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Did you observe ...

Parties around town celebrating Valentine's Day and the mid-season return of "The Walking Dead" television show? ... Hugh Jones of Wilmington with possibly the coldest job on Saturday morning? Jones was holding a "going-out-of-business" sign for Family Dollar beside Sam Potts Highway in Lake Waccamaw, where the temps were in the 20s and the wind was whipping. He shift was from 11 to 4. ... Jim High wrestling a T-shirt away from another fan during a giveaway at a break during the N.C. State-Wake Forest basketball game Saturday. It was his first ballgame T-shirt, which he gave to Olivia Rogers. ...

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Bootleg CDS/DVDs worth thousands are seized here

■Father, son, third man arrested for dealing in more than 22,000 counterfeit CDs and DVDs.

By BOB HIGH
Staff Writer

A Whiteville man, his son from Chadbourn, and a third man from Cerro Gordo were arrested here Thursday by ALE agents and representatives of the N.C. Secretary of State's office for dealing in more than \$300,000 worth of counterfeit music albums and movies on CDs and DVDs.

A search-warrant raid was conducted Thursday afternoon by several Alcohol Law Enforcement officers, assisted by sheriff's deputies and Whiteville police on the home of Garry Tyrell McCray at 1862 Chadbourn Highway – a white building just west of the Whiteville Auto Auction.

Garry Tyrell McCray, 51, living at the same address, his son, Mark Anthony McCray, 25, of West Princess Street, Chadbourn, and Robbie Stephens, 44, of Cherry Grove Road, Cerro Gordo, were arrested on numerous counts each of dealing in CDs and DVDs pirated from original manufacturers.



Agents and law enforcement personnel remove armloads of illegal DVDs and CDs Friday.

22,000 tapes

"There were thousands of tapes in that building," an ALE agent said Thursday. Agents filled the bed of a large pickup truck, plus other vehicles to haul the counterfeit products Thursday afternoon to Wilmington where they were catalogued and held as evidence.

Friday, the ALE announced there were more than 22,000 bogus CDs and DVDs confiscated, with the value of the products placed at more than \$300,000. One agent said the typical cost for a music CD was \$5, and several undercover purchases

had been made from the building.

Agents said the search-warrant raid was the result of complaints, and undercover buys during a month's investigation. One agent said he was told bootleg items had been sold from the Chadbourn Highway location for at least 10 years.

Charges

Garry McCray, Mark McCray and Stephens are each charged with conspiracy to possess pirated audio and visual recordings, two counts each of failing to disclose the original

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Chadbourn wants to remove ABC board

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

A divided Chadbourn Town Council voted 3-2 Thursday night to find out how to remove the members of the West Columbus ABC System board.

Council members James Green, Colene Kelly and Rashad Roberts favored the action with Donald Ray Bass and David Worley voting no.

Green's original motion to "dissolve" the ABC board came at a special called meeting of the council Thursday.

Under the motion, which finally passed, town attorney Harold G. "Butch" Pope will investigate the proper legal procedure for removing the board and report to council.

Members of the town council were unhappy with financial statements from the ABC board presented earlier in the month. The ABC board did not share profits with the town for the fourth quarter of 2015.

ABC chairman Tony Freeman and member Hattie Kelly were present, but member Guy Long did not attend due to illness. CPA Alan Thompson accompanied ABC board members to the meeting.

While Thursday's meeting was called to discuss the financial statements, discussion centered on management decisions. The ABC board purchased its current store location recently and refused to deed the town a piece of vacant property the ABC board owns.

The ABC board, which always used rental property for its store, obtained the vacant

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Advanced manufacturing a major priority for SCC

■\$6.8 million could come from bond.

By NICOLE CARTRETTE
News Editor

On March 15, voters statewide will consider a \$2 billion bond referendum that will benefit the UNC System, agriculture, state parks, community colleges and water and sewer infrastructure projects.

It is about more than the \$6.8 million in capital funding it could bring to Southeastern Community College in President Dr. David Clarke's eyes.

It's about giving – giving students at SCC more training opportunities, giving local industries a better educated workforce, giving the county manufacturing programs that will attract new industry and giving economic development a boost, he said.

"What it means for us is really an opportunity to move the college forward," Clarke said. "If we can get this \$6.8 million we can really change how the college is a partner for economic development and educational attainment."

Advanced manufacturing

The college plans to create three centers within existing buildings at the college for advanced manufacturing technologies, electrical and energy technologies and construction trades.

Plans include an addition to the T-building to double the manufacturing simulation space and add technologies not currently offered at SCC.

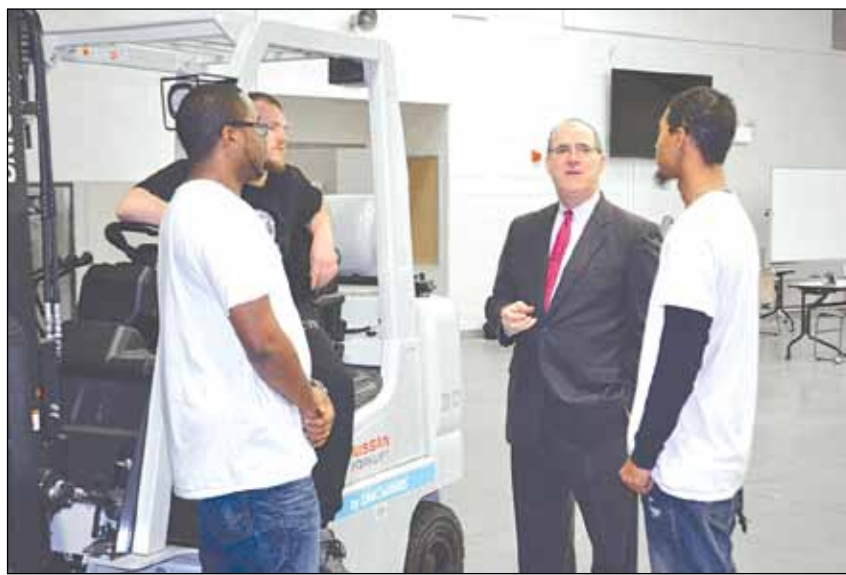
Hydraulics, pneumatics, enhanced mechanical training and mechatronics offerings would be added to provide more advanced training.

"Right now we don't have that equipment. We are pursuing money to get it and we need to put it somewhere," Clarke said.

He said SCC is focused on enhancing and adding programs that will benefit existing employers and attract new industry.

No new buildings

"We are not building new buildings," Clarke said. "We have a lot of needs in Columbus County and our board reprioritized things. Originally, our priority was a \$19 million building for advanced technology. I don't think that is probably a reasonable request right now in Columbus County, but (with the bond passage) we have \$6.8 million to expand this building and do some things in some technical areas and we will get what



Antonio Murdock, Logan Ward, SCC President Dr. David Clarke and Saladean Young.



A virtual welder gives beginning welding students at SCC practice before moving to authentic welding.

we need to do that."

