSBORO ROAD (S.R. 1001) BY UPGRADING THE AT-GRADE INTERSECTION TO AN INTERCHANGE IN COLUMBUS COUNTY

TIP Project No. R-5749

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold an informal public meeting regarding the proposed improvements on U.S. 74/76 at Hallsboro Road (S.R. 1001) by upgrading the at-grade intersection to an interchange in Columbus County.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Hallsboro Church of God, 312 Giles Byrd Road.

The purpose of the project is to allow traffic flow better and safer due to the reduction in conflict points.

The purpose of this meeting is for NCDOT representatives to provide information, and answer questions regarding this project. The opportunity to submit written comments will also be provided at the meeting or by mail no later than April 5. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Note: There will not be a formal presentation.

Project maps are available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/public-meetings/>.

For additional information, contact Scott Pridgen, Division Project Manager at P.O. Box 1150, Fayetteville, NC, 28302, by phone: (910) 437-2611 or by e-mail at gspridgen@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Anamika Laad at alaad@ncdot.gov or 919-707-6072 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

NCDOT will provide interpretive services upon request for persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English. Kindly request it prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

Solar

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ing," he said, "but the owners of the company contacted me, and it was a good deal. I'm just trying to get a return on my investment. I'm satisfied the company is reputable. I checked into them, and looked up everything they told me."

"All I could do with it now is farm it, or put in 200 or 300 mobile homes," he said. "I couldn't afford to do that—the market isn't there anyway."

A former realtor and developer, Butler said he would be involved only in a project "that had a good reputation."

"I'm 82 years old, and I have worked hard to keep a good name," he said. "I was involved in developments in Myrtle Beach, Little River, and other places. I wouldn't get into something that would hurt someone."

Butler dismissed complaints that property values in the Southwood area would be negatively affected by a solar farm.

"This thing would be closer to me than to some of them," he said. "There's a buffer. These things aren't bad for neighborhoods, and they're good for the environment. Do you think I'd intentionally do that to myself, much less anybody else?"

Having grown up on a "one horse, plug mule tobacco farm" near Pleasant Plains, Butler said he understands the

narrow margins conventional farm operations face.

"This is a chance for people to keep their farms, even when people don't want to farm anymore," he said. "It's just not worth it to some folks anymore."

He noted that previous solar farms have been approved by the county and municipalities, "and nobody said a word. "You never heard of any opposition," he said.

"Then these people just come out and complain. When the family sold me the land, everybody was happy. I never kept any secrets that I was planning to develop it someday."

While solar farms have been growing in popularity across the state and nation, critics have pointed out the potential long-term problems with the facilities.

Dr. Ron Heiniger, a professor of Crop Science at N.C. State University, came under fire last week in the media for his caution about solar farms.

In an online article run as an op-ed column in a number of publications, Heiniger advises farmland owners to the closely question solar farm developers on long-term issues such as mowing, chemical runoff or waste disposal for farms using livestock to mow between panels, and cleanup of heavy metals and concrete

pylons when leases run out. Many contracts do not cover such concerns, he said, and could lead to major problems further down the line.

Beaufort County State Sen. Bill Cook has called for the General Assembly to consider further restrictions on solar farms, telling the News and Observer, "Once farmland is converted to use for solar farms, it's not coming back."

Butler said that Columbus County needs positive development, and solar farming can provide that for the area, especially on property not suitable for other types of development.

"Farming isn't the income it used to be," he said. "We need jobs in this county, and revenues. Solar energy is going to be everywhere someday. They explained to me that electricity can go from 76.2 cents per kilowatt to 7.6 cents. There will be cars running on the sun before we know it. It's coming."

Butler said he isn't sure what his next steps will be, if the city council upholds the planning board vote.

"I talked with DOT (the Department of Transportation) and they told me access would be limited there when the four-lane is finished," he said. "There isn't much you can do with the land that will give you a return."



Ginger Bass, Drake Ward, Cadence Sasser, Kenadee Hill, Cheyenne Gore. Back row: The Cat in the Hat-Drake Harper, Rendi Woo Hoo-Randi Simmons, Sabrina Ward.



The Cat in the Hat- Drake Harper, Rendi Woo Hoo-Randi Simmons, Oscar and Pedro Zamora.



Pedro Zamora and Yaritza Hernandez



C.J. Boone



Emma Ward and her mother.



Will Jacobs



The Cat in the Hat and Rendi Woo Hoo.

Old Dock hosts literacy night

Old Dock Elementary School hosted a K-2 Family Literacy and Math Night on March 10.