Among those priorities are plans to renovate training areas like SCC's welding facilities.

Clarke said on a recent tour of Robeson Community College he couldn't help but see that the welding facilities there were more attractive.

"Their welding area is larger and better organized than ours; ours is smaller, it's old and probably could use a better ventilation system," he said.

'Oh, my goodness'

"I worked in the industry for 15 years," said Clarke, a former executive with General Mills. "If I went to Robeson's welding shop I'd say 'ok, this is a decent welding shop but if I went to our welding shop I'd say 'oh my goodness'."

Clarke said that has nothing to do with the quality of instruction SCC offers in welding.

"That does not talk about instruction, that talks about facility," he said. "We prepare welders but as you walk through and have to pick where you might locate your company, appearances go a long way. Welding probably jumps out at me because, even as president, I walk

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Wellness proposal draws fire

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Some residents are concerned about a proposal to put a countywide wellness center at Elizabeth Brinkley Park at Lake Waccamaw.

"It would be a big mistake to put this building at the park," Gray Rogers told the town board of commissioners Tuesday.

The Columbus County Youth and Family Associates (CCYFA) organization is in discussions with the town to put a public wellness center with a gym, pool, exercise areas and more at Brinkley Park as part of an expansion of the facility. The town received a donation of 26 acres last year to improve the park, and is pursuing a Parks and Recreation Trust fund (PARTF) grant to fund the expansion.

While the wellness center would not be funded by the PARTF or the town, the Lake could gain points toward approval of the PARTF grant for including the wellness center. Several residents, however, are concerned that the center would detract from the park's primary purpose – that of a recreation area for youth and families – and potentially disrupt the surrounding neighborhood.

"This would be in my front yard," Rogers said. "I don't want it there, and no one else I know does either, except for people who don't live in town."

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Stanley pointed out that he lives near the park as well, and he has not made his mind up about the proposal.

"Nothing has been set in stone," Stanley said. "The grant and the wellness center aren't the same project. Right now there is a lot of support for the idea, but I'm not for or against it yet. I think we need more input."

Rogers said he felt the center would be a waste of tax dollars at the Lake.

"The land was donated for the people of the lake, not the county," he said. "If the county wanted a wellness center, it would have been built in Whiteville years ago."

"How many people are going to use this wellness center every day?" he asked. "Five?"

See Wellness, page 5-A

Drivers beware: Local trains moving soon

R.J. Corman Railroad will begin operating trains in the western half of Columbus County within the next few days.

By BOB HIGH
Staff Writer

Some Columbus County drivers will be surprised to soon see large red diesel locomotives pulling or pushing train cars over the rusty and long deserted tracks leading from Chadbourn to Tabor City and Fair Bluff to Chadbourn.

The R.J. Corman Railroad is scheduled to begin operating trains over the old Carolina Southern tracks within the next few days.

It might be as late as mid-March for everyday traffic to be moving in western Columbus County, but it could be within two weeks for rail traffic to begin.

"We want the public to become aware - again - of all the rail crossings in the county, and begin again to stop, look and listen," said Highway Patrol First Sgt. Tony Parrish.

"We want to remind the communities of the importance of safety on an operating railroad.

"Please remember to stop at all rail crossings before proceeding, and keep children away from the tracks," says Bill Henderson, vice president of the Corman rail company.

"It's been almost five years since we had any trains moving on the tracks in this county, and drivers have become used to ignoring warnings at crossings. Everyone is going to have to learn again to approach rail crossing with caution.

"Some crossings have automatic stop-arms that block traffic, but many others are not equipped with automatic safety measures," Parrish added.

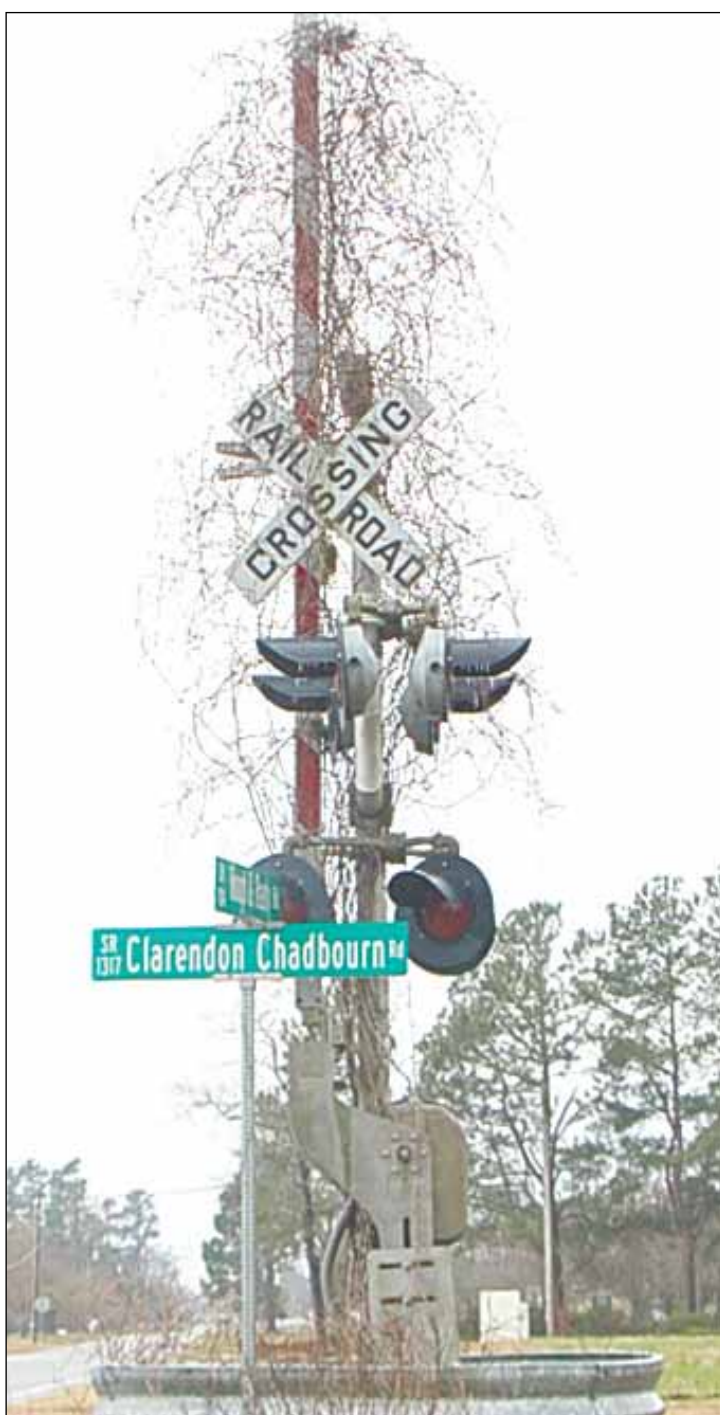
"Safety is the number one priority for our employees and those living in the communities in this county," Henderson added.

Some of the old "Stop, Look, Listen" signs have been replaced by signs with simple warnings of the rail crossings.

Much of the track from Chadbourn to Whiteville will not be immediately used since the Georgia Pacific plant has been closed, but there could be railcar traffic on this portion as well.

Henderson said when the trains begin moving between the towns, the locomotives will be moving only 10 to 15 mph.

The firm has been busy for the past year replacing rotted crossties and rebuilding bridges across swamps and other waterways.



There are few rail crossings with stop-arms like this one at the intersection of Chadbourn-Clarendon and Rough-N-Ready roads.

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5. Never attempt to ride or board a moving train.
6. Never play or climb on a stationary train.

Lt. Gov. roundtable canceled

The Small Business Roundtable with Lt. Governor Dan Forest, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16, has been canceled due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts at the General Assembly.

"This event is not to be confused with our Candidates Forum that will be held on

Tuesday, March 1 at Southeastern Community College. The Forum is on go," according to Jennifer Holcomb, president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

New fees in place for city schools facility rentals

By SHALON SMITH
Contributing Writer

The Whiteville City School board approved a fee structure that is based on the number of participants and/or spectators for renting school facilities, a move away from flat-rate fees.

"Obviously the wear and tear on a facility is going to be a lot more when you have a larger group using your facility," Superintendent Kenny Garland said.

The new fees are for groups of up to 50, between 51 and 100, between 100 and 499, and 500 and over:

The fees for civic and community-based non-profit organizations and events range from \$50 per day for a school class room or media center rental with fewer than 50 participants to \$500 per day for Bowers Auditorium with over 500 participants.

Groups that are not verified

as non-profit by the district will be charged by the hour and range from \$50 per hour for a school class room or media center with fewer than 50 participants up to \$200 per hour for Bowers Auditorium with over 500 participants.

District site supervisors are required for all events and the principal of any school may refuse the request if he or she believes it is not in the best interest of the school or community.

Requests must be made no more than three months prior to the event and no less than three weeks before the event. The full rental price and site supervisor fee is due when the contract is signed and is non-refundable. The fee for site supervisors has increased to \$40 per hour.

In other business, the board approved listing the former North Whiteville Academy property located at 2322 James

B. White Hwy. North in Whiteville for sale through Lacy Wilson Properties. A copy of the listing agreement shows a sales price of \$450,000.

The board also approved two of three value engineering deductions for the Legion Stadium field house construction project including changing custom windows to non-operable store-front insulated glass windows and removal of the proposed skylights.

"The football team will practice and have some daylight after practice for approximately a month or two. Then the time will change after October or so, and they'll practice in the dark, they'll play games in the dark - for a good part of the season, the natural light (from skylights) will be of no benefit to the teams, coaches, or anybody at all," Board Member Greg Merritt said.

The value engineering deduction that was not approved was a reduction of the building overhang from 12 feet to 6 feet in width.

"That overhang had a very specific function for folks that are going to use that facility, say at halftime - it may be raining," engineer Rob Armstrong of Summit Design Group said.

The revised contract price for the Legion Stadium field house construction project lowers from \$630,000 to \$613,380.14.

Meet Me at the Museum: 'Animal Tracks and Signs'

Ever wonder what animal species may live in your backyard? Or how to read the clues they leave behind? The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences at Whiteville invites you to "Meet Me at the Museum: Saturday Explorations," a free family-friendly science and nature program offered the third Saturday of every month.

This month, the museum welcomes Martha Fisk, coordinator of Community Outreach with the NC Museum of Natu-

ral Sciences in Raleigh. Fisk will present "Animal Tracks and Signs" Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1:30 p.m. Participants will meet live animals and learn how to use their senses to uncover the different clues they leave behind.

This program is geared toward ages 4 and older.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. For more information contact the Museum at 910-914-4185 or whiteville@naturalsciences.org.

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'Retired, refired, fully hired for the Kingdom of Heaven'

By CLARA CARTRETTE
Staff Writer

A Whiteville couple has been certified as community service chaplains with the International Fellowship of Chaplains of Hudson, Fla.

Milton and Allie Moore Parker are now able to give assistance to people in many ways on the home front and in far-reaching places, even overseas. They are certified in domestic violence situations, grief and loss, first responders, nursing homes and hospice, prison and jail, disaster response, death notification, crisis intervention, alcohol and drug abuse and other situations where help is needed.

As certified chaplains, they minister to people's physical and spiritual needs. In addition, they have completed a three-day training session in crisis intervention.

Asked how they became interested in chaplaincy, Parker said he was "a people person" during his career as an agriculture agent for the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service. He said he and Allie "heard the call" last fall.

"Both of us had retired and felt a calling to be involved in an outreach," he said. "We are very involved in a church in Wilmington and we're part of the outreach of the church, with foreign and local missions part of the focus."

Parker said he spent nine days on a mission trip to Nepal two years ago and was one of a 15-member team ministering to 10 churches.

"There were more than 100 salvations and we saw the full gospel in full operation," he said. "Prior to that I went to Tanzania in East Africa to minister to more than 20,000 Tanzanians. People across the USA were involved; I went in 2008 and Allie went in 2009 and we witnessed many sovereign healings, salvations and deliverances."

"Essentially, we are in the ministries missions outreach in the market place in South-eastern North Carolina," he continued. "Part of that is the result of our involvement in the recent Go Tell Columbus crusade and assisting with the committee for the tent revival coming up in Chadburn. We have been involved in tent revivals in Wilmington, Scotts Hill, Mt. Olive and Magnolia on the old Magnolia Country

Columbus Jobs group sets social on Feb. 25

The Columbus Jobs Foundation will hold a social as part of its 2016 membership drive on Thursday, Feb. 25 at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Whiteville.

The Columbus Jobs Foundation is the volunteer arm of economic development in Columbus County.

Formerly the Committee of 100, the Columbus Jobs Foundation works with the Economic Development Commission and other groups such as North Carolina's Southeast and the N.C. Department of Commerce to bring new business and industry to the county, creating jobs and a better quality of life.

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Milton and Allie Parker

Club property. We've been to Triton High School in Dunn within the past five or six years, and to a tent revival beside the railroad in Goldsboro, working with a number

"I just changed jobs; God is now my employer."
Milton Parker

of churches and pastors on Ignite Ministries.

"Even though we're retired, we're refired and fully hired for the Kingdom of Heaven," he continued. "I just changed jobs; God is now my employer."

Allie Moore Parker, a teacher, grew up in Clinton and earned a degree in education at Campbell College. She taught for 33 years and was teaching third grade at Tabor City Elementary when she



Rick Edwards of Whiteville is chairman. Memberships help Columbus Jobs in everything from hosting recruiting visits to upkeep of Southeast Regional Park.

The social, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, is from 6 to 8 p.m. RSVP by Feb. 19 at 910-640-6608 or salsup@columbusco.org.

Visit the group's website at columbusjobsfoundation.org for more information, or to join online.