Kindergarten, first, and

second-graders participated in the school's Dr. Seuss themed event. Parents had an opportunity to see what is happening at the school

and receive tips to help their children at home. The Cat in the Hat made an appearance. Third, fourth, and fifth-grade students and parents

are invited to family night on Thursday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at the school.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The three most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English.

- Everyone on Earth is born with the ability to wiggle their ears. If they don't learn how to at an early age, the muscles atrophy and the ability disappears.

- In 1903, the Wright brothers flew for 59 seconds. Thirty-eight years later, the Japanese navy bombed Pearl Harbor. Twenty-eight years after that, the United States landed on the moon.

- More movies produced in India than Hollywood.



Contest Winner

The News Reporter's Dental Health Coloring Contest 6-9 winner in the 6-9 category is Jhaziyah Smith. Jhaziyah is 6 years old and is a student at Columbus Charter School. Her parents are Jeremy and Sheekta Smith. Jhaziyah won a \$50 savings bond from The News Reporter.



Contest Winner

The News Reporter's Dental Health Coloring Contest in the 5 years and under category is Emmi Fowler. Emmi is 5 years old and is a student at Williams Township. Her parents are Dustin and Nicole Fowler. Emmi won a \$50 savings bond from The News Reporter.

Hospice offers free healing arts workshop for daughters

Lower Cape Fear Hospice will offer a free healing arts workshop for adult daughters who have lost their mothers. It will be 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 9, at Angel House Hospice Care Center, 206 Warrior Trail Road in Whiteville.

This workshop is for daughters who have lost their mothers at any age. Participants will have an opportunity to create art and write in a jour-

nal about memories. Each will receive a take-home journal to continue grief-work.

Registration is required. For more information and to register, call 796-8056. When leaving a message, leave your name, phone number and indicate the specific program you wish to attend. Sessions are free but donations are appreciated.

Lower Cape Fear Hospice

is a nonprofit agency that provides healthcare and comfort to people with advanced illnesses, support and counseling to families and education to the community in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender counties in North Carolina, and Horry County in South Carolina. For more information, visit www.lcfh.org or [facebook.com/lcfhospice](https://www.facebook.com/lcfhospice)

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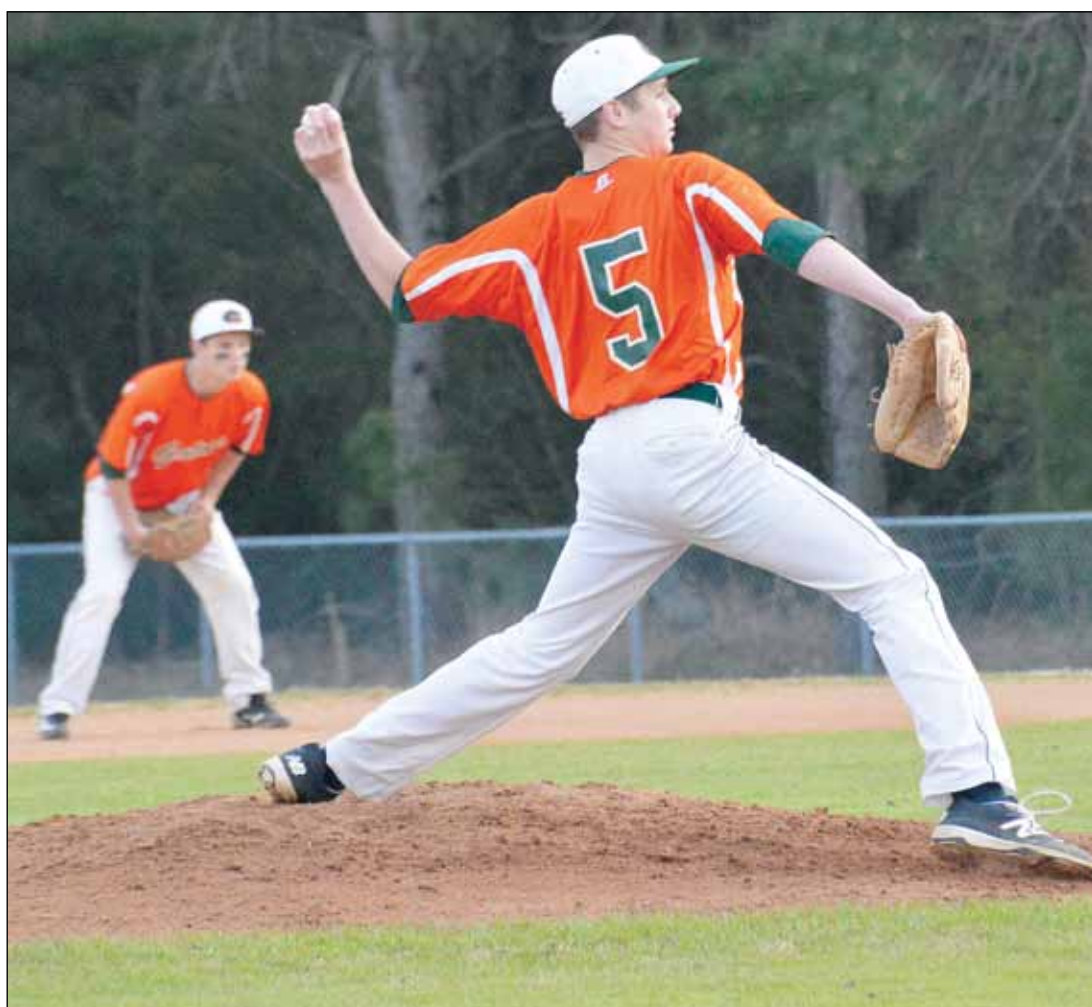


Photo by Hannah Bullock

Alex Moore pitches for the East Columbus Gators in Friday night's Three Rivers Conference baseball game with visiting South Robeson. At left is ECHS first baseman Bradley Olson. Olson came on in relief to get credit for the pitching victory as the Gators downed the South Robeson team 3-2 in eight innings for their first victory of the season.

Fairmont nips Stallions 2-1

FAIRMONT -Two fourth-inning errors by the South Columbus Stallions enabled the host Fairmont Golden Tornadoes to get the runs they needed Friday in a 2-1 Three Rivers Conference baseball win.

South Columbus, which saw its record slip to 2-2 in the conference and 4-3 for the season, scored its lone run in the top of the fourth inning on a run-scoring double by Austin Cartrette.

Garrett Wilson went the distance on the mound for Coach Bradley Strickland's Stallions, getting involved in a strong pitchers' duel

with Fairmont's Tyler Musselwhite.

Fairmont saw its conference record climb to 3-1 and go 6-1 for the season.

"We've been involved in a lot of one-run games this season," Strickland said. "We mainly need to start eliminating some of the fielding problems we've had."

South Columbus will entertain St. Pauls tonight and travel to play Red Springs on Wednesday. Both games are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Fairmont will play a key conference game tonight at Red Springs and will play host to East Columbus on Tuesday.

Stallion golfers dominate TRC meet

South Columbus High School golfers Wesley Bryant, Matthew Register and Anthony Cartrette came across with the lowest individual scores to take a commanding victory in last week's Three Rivers Conference match at Land-O-Lakes.

Bryant finished with a one-over-par 73 to claim medalist honors while Register and Cartrette each carded 77s. Hugh Smith came in with a 92

to give the Stallions a match total of 319.

Fairmont took second place in the team standings with a total of 346. Zack Parker led the Golden Tornadoes with an 86.

Red Springs was third with a 388 while Whiteville and St. Pauls finished in a tie for fourth place with 391s.

South Robeson finished in sixth place with a 398 while match host West Columbus had a 439 total.

Fairmont's Josh Daniels and Daniel Leonard each had 89s. Matthew Townsend turned in a 90 to lead Whiteville golfers.

Jeffrey Chavis was low scorer for Red Springs with a 96, followed by teammates Caleb McMillan and Preston Locklear with 97s.

South Robeson's Jacoby Sweat had a 94 and West Columbus' Matt Edwards had a 114.

Girls soccer round-up South Columbus edges West Columbus



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Whitney Ward (above) scored the lone goal for South Columbus in the Lady Stallions' soccer win over West Columbus last week.

Whitney Ward's put back of Amanda Watts' shot on goal was the only score as South Columbus downed West Columbus 1-0.

Stallion coach Andrew Rice said, "Our defense was outstanding. We kept West Columbus out of the box, limited their shots and finished strong."

South improves to 2-3-1 overall. They traveled to play Loris, S.C., on Monday. West fell to 1-4-1 overall and 0-2 in conference play.

Red Springs 7 East Columbus 0

East Columbus was shut out by Red Springs 7-0. The Gators will look for their first win today when they host St. Pauls.

Whiteville 5 Scotland County 2.

Thursday, Whiteville evened its overall record at 4-4 with a 5-2 victory over 4A Scotland County. Madison Hinson led the Wolfpack with two goals and two assists.

Mia Shelley scored twice. Ashley Carter contributed a goal and an assist.

Cailin Baldwin had three saves in goal for Whiteville.

Whiteville plays Red Springs today and will host Aynor, S.C., Tuesday.