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Plans coming together for March 1 candidates' forum

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Plans are coming together for a candidates' forum on Tuesday, March 1, at Southeastern Community College. The forum is sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium in the "D" Building on the campus.

It will occur exactly two weeks before the March 15 primary and all citizens are invited to attend the forum, which will be free.

Chamber President Jennifer Holcomb said she is excited about the event. "I have attended candidate events like this one in the past, but this is the first time I've ever been involved in helping organize one."

"I am really looking forward to it."

Whiteville native and resident Justin Smith, a special assistant in the chancellor's office at UNC-Pembroke, will be the forum moderator, Holcomb said.

Candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, local seats in the North Carolina legislature, and the Columbus County commission have been invited.

Some candidates, including people seeking the gov-



Justin Smith

ernor's seat, have confirmed that they will attend but Holcomb would not release names of candidates who have confirmed yet.

She said she might be able to release a list of expected attendees just before the forum.

Holcomb stressed that the event will be a forum, not a debate.

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

Each panel will consist of opening remarks by all

candidates, then questions which have been submitted by members of the public, and end with closing remarks by candidates. Holcomb said that all candidates will be given the opportunity to answer each question posed.

Citizens who would like to submit questions to be asked of the candidates can email those questions to info@the-columbuschamber.com or call 642-3171 to submit their questions.

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

"It's our goal, as the voice of business, to provide our members and the general public with as much information as possible in order for them to make informed decisions on issues critical to our business climate and community well-being. What better way to do so than to have a forum where we can discuss these issues with those that could potentially represent us."

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

BEMC Community Grant deadline is today

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) invites local agencies and groups to apply for a 2016 BEMC Community Grant. Begun in 2003, the program provides grants up to \$2,500 to local groups that provide family services programs, civic and community programs, cultural and arts programs, emergency services and community development activities.

The deadline to apply is today, Feb. 15.

Last year, 34 projects were selected from a field of more than 50 applicants to receive funding totaling about \$50,870 for projects in Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Funding for these grants comes directly from proceeds

from the equipment auction held at BEMC's annual membership meeting each September.

Since inception, more than \$410,000 in Community Grants has helped hundreds of projects benefiting citizens throughout the BEMC service area.

"This program is a very visible part of the co-op's ongoing commitment to community."

"BEMC Community Grants are another way we can extend

a helping hand to local community groups."

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Crime briefs

Shooting

A mobile home along Horace Cox Road, Tabor City, was struck by gunfire Sunday, Feb. 14, about 8:45 p.m., according to a report filed by Sheriff's Deputy Chad Grainger. The residence was occupied at the time by Audre Evette Johnson. The home was also the site of an attempted break-in. Damage to the structure was estimated at \$500.

DWI

Seewillow Jackson, 24, of Lake Waccamaw, was recently convicted of driving while impaired (DWI) when her case was remanded from Superior Court to District Court. She had appealed her previous conviction.

Jackson had a blood-alcohol level of 0.09 when arrested in 2014. She was placed on probation for a year, and a 60-day jail term was suspended. She was ordered to pay a \$100 fine, and a \$100 DWI fee, plus spend 24 hours in jail.

Wrong person arrested in church break-ins

All charges against a RCA DVD player, total value Quashawn Chancelle Johnson, 19, with an address along West Sixth Avenue, Chadbourne, were dismissed in District Court here last week when it was determined he was the wrong person arrested on charges of breaking into four rural churches from Dec. 29, 2015, through Jan. 3, 2016. Johnson was also charged with four counts of fraud involving the pawning of stolen goods from the churches.

Johnson was arrested for breaking into the St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in the 400 block of Old Lumberton Road, Whiteville, on Dec. 29; Atkinson Temple Holiness Church, located on McMillan Road, Whiteville, on Dec. 31, and the Spiritual Lighthouse Church along Golf Course Road, Whiteville, again on Dec. 31; and the Springhill Missionary Baptist Church in the 2800 block of Chadbourne Highway, Whiteville, on Jan. 3.

Johnson was charged, in warrants obtained by Sheriff's Detective Matt Parker, with stealing a Peavy mixer, two Peavy electric guitars and amplifier, Evans snare drum, Roland piano amplifier, Dell desktop computer and monitor, a Park base amplifier, and

church, a Samson mixer-equalizer board, Peavy amplifier and microphone, total value \$1,100, from the Bethel Missionary church, and a SoundTech mixer-equalizer, and a CGM speaker amplifier, total value of \$4,450, from the Springhill church.

Whiteville Police Detective Scott Moody obtained four warrants for fraud against Johnson involving stolen goods being pawned. They included one for selling a stolen Dynacord soundboard and a stolen set of EV speakers on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2015, at Pawn South in Whiteville, for which he got \$175.

Another was for selling on Jan. 3, 2016 a Peavy keyboard amplifier and CGM speakers for \$140 at the same pawnshop, plus pawning a stolen snare drum and stolen Radio Shack keyboard for \$45 at Pawn South in Chadbourne on Dec. 29, and pawning a stolen Peavy electric guitar for \$20 in Chadbourne on Dec. 31.

Break-ins, thefts

- Feb. 14 - Julie Singletary Hoffman, Honey Hill Drive, Hallsboro - theft of four-door Chevrolet Metro.

- Feb. 14 - Ted Larue Spivey Jr., Marsha E. Kinsley, Peanut Worley Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in of vehicle, theft of cash, Fossil wallet, Wells Fargo debit card, other personal documents.

- Feb. 14 - Elizabeth Ann Reaves, 8100 block of N.C. 905, Nakina - theft of four-door Toyota Corolla.

- Feb. 13 - James Michael Clewis, Caswell Sellers Drive, Whiteville - break-in, theft of two snack cakes.

- Feb. 12 - Harry Lee Green Jr., 9000 block of Rough-N-Ready Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of Seigler kerosene heater.

- Feb. 12 - Maury Glenn Reaves - break-in of vehicle at International Paper, Riegelwood, theft of Rock Island Armory .45 pistol.

- Feb. 12 - Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Bitmore Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft not reported.

- Feb. 12 - Charles Michael FormyDuval, Dianna Moody Castillo, 400 block of N.C. 130, Whiteville - break-in, theft of cash.

- Feb. 12 - Joseph Keith Harrelson, 8200 block of U.S. 76, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of items, some owned by Murf's Pawn, Whiteville, of Skil saw, Makita circular saw and Black & Decker angle grinder, both of initials JKH on sides, Black & Decker jig saw, tool box full of socket wrenches, Black & Decker dragster, three pieces of 20-foot copper wire, a piece of 15-foot copper wire, six boxes of open-end wrenches, jumper cables, Pistola Soldadora welder, Black & Decker orbital sensor, Ryobi miter saw with "left hand" written on side, corner loppers, tool box with hammers, nuts, bolts, screwdrivers, Crafts-

man measurement tool, Task Force wire cup brush, three pipe wrenches, hammer with red handle and "JKH" on it, ball pin hammer, four-gallon Proseries Chapin sprayer, Dewalt side grinder, Ryobi router, Frigidaire air conditioner.

- Feb. 11 - Timothy Lee Griffin, Old Pine Log Road, Chadbourne - theft of Rice goose-neck trailer.

- Feb. 11 - Sherman Lee Campbell, 25200 block of U.S. 74-76, Delco - theft of 1996 Mercury Sable sedan.

Be careful about how you lock your vehicle

There is a device being used by thieves that will clone your electronic handheld locking device as you walk away from your vehicle. Lock your vehicle by using the lock system on your doors.

One recent experience by a vehicle owner showed:

"I locked my car. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and used my handheld key system to lock my car again. Again, I heard the car door unlock. I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car parked in the fire lane of the shopping center.

"They were watching me intently, and I knew they were involved in this weird situation involving the car lock. I decided I didn't need to go into the store, and I left the area and

Signs

Christopher Matthew Smith of Whiteville, a candidate for the District 2 seat on the county commission board, reported Friday, Feb. 12, that someone is stealing his campaign signs.

Smith told a sheriff's deputy several signs had been stolen at various locations.



Sheriff's Deputy Jeffrey Thomas' patrol car caught fire and burned early Friday on U.S. 74-76 in the White Marsh area of Whiteville. Thomas was not injured. Local firefighters responded.

Two arrested here in separate pill cases

Jerica Nicole Gowans, 27, of Chapin Street, C h a d b o u r n , and Jamill William Brown, 26, of Burkhead Street, Whiteville,



Gowans



Brown

have been arrested by Whiteville police on charges involving prescription medication in separate cases.

Gowans is charged with trafficking in the opium derivative contained in prescription pain medication, plus two counts of obtaining controlled medication by fraud. Each of her charges is from August 2015.

Brown is charged with selling Oxycodone to an undercover buyer for Whiteville police, and maintaining a residence along West Lewis

Street, Whiteville, as a place to keep and illegally sell prescription medicine.

Police Detective Jeffrey Singletary obtained the warrants against Gowans, and Drug Detective Sgt. Aaron Herring got the warrants against Brown.

Gowans' two cases of obtaining medication by fraud involve her going to Guiton's Drug here on Aug. 3 and Aug. 4 and claiming she was the nurse/caretaker of Hodges Green on one occasion, and Green's granddaughter the second time.

Gowans has a prior conviction for driving after consuming a controlled substance in 2010.

Bootleg

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manufacturer on the CDs and DVDs, plus the criminal use of counterfeit trademarks by using tools to reproduce a counterfeit mark on a controlled object with intent to produce fake marks.



G. McCray

worthless checks. Each defendant was jailed under at minimum of \$100,000 in an unsecured bond.

An agent said the collection of movies included "some porno" movies, and the average price paid for movies during the investigation was \$5.



M. McCray

Stephens was also charged with forgery and issuing four

Stephens

went straight to the police station," the near-victim related.

"Officers told me I was almost part of a new, and very successful scheme to gain entry to a locked vehicle.

"Recently, a friend's son stopped at a rest area to use the bathroom. He used his remote to lock his car. Four minutes later when he came out he discovered someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, and a number of other things.

"The new device clones your individual security code as you use your remote key system to lock your vehicle.

"The only method to not send the security code into the air waves is to manually lock your vehicle as you leave," the vehicle owner reminded



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Four inmates found with phones, shanks

Four inmates in Columbus in Guilford County in March County state prisons have been arrested for possession of either a cell phone or a metal shank, according to recent warrants obtained for two of the defendants in Columbus Correctional, and two others in Tabor Correctional.



Rankin



Gilliam



Green



Lee

Eric Lee Gilliam, 52, imprisoned in the Columbus unit located in the Town of Brunswick, had a cell phone on Jan. 19, according to a warrant obtained by Sheriff's Deputy Blake Ashley. Gilliam is serving life for his conviction in Cumberland County in June 1985 of first-degree rape, committing a first-degree sex offense, armed robbery and kidnapping.

Tashawn Rankin, 44, had a shank found in his possession on Dec. 8, 2015, according to a warrant obtained by Tabor City Police Major Jerry Sarvis. Rankin is serving 76 to 103 months after a conviction

to the warrant obtained by Sheriff's Deputy Joshua Rising. Green is serving life for two convictions of second-degree murder in New Hanover County in August 1978. He was convicted in 1979.

Domonique R. Lee, 47, possessed a shank on Dec. 3, 2015, according to Sarvis' warrant. Lee is serving a term of 74 years, 11 months and 20 days after convictions in Wayne County in October 2009 of 10 armed robberies, and numerous charges of possession of a weapon of mass destruction and possession of a weapon by a felon. Lee's projected release date is April 24, 2079, his birth date is Feb. 2, 2016, according

Lost Dog - Mario

Last seen Sunday February 7, White Hall Rd. Terrier, tan on top with a mix of tan, beige and black on body. Answers to Mario. **Any information please call 642-2778** #6098

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Lake manager calls on residents to help clean up

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Derelict boats, rundown buildings, and junked cars aren't a major problem at Lake Waccamaw, but Town Manager Harry Foley wants to see even fewer eyesores in the town.

At Tuesday's board of commissioners meeting, Foley announced the spring cleanup effort at the Lake.

Like most municipalities, Lake Waccamaw's enforcement of its nuisance ordinance is complaint-driven. State law allows towns to clean property and apply the actual cost to the owner's tax bill. If the bill is not paid, the property can then be sold at auction.

Chadbourn, Whiteville and Tabor City have aggressively pursued code enforcement of rundown and abandoned buildings in recent years, including the former Whiteville skating rink, several businesses in downtown Chadbourn and a number of structures demolished in Tabor City under code enforcement. Most problems at the Lake have been handled by the landowner after a warning from the town.

Lake Waccamaw has rarely had to resort to drastic measures to clean up nuisance properties, but Foley said he is concerned that too many owners aren't taking care of their properties.

Rather than immediately cracking down on overgrown grass, falling-down sheds and other violations, Foley said Tuesday night he would like town residents to take a long, thoughtful look at their properties and see what can be improved.

"What I am proposing," Foley said, "would be a three-month period starting March 1

for all property owners in town to assess the condition of their property and determine if a spring cleaning is warranted. If it is, we'd like them to act accordingly by May 1."

Foley said that state statutes prohibit "selective enforcement" of the town's nuisance laws.

"One man's junk is another man's treasure," he said. "You just need to seriously ask yourself if the classic car you haven't touched in five years, or the antique boat, may need a new home.

"We're asking people to take a frank look at their property and make a decision."

Foley noted that unless a reported nuisance violates the town ordinance, there is little the town can do about removing the problem. A lack of aesthetic appeal isn't enough to trigger town action, but harboring rats, snakes and other vermin or otherwise endangering the public can result in action.

"We just want people to evaluate their property and decide what they are going to do," Foley said.

Beginning in June, Foley said, he will instruct town staff to crack down on rank yards, hedges, vegetation, and eyesores like unused autos, boats and sheds.