Gators top SRHS in 8 innings

LAKE WACCAMAW - A huge cheer along with a strong sigh of relief erupted from the East Columbus High School baseball partisans Friday night when East Columbus pinch-hitter Quentin Malpass was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth inning.

The one-out pitch off Malpass brought home Cade Andrews from third base with the game-winning run. It gave host East Columbus its first win in eight games this season by a 3-2 score over Three Rivers Conference rival South Robeson.

"At this point, we'll take it any way we can get it," said Gator head baseball coach Brad Smith. "It wasn't pretty, but our kids kept battling."

"Our team needed a win in a big way and tonight we got it," said Smith, whose squad on the previous evening had fallen to North Brunswick 5-4 in a non-conference game at Leland.

"We're hoping this is a confidence builder for us in what lies ahead," he added.

The win puts the Gators at 1-3 in the Three Rivers Conference standings and 1-7 for the season.

East Columbus, which won only three games last season, got productive pitching performances by junior Alex Moore and senior Bradley Olson, both left-handers.

Olson came on in the sixth inning to relieve Moore and picked up the win. They combined to allow six hits and struck out six batters.

Designated hitter Travin Squires and outfielder Thomas Yates each had two of the Gators' seven hits. Cade Andrews ripped a double.

Zach Carter had two hits for South Robeson while Bronger Jones and Zach Campbell had doubles.

South Robeson took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning when

Jones doubled scored on a double steal.

The Mustangs made the score 2-0 in the sixth inning when Campbell led off with his double and later scored on a single by Daquan Patterson.

East Columbus tied the score in the bottom of the seventh inning. Bray McKeithan and Hunter Reaves both reached on errors and each scored on a double by Andrews and a single by Squires.

In the bottom of the eighth, Andrews led off with a walk. Squires bunted and was safe at first on a fielding error by the pitcher and Jamieon Brown followed with a walk on a 3-2 pitch to load the bases.

One out later, Quentin Malpass was hit by the first pitch he saw to bring Andrews home with the winning run.

East Columbus will play at Whiteville tonight at 7.

WHS bounces Bulldogs to put TRC mark at 4-0

ST. PAULS - The Whiteville High baseball team yielded its first run in four conference games to date Thursday as it topped the host St. Pauls Bulldogs 11-1 in a Three Rivers Conference baseball game.

Coach Brett Harwood's Wolfpack put its Three Rivers Conference record at 4-0 and its season record at 5-2.

The Wolfpack scored eight of its runs in the final two innings.

Sophomore right-hander Brooks Baldwin turned in a complete game on the pitcher's mound while senior outfielder Grayson Ward had two hits for the Wolfpack, which has won 18 consecutive TRC regular-season games since the start of last season.

The two-time defending state 1A champion Whiteville team scored single runs in the second, third and fourth innings and yielded the St. Pauls

run in the third inning.

The Wolfpack brought across three runs in the sixth inning and five more in the seventh to put the game well out of reach.

St. Pauls, which went winless last season, has shown vast improvement this year as it now holds a 2-2 record in conference play and is 4-3 overall.

The Wolfpack will play host to county rival East Columbus on Monday.

Red Springs sinks Vikings

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

CERRO GORDO - After two batters in the bottom of the first inning, West Columbus held a 2-0 lead over Red Springs. The future looked rosy.

The Red Devils had other ideas. They bunched five hits, a walk, a hit batsman and an error into the second and third innings to take a 6-2 lead. The Vikings threatened several times in the remaining innings but could only manage a single run in the seventh before falling 6-3.

Gage Hammonds' towering two-run homer followed Coby Williamson's lead-off single, giving West Columbus a 2-0 first-inning lead. Red Springs countered with a single, infield error, hit batter, a run-scoring fielder's choice and another single to take a 3-2 lead. All three runs were unearned. The Red Springs third frame featured a single, a walk, an RBI single and a two-run triple that produced a 6-2 advantage.

Red Springs starting pitcher Antwaun McNeill lived dangerously through his five-inning stint. The Vikings left two runners on in the second and fourth innings and the bases loaded in the fifth. McNeill's saving grace was six of the seven runners reached base with two outs. West Columbus could not come up with the two-out hit to tighten the game.

Meanwhile, C.J. Coleman had come in to

relieve starter Cole Benton with one on and no outs in the fourth. Coleman allowed a single on his first pitch. He then retired 12 of the final 13 batters he faced. West Columbus added a run in the seventh off Red Devil reliever Hunter Lowery. Gage Hammonds walked. Trey Benton's hard liner to center was caught. Dawson Elliott's liner to right-center was not. When the outfielders misjudged the speed of the ball, it rolled to the fence and Elliott had a triple, scoring Hammonds. Lowery bore down and struck out the final two hitters to secure the 6-3 Red Devil victory.