The spring cleaning effort has been announced in the town's newsletter, Foley said, and will be promoted throughout the Lake. He said plans have not been finalized on whether the town will help residents dispose of debris, outside of the usual curbside pickup.

"We all love the lake and our town," he said. "Part of its attraction is the natural beauty. We want to keep it attractive."

Farmers' Rules of the Road meeting is slated for Feb. 25

Every day, farmers in Columbus County load their trucks and trailers with agricultural products, machinery or supplies and move from farm to farm or from the farm to the market. Every time they do they are held to transportation regulations enforced by the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Senate Bill 513, better known as the N.C. Farm Act of 2015, was approved Sept. 30, 2015, updating laws impacting agricultural transportation.

In order to provide producers with the most up-to-date information on laws pertaining to transporting farm products and equipment, the Columbus County Extension office will host a Rules of the Road meet-

ing Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the NC Cooperative Extension Service, 45 Government Complex Rd. in Whiteville. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. This meeting will primarily focus on the updates made by Senate Bill 513, including but not limited to oversized transportation of hay bales, right-of-center requirements, agricultural spreader vehicles, ATV farm use and road weight limitation exceptions. A representative from the N.C. Highway Patrol will attend to answer questions.

For more information or to register to attend contact Dalton Dockery at 910-640-6605 or email at dalton_dockery@ncsu.edu by Feb. 22.

Sons of Confederate Vets executive council meets

Columbus County Volunteers Camp Commander Mike Hollingsworth and Past Commander Thomas Jolly welcomed the executive council of the N.C. Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to the Hallsboro Community for a meeting at the Old 74 Fox Preserve at Hallsboro. The Division had about 85 delegates who traveled to Columbus County from all sectors of the Tar Heel state and departed for home after the day-long Saturday meeting with a profound respect and appreciation of this neck of the woods.

Hollingsworth, of Lake Waccamaw, welcomed the N.C. Division Executive Council and recognized past Camp Commander Thomas Jolly of Tabor City for being instrumental in getting the council meeting to Columbus County.

The meeting was presided over by Division Commander J. Daniel Bolick of Claremont.

"We need, especially in

these times, to be more involved in civic matters like this one and the recent groundbreaking event for the Veterans Park," Hollingsworth wrote in an email. "This would be beneficial to the community and the SCV Camp and hopefully, positively influence the misguided to the solid fact that we are a civic-minded noble organization.

"Why is the organization called the Sons of Confederate Veterans? The soldiers and citizens who fought for the Confederacy exemplified the best qualities of America. The preservation of liberty and freedom was the motivating factor in the South's decision to fight the second American Revolution.

"Today, the Sons of the Confederate Veterans are preserving the history and legacy of their ancestors so future generations can understand the motives that animated the Southern cause."

Bond

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through and say we need to do something in here."

Clarke said the bond can change that.

"It will bring new equipment and a better grinding area, for example.

"Those are the kinds of things this money will help us do," he said.

The college will become a better partner in economic development and help "attract companies to Columbus County as well as help the current companies in Columbus County improve their operations to (create) more jobs."

'We have to have it'

"We can't bring a company in here and they not see what they need to prepare their workforce. We can't say we'll get it; we have to have it. That's what this bond is doing. It's really making us prepared so that when a (potential) or an existing company expanding comes they see we have the programs they have and need."

Clarke said these funds are not intended for repaving roads or repairing air-conditioners at the college.

"I'm going to trust that the county commissioners are going to help us do that," he said. "To me it is an opportunity to really change the trajectory of Southeastern."

The last bond of this kind was 15 years ago.

"This doesn't happen too often and we want to make sure we are using the money to really move SCC forward and move it forward in a big way," he said. "This will be the core of helping us grow in Columbus County. It's going to let us play our role the way we should be playing our role."

Clarke said in his discussions with manufacturers across the county and on site visits he has gained knowledge about their needs.

"I wanted to hear what they wanted, what they needed," Clarke said. The advanced manufacturing and technologies plans were born of those talks. A summit in the fall with manufacturers at SCC is where the college unveiled its plans.

"What we heard at that summit was that we are headed in the right direction," Clarke said.

'Competitive environment'

"We are in a competitive environment," Clarke said. "As we create these three centers it allows us to address the basic needs of most companies that would think

about moving here or growing here."

He said existing employers are in competition with sister operations in other states for expansion opportunities and new product lines that would create more jobs locally.

"How do we make our current employers more competitive? Whether it is advanced manufacturing, electrical energy technology, or construction trades we will have those three centers," Clarke said.

"This will require change at the college," he added. Currently, short-term certificate and workforce training programs in areas such as electrical and manufacturing are housed in separate buildings from degree programs but Clarke hopes to change that.

Other renovation proposals include renovating the student services area and health technologies spaces.

"It can be intimidating to come to college and we want to make sure our student services area is as welcoming as possible. We have great people there and we welcome our students but the space doesn't support that."

Science labs, classrooms, instruction areas and offices would also get upgrades.

He said the bond is a way to bring new industry

'A job there for them'

For the unemployed and students of SCC he hopes the bonds will mean "if they are looking for a job there will be a job ..."

Clarke recently stood in

a portion of the T-building with students in the college's Certified Production Technician (CPT) program.

Leonard Worley was among those students.

When Georgia Pacific closed the plant on Chadbourn Highway, Worley lost his job as forklift driver. At age 57 he is hopeful Southeastern Community College's CPT program will be the leg up he needs to land a manufacturing job in Columbus County.

"I'm looking for a job ... I'm trying to get back in the workforce and this class is the ideal class to enhance my abilities so I can do different things," Worley said.

His classmate Antonio Murdock, 27, a former student at East Columbus High School, has worked in construction, at warehouses and in fast food but wants "a better job."

Logan Ward, 22, said he is "just trying to get a job."

At 18, Noah Noble, a recent South Columbus High School graduate, said he too is in the CPT program to find job opportunities.

The CPT program, a workforce training program, in many cases helps students get their foot in the door to manufacturing jobs, Clarke said.

"They come in and get introduced to manufacturing and different technology. They take quality safety manufacturing processing, get introduced to what manufacturing is like and go on tours of companies to see the environment ... It's been

a pretty successful program, as far as getting them jobs."

Clarke emphasized the bond is also about jobs.

"Hopefully in Columbus County it is a popular thing to bring in \$6.8 million for the community college ... it is a good idea but across the state there are counties with local bonds not as popular. We can't just assume that everyone loves this. There are a few groups that are against the bond ... We encourage people to get to the polls on March 15 and to vote Connect NC Bond."

Clarke said no new taxes would come with the bond passage.

"It's been 15 years since the last general obligation bond was approved by the voters to upgrade our state's infrastructure, and since then North Carolina has added 2 million people in population. The \$2 billion bond will connect North Carolina to the 21st century through statewide investments in education, parks, safety, recreation, and water and sewer infrastructure," Gov. Pat McCrory said, according to connect.nc.gov. "The Connect NC bond will allow us to pay for 50-year assets with 20-year financing. No tax increases are necessary to finance the bond, given our strong revenue growth and ample debt service capacity. We will continue to balance the budget and uphold our position as one of only 10 states to have earned the coveted Triple A bond rating from all three major ratings agencies."