Coby Williamson had two hits for West Columbus. Other Vikings with hits were Marvin Edge, Hunter Norris and Ozzy Johnson. Starter Cole Benton gave up seven hits, struck out six batters, hit and walked a batter. Coleman allowed two hits and struck out six of the free-swinging Red Devils in his four innings of work.

Red Springs improves to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in TRC play. West Columbus drops to 6-3 and 1-3 in conference action.

Red Springs	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	9	2
WCHS	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	1

McNeill, Lowery (6) and Mack; Cole Benton, Coleman (4) and Norris
WP: McNeill, Save: Lowery, LP: Cole Benton



Photo by Grant Merritt

West Columbus High School infielder Gage Hammonds (right) crosses home plate following his first-inning home run that also scored Coby Williamson (foreground left) for a 2-0 first-inning lead over the visiting Red Springs Red Devils in Friday night's Three Rivers Conference baseball game at West Columbus. The Red Springs squad came across with six runs over the next two innings to chalk up a 6-3 win over the Vikings.



Lady Gator swing

Photo by Hannah Bullock

East Columbus High School softball player Kirklyn Wayne strides into a pitch in Friday's Three Rivers Conference game with visiting South Robeson. South Robeson defeated the Lady Gators 4-3 in eight innings. On Thursday, Coach Morgan Jacobs' ECHS squad took an 8-4 non-conference road victory over North Brunswick. ECHS has a 2-2 record in conference play and a 5-3 overall mark. The Lady Gators will travel to take on Whiteville tonight at 7 and will entertain Fairmont on Wednesday at 7.

Lady Pack clouts way past St. Pauls

ST. PAULS - Kourtney Grainger and Sage McLelland each had a home run and a double on Friday as the Whiteville High School softball team remained unbeaten with a 13-1 win over host St. Pauls.

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

Ivy and Hayes and Santana Best combined to pitch a two-hitter for Coach Olivia Scott's WHS team, which improved to 4-0 in conference play and 8-0 for the season.

Raeganne Sholar had three hits, including a triple, while Hayes had two hits with a double. Eden Brown added two hits for Whiteville.

Whiteville scored three runs in the first inning, four in the second, one in the third and five in the fifth inning.

St. Pauls scored its lone run in the third inning as its conference record slipped to 0-5 and season record to 2-6.

The Whiteville squad,

which advanced to the state 1A championship series in 2014 and the Eastern N.C. Regional 1A finals last spring, will play host to East Columbus tonight at 7, and will also entertain South Robeson Wednesday at 7 in a pair of key Three Rivers Conference games.

The Lady Wolfpack's holiday schedule has the team taking on a pair of squads from Ohio that will be playing in the Conway-Myrtle Beach area.

Gators bow to North Brunswick in eighth

LELAND - North Brunswick's Landen Wright connected for a two-out, bases loaded single in the bottom of the eighth inning that lifted the host Scorpions to a 5-4 non-conference baseball win over the East Columbus Gators.

East Columbus, which suffered its seventh straight loss, held leads of 2-1 in the fifth inning and 4-1 in the sixth.

Cade Andrews went the full eight innings on the mound for the Gators, allowing four hits while striking out nine.

Bradley Olson connected for a double and Jamieon Brown drove in two runs. Bray McKeithan also added a key hit.

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Non-conference baseball

Hoggard turns back Wolfpack 6-4

Leaving nine runners on base, the Whiteville Wolfpack dropped a 6-4 non-conference baseball decision to Wilmington Hoggard last Wednesday at Legion Stadium.

Whiteville gained a 2-0 lead after three innings before the Hoggard squad battled back with multi-run efforts in the fourth, sixth and seventh innings.

The game ended with Hoggard center fielder J.P. Graham making a diving catch at the fence of a towering shot to deep left-center by the Wolfpack's Grayson Ward for the third out.

Whiteville's record fell to 4-2 while Hoggard improved to 5-1.

Sophomore Logan Adams picked up the win in relief of starter Austin Kenyon. Kenyon, a left-hander, played in the Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth League and at Central Middle School before his family moved to Wilmington.

Sophomore Dylan Lawson was the starting pitcher for Whiteville, going four innings and facing only nine batters through the first three innings.

Hunter Harwood, Connor Grainger and Ryan Flaherty each pitched an inning of relief.

Whiteville left fielder Nydir Carr drove a run-scoring double in the second inning and also scored a run, and Ward had a run-scoring single and also scored.

Grainger, Brooks Baldwin, Mackenzie Gore and Taylor Smith also had hits for Coach Brett Harwood's Wolfpack, which was coming off a 2-0 shut out of Three Rivers Conference rival Red Springs on Tuesday behind a no-hitter by Gore.

Hoggard catcher Matt Suggs had three hits, including a double. The Vikings of veteran head coach Jeep St. Ledger had four straight hits in the sixth inning that gave them the lead for good.

Graham and Zach Zebriskie each had two hits while Hunter Gaylord, Pantelis Poulos, Sam Schmidt and Rob Wilkerson had one hit each.

Whiteville head coach Brett Harwood said that Hoggard did a better job of taking advantage of scoring opportunities and that was the difference in the game.

"We left nine people on base and that usually won't beat a team like Hoggard," Harwood said.

"But on the other hand, some of our pitchers got the opportunity of throwing against a strong batting order, and hopefully that will help us somewhere down the line," he added.

Whiteville took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Baldwin led off with a single and Ward followed with a walk one out later. Carr followed with his double to right field that scored Baldwin and Carr later scored from third on a fly-out to right by Dylan Hamilton.

After Hoggard went ahead with three runs in the fourth, Whiteville battled back to tie the score in the bottom of the inning when Carr reached first base on an error and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Gore.

The final Wolfpack score came in the fifth when Baldwin reached base on a fielder's choice, advanced to second on a single by Smith and scored on a single by Ward.

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Austin Kenyon, Logan Adams (5) Matt Suggs; Dylan Lawson, Hunter Harwood (5); Connor Grainger (6), Ryan Flaherty (7) and Nick Hood.

a hit.

Jerome Beck was the winning pitcher as Hallsboro defeated Acme-Delco 15-5. The Tigers' Ashton Smith had three hits. Luke Watts and Garrett Jacobs added two.

Ethan Hinson's two-run, walk off single gave Cerro Gordo a 6-5 win over Williams.

Tabor City topped Evergreen 20-4.

In softball, Hannah Andrews was the winning

pitcher, striking out five in Hallsboro's 22-2 win over Acme-Delco.

Andrews also garnered three hits, including a triple. Alana Deal, Leah Nance, Makayla Webb and Alexis Jacobs each had two hits. Deal smacked a home run and Nance added a triple.

Williams downed Cerro Gordo 13-1. Tabor City defeated Evergreen 22-2. Central won 21-0 over Chadbourn.

Three Rivers Conference baseball, softball standings

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

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Hoggard 6, Whiteville 4
St. Pauls 6, East Bladen 3

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

West Columbus 7, South Brunswick 5
North Brunswick 5, East Columbus 4 (8 innings)

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

East Columbus 3, South Robeson 3 (8 innings)
Whiteville 11, St. Pauls 1
Red Springs 6, West Columbus, 3
Fairmont 2, South Columbus 1

TONIGHT'S GAMES

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

TUESDAY'S GAME

North Brunswick at West Columbus, 6

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

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

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

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT

East Bladen 12, St. Pauls 11

THURSDAY'S RESULT

East Columbus 8, North Brunswick 4

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

South Robeson 4, East Columbus 3 (8 innings)
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South Columbus at Red Springs, 7



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Southeastern Community College baseball player Josh Stikeleather pitches in the Rams' 5-3 win over the Methodist University JV last week.

SCC tops Methodist JV to move record at 7-9

Southeastern's Josh Stikeleather enjoyed a big day against Methodist. Stikeleather was the winning pitcher in game one.

He pitched a complete game, gave up five hits, struck out three and walked no one in the Rams' 5-3 victory.

Stikeleather had three hits in game two as SCC completed the sweep with an 11-1 win.

Also contributing to SCC's

game one win were Pete Bad-dick with two hits and an RBI and Cody Harris with a two-run single.

Game two saw the Rams belt out 14 hits. In addition to Stikeleather's three, Royce Woolfolk, Blake Glass and Christian Kercado had three hits.

Woolfolk drove in three runs and stole two bases. Tanner Daniels was the winning pitcher. Daniels allowed three

hits and walked one in four innings of relief.

Southeastern is now 7-9. They have won five of their last six games. Coach Milan Rasic's squad hosted New York's Sullivan County CC on Sunday in a doubleheader.

The Rams traveled to Rocky Mount today to play North Carolina Wesleyan's junior varsity in a doubleheader.

Lady Stallions claim fourth straight TRC win

FAIRMONT - Scoring 12 runs in the first three innings, the South Columbus Lady Stallions remained unbeaten in the Three Rivers Conference softball race Friday by taking a 14-1 victory over the host Fairmont Lady Golden Tornados.

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

Coach Scott Johnson's

SCHS team collected 12 hits, including three each by Anna Caroline Suggs and Victoria Harrelson.