Q&A about the March 15 bond referendum

How much is the bond?

The bond is worth \$2 billion with \$6.8 million earmarked for SCC, and \$3.1 million is earmarked for improvements at Lake Waccamaw and Lumber River state parks.

Will Connect NC require a tax increase?

No tax increases are necessary to finance the bond. The state has ample credit capacity to borrow and repay the bonds with no tax increase.

Does the Connect NC bond meet all of our state's infrastructure needs?

No. While this bond will go a long way toward connecting more North Carolinians to educational and recreational opportunities, in reality it's just a start. Even with Connect NC, the majority of our state's infrastructure

needs will remain unmet and our community colleges and universities will still have projects that need to be built on their campuses. Connect NC begins the long-neglected task of building and upgrading our state's infrastructure.

Can North Carolina afford to take on debt of this size?

Yes. The Connect NC bond proposal is well within current debt affordability as determined by the State Treasurer and the nonpartisan Debt Affordability Committee. North Carolina is one of only 10 states with AAA credit rating from all three major ratings agencies. With interest rates at historic lows, it has never been less expensive to borrow.

Why use bonds to build state infrastructure?

The bond allows the state to pay over 20 to 25 years for assets that will last 50 years or more, and to do so at historically low rates. Most of these projects cannot be financed from the annual operating budget, just as most homeowners pay for a house as they use it over time, not the day that they move in. North Carolina has been rated AAA since state ratings began in the 1960s, and will continue to be rated AAA with this bond issue.

Who can vote?

All registered voters including unaffiliated voters who may cast unaffiliated ballots or choose to vote in a party primary on March 15.

Sources: Southeastern Community College, the N.C. State Board of Elections and connect.nc.gov

Wellness

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Ten? Twenty? Can anyone answer that question? What impact will this have on the youth sports programs that are already here?"

Rogers pointed out that the property is zoned R-20 single family residential, which does allow parks but not facilities like a wellness center.

"Zoning can be changed," he said. "I understand that. But should it be?"

The park is a benefit to the nearby neighborhood as well as the town, Rogers said.

"I have coached and volunteered out there," he said. "I'm all about youth sports. I support the walking trails, the ballparks, much of what we have talked about when the park first came up. But I cannot support this."

Rogers said that the "wish list" assembled by a UNCW consultant seemed to focus more on the wellness center than the park itself.

"If we have enough extra money for the wish list," he said, "then we need to look more at priorities. The wastewater system is at capacity right now. What if someone came in and wanted to build 100 homes? The system couldn't handle it. Our roads are in terrible shape."

Town Manager Harry Foley, who is meeting with the CCYFA to work out strategies for the center, said that he feels there is widespread support for the center.

"We're in the earliest stages of the whole thing," he said. "Columbus County has been looking for some place to have this for 20 years. We're the unhealthiest county in the state, and we need something in this end of the county to provide some resources to people.

"PARTF has nothing to do with this," Foley emphasized. "If we can't come to an agreement on the center, or if it doesn't look good for the Lake, we'll still be going ahead with the PARTF application. We have the property, and this appears on the surface to be a good mix with our park. We might have the opportunity to do something good here for not just the Lake, but the entire county."

Foley also noted that the wellness center will be a draw to new development.

"The number two factor industries look at is wellness opportunities," he said. "It's important to companies looking to relocate."

Rogers said that while he is in favor of opportunities for healthier living, "this is not a good mix for the lake.

"We have a quiet community," he said, "and I feel this would take away from the park and our neighborhoods."

Commissioner Kevin Butler said the community will be able to help guide the PARTF application, as well as determine whether the center has a home at the park.

"This was our first hearing on the park," he said. "Not on the center, but the park and the PARTF grant. The application requires considerable input

from the community before it can be submitted. There will be plenty of opportunities to ensure we have due process. Nothing is decided yet."



We Love you 1 John 4:7-8

Tomorrow February 16, is

Cheryl Hall Godwin Hill's birthday.

In memoriam, a scholarship will be awarded. Cheryl humbly taught us well. Her everyday examples, coupled with spiritual and educational disciplines, forever remain

in our hearts.

Humbly submitted by her parents, Deacon Ervin and Zilphia Hall; Sons, SSG(ret.) William (Jay) Godwin, and Minister Rodney Godwin; and Family



Cotillion Club Debutantes are, from left: Meredith Paige McPherson, Anna Alease Eugenia Gore, Samantha Brooke Lane, Megan Allison Lynne, Ashley Gray Carter and Madison Taylor Hinson.

Cotillion Club Debutante Ball slated for March 19

The Cotillion Club will present the 2016 debutantes at its annual Spring Dance and Debutante Ball on March 19 at Vineland Station Depot.

The Cotillion Club was formed in 1951 and celebrates its 65th anniversary as a social dance club.

The 2016 debutantes, all seniors at Whiteville High School, include:

Meredith Paige McPherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Glenn McPherson of Clarkton;

Anna Alease Eugenia Gore, daughter of Eugenia Lenora Mills Gore of Lake Waccamaw;

Samantha Brooke Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gregory Lane, Jr. of Whiteville;

Megan Allison Lynne, daughter of Jan Britt Lynn of Whiteville;

Ashley Gray Carter, daughter of David Graham Carter and Tarni Cross Carter of Whiteville;

Madison Taylor Hinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jami Heath Hinson of Whiteville.

A tea was held in their honor Jan. 3 at the home of Sue Jordan, given by Donna Scott, Kaye Baggett, Caroline Koonce, Elizabeth High, Sue Jordan and Sara Brooks.

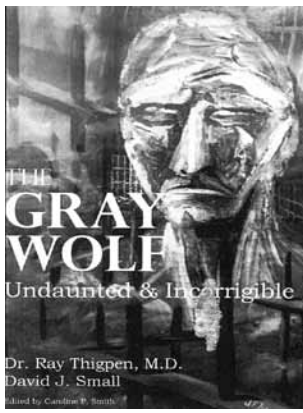
Thigpen, Small book signing slated for Sunday at CresCom

Dr. Ray Thigpen and David J. Small will have a book signing Sunday, Feb. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. at CresCom Bank, 110 North J.K. Powell Blvd. in Whiteville.

The two men who grew up in Fair Bluff collaborated on "The Gray Wolf, Undaunted and Incorrigible," the story of a man they met at the beach several years ago. It is the true story about a boy as he becomes a man, a convict, a husband, a father, a shagger and everything in between. Not only do Thigpen and Small tell his story, they dive into the Gray Wolf's psyche and offer psychoanalysis that explores the many facets of the human condition.

The authors will have copies of "The Gray Wolf" for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Columbus County Arts

Council. The artwork on the cover of the book was painted by John Bauer III during his incarceration in the Atlanta penitentiary, he denies that it is an attempt of a self-portrait.