Suggs drove in four runs while Harrelson drove home two.

Lindsey Jones had a triple and Mattie Johnson added two hits.

Johnson had two stolen

bases while Hailey Sarvis and Harrelson had one each.

Alexis Suggs was the winning pitcher as she allowed one hit and struck out two while not walking a batter. Harrelson and Hailey Sarvis each had two hits.

South Columbus will play host to St. Pauls tonight at 7,

Middle school, baseball softball round-up

The Central Middle baseball team defeated Chadbourn Thursday 15-0. Zach Hunt pitched a no-hitter, striking out nine batters.

The Hornets were led at the plate by Jake Harwood's triple and double. Lincoln Ransom and Logan Hooks also tripled. Jacob Allgood, Andrew Lewis, Colton Williams, Jake Inman, Giuliano Maggioli, Kevin Ezzell and Zack Ivey each contributed

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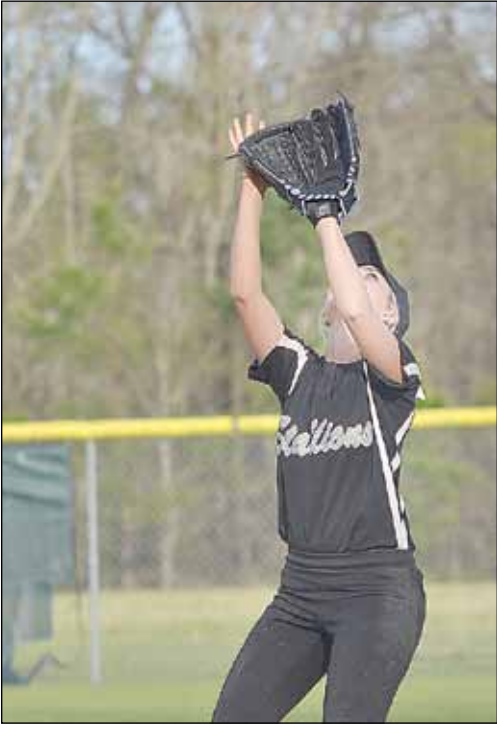
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Second baseman Morgan Nye concentrates on a pop up. Photo by Tina Chestnutt.



Ashley Washigton sprints to first base.



Kiara Wilson slides safely into second with a Wolfpack stolen base.



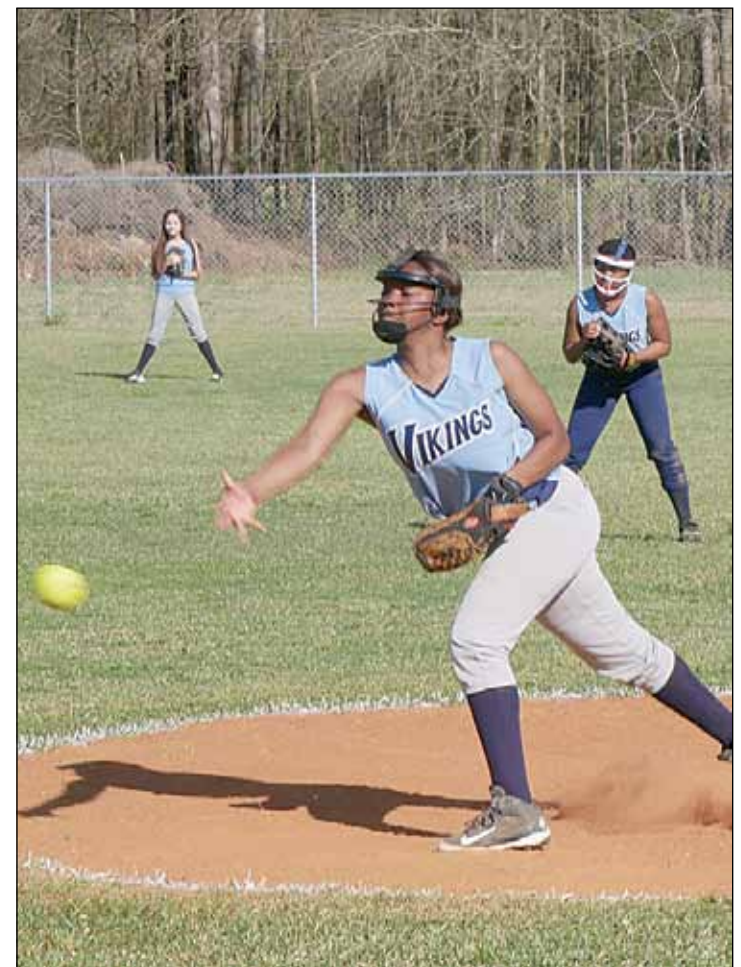
Caitlyn Andrews delivers for East Columbus.



Libby Blosser prepares to pitch for the Stallion JV softball team. Photo by Tina Chestnutt.



Carrie Ann Wilkins (2) dares the catcher to make a throw.



Jada Faison fires a fastball for West Columbus.



Jordan Thompson takes a rip for the Wolfpack JVs.



Rosalind Harper legs out a double for the Gators.

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Columbus County JV Baseball/Softball Standings

JV Softball			JV Baseball		
	Conference	Overall		Conference	Overall
WHS	4-0	5-1	ECHS	4-0	6-0
SCHS	3-0	5-0	SCHS	2-1-1	4-2-1
ECHS	2-1	3-2	WCHS	2-2	3-2
WCHS	0-4	0-4	WHS	2-2	2-3

Recent Results

Red Springs 14 at WCHS 2	RedSprings 8 at WCHS 13
SCHS 11 at Fairmont 1	SCHS 5 at Fairmont 5
WHS 21 at St. Pauls 2	WHS 9 at St. Pauls 4
ECHS idle	South Robeson 5 at ECHS 15

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Lake Waccamaw Board of Commissioners Notice of Special Called Meeting For immediate release

The Lake Waccamaw Board of Commissioners will conduct a called meeting on Tuesday March 22nd 2016, for the purpose preparing the 2016-2017 annual budget. The meeting will be held at the Lake Waccamaw State Park Auditorium at 8:30 AM. The public is encouraged to attend. Mayor Daniel Hilburn Town of Lake Waccamaw 205 Flemington Drive Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 (910) 646-3700 March 10, 21, 2016.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 16-SP-22 FOR THE ADOPTION OF: Katelyn Marie Huggins Smith BY: Samuel Adam Smith and Essie Faye Smith TO: Unknown Father, Respondent

LEGAL NOTICES

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed by Samuel Adam Smith and Essie Faye Smith on the 18th day of February, 2016, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, Whiteville, NC, in the above-entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child born on July 20, 2012 in McLeod Loris Seacoast Hospital, Loris, SC. The birth mother's name is Jackie Marie Smith Huggins. The place of conception is Columbus County, NC. TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the decree of adoption. This the 7th day of March, 2016. Tabitha A. Etheridge Attorney for Petitioners NC Bar #47023 Post Office Box 1307 Whiteville, NC 28472 March 7, 14, 21, 2016

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Look for your official entry form on the front page of the classified section or enter the contest online here: <http://newsreporter.secondstreetapp.com/Easteregg2016>
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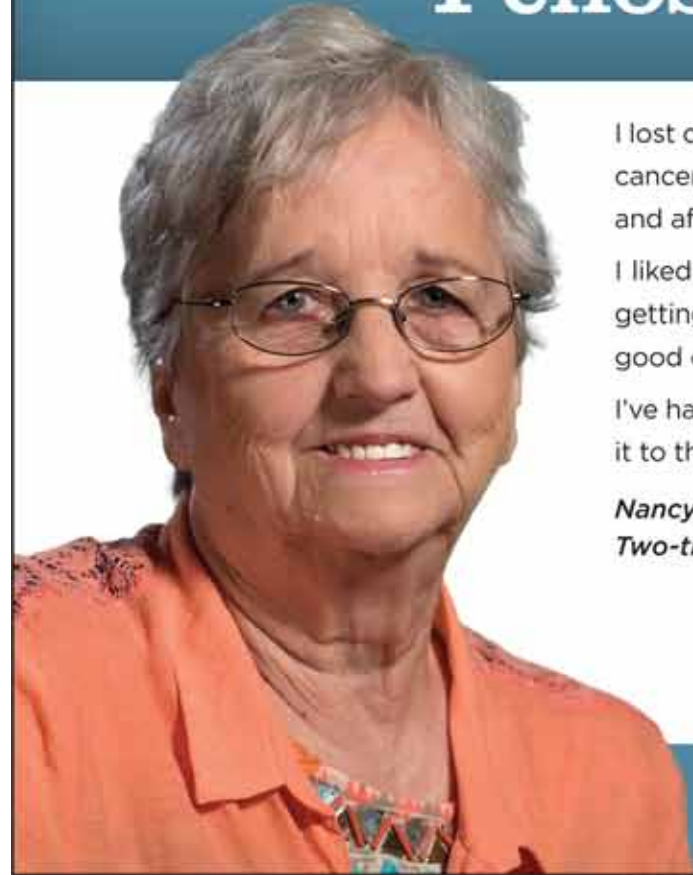
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