Dr. Thigpen graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BA degree in English and chemistry, then graduated from UNC School of Medicine in 1976. Since retiring from his medical practice in Whiteville, he has free-lanced for *The News Reporter* under the name "The Thig-Pen Chronicles."

Small resides in Fair Bluff and North Myrtle Beach. He earned a BS degree in English at Campbell University and M.Ed. at East Carolina University. He is an automobile dealer in Lumberton.

WMU Prayer Breakfast benefits Literacy Council

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

The public is invited to attend this program, which will feature a student who has received tutoring from the Literacy Council.

Attendees can look forward to a delicious breakfast as well as a brief presentation from the Literacy Council and music by the Rev. Coy Long, associate pastor of Mount Zion Baptist

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

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

Registration forms are available by calling the Columbus County Literacy Council at (910) 642-2442 or the Columbus Baptist Association at (910) 642-2155.

Engagements



Lisa Michelle Sanderson Thad Vernon Rich

Sanderson-Rich

Lisa Michelle Sanderson of Whiteville and Thad Vernon Rich of Bladenboro announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Donnie G. Sanderson and the late Yvonne G. Sanderson of Whiteville. She is a graduate of Whiteville High School.

The groom-elect is the son of Dennis and Melody Rich of Bladenboro. He graduated from West Bladen High school and is employed by Atlantic Publishing of Tabor City.

An April 2 wedding is planned at 3 p.m. at The Bummehole Lodge. Friends and family are invited. A reception will follow the ceremony.



Jennifer King Fowler Benjamin Ammons

Fowler-Ammons

Gregory C. King of Whiteville announces the engagement of his daughter, Jennifer, to Benjamin Ammons, son of Menville Ammons of Clinton and the late Herbert Ammons.

The bride-elect, also the daughter of the late Clara B. King of Eufala, Ala., graduated from Whiteville High School and Southeastern Community College. She is employed with BB&T in Whiteville.

The groom-elect graduated from Clinton High School and attended Sampson Community College. He is employed with the N.C. Department of Corrections.

An April 2 wedding is planned at Old 74 Fox Preserve in Hallsboro.

DAR Awards Night scheduled at SCHS

The Major General Robert Howe Chapter, NSDAR will sponsor its annual awards night program Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in the South Columbus High School auditorium. Awards will be given for

American History/Christopher Columbus essays, Youth Citizenship, Good Citizen and Good Citizen scholarship.

Families, friends, principals, teachers, counselors and school administrators are invited.

Columbus County Community Health Center proudly welcomes

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Deaths

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DEATH NOTICE



WILDA 'BETTY' P. RODDY WHITEVILLE -- Wilda "Betty" P. Roddy, 90, died Feb. 13, 2016, at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center. She was the daughter of the late Riles Alexander Porter and Pauline Priest Porter and was preceded in death by her husbands, John Hilton Hall and Ralph Mervin Roddy; two sisters, Louine P. Daily and Mourine P. Hobbs; and one brother, Riles A. Porter Jr.

Mrs. Roddy was a member of United Methodist Church. She enjoyed senior citizen exercise class at Whiteville United Methodist Church.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at Whiteville United Methodist Church with Rev. Paul Stallsworth officiating. Burial will be in Clarkton Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to the service Monday, Feb. 15 in the church fellowship hall.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry L. Hall (Suzanne) of Whiteville and John H. Hall Jr. of Council; three granddaughters, Amanda Elizabeth Hall, Anna Hall Richardson (William) and Heather Hall Graham (Cameron); four great-grandchildren, Riles and Porter Richardson, Carter and Aubree Graham; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Diamond Branch MBC 150th years

Diamond Branch Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 150 years anniversary Sunday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 1909 S. Madison Street.

Frank Bellamy is the pastor.

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DEATH NOTICE

CATHERINE WARD SPIVEY

TABOR CITY -- Catherine Ward Spivey, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 at her home. Born May 23, 1928 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late Zeddie Ward and Rosa Burroughs Ward. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lavern Spivey; and two brothers, Harold Ward and Waylon Ward.

Catherine spent many years as a seamstress at work and home, enjoyed her garden, grandchildren, farming with her husband, and spending time with her family and friends. However her main passion was serving her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was of the holiness faith.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13 in the chapel of Inman Ward Funeral Home. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Minors Meares Road. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service in the funeral home chapel.

She is survived by three daughters, Myra Bellamy of Loris, S.C. Carolyn Lott of Little River, S.C., Sandra Wright of Tabor City; one brother, Brooks Ward of Whiteville; three sisters, Wanda W. Wagner of Whiteville, Anne Hughes and Muriel O'Tuel, both of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Liberty Hospice, 44 McNeil Plaza, Whiteville, N.C. 28472 in honor of the tender care and love they provided mama during her illness.

A guest register is available at inmanfuneralhome.com.

ANNE MCKENZIE POWELL

FAIR BLUFF -- Anne McKenzie Powell, 87, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2016 at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington.

Arrangements will be announced by McKenzie Mortuary.

Walter's Chapel AMEZ women/men in red/black Feb. 21

Walter's Chapel A.M.E. Zoin Church will hold its women in red and men in black celebration Sunday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jermaine Armour of St. Luke AME Zion Church in Wilmington.

The church is located at 15111 Sam Potts Hwy., Bolton. Rev. Dr. Gonzalez Harris is the pastor.

First Baptist sets Clore installation ceremony

First Baptist Church will hold its installation ceremony for Rev. Ryan Clore Sunday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A reception will follow.

Beaverdam OFWBC sets revival

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

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

Rev. Buddy Seay is the pastor.

Antioch BC spring revival

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

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

Preacher Chris Hardee is the pastor.

DAVID THELTON GODWIN CLARENDON -- David Thelton Godwin, 67, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at McLeod Loris Hospital, Loris, S.C. Born Nov. 1, 1948 in Columbus County, he was the son of the late Burris Thelton Godwin and Luria Norris Godwin. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by one daughter, Michelle Godwin; one son, Chris Greenwood; four brothers, Ricky Godwin, O'Dell Godwin, Ken Godwin, Don Godwin; and two stepsons, Cary Rogers and Terry Rogers Jr.

Visitation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City. Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will be in Norris Cemetery, Frank Norris Road, Tabor City.

He is survived by his wife Priscilla Norris Godwin of Clarendon; one son, Burris Thelton Godwin of Thomasville; one stepdaughter, Wanda Jean Dye of Clarendon; two stepsons, Terry Rogers of Blountville, Tenn., Jason Rogers of Asheville; one brother, Alton Godwin of Raeford; three sisters, Betty Leiva and Linda Lovette, both of Tabor City, Annie Vargas of Green Sea, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

ANEASE BRITT SPEIGHT

BLADENBORO -- Anease Britt Speight, 88, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Clara Britt; her husband, Barnice Speight; and two sisters, Juanita Tyler and Pearl Carroll.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14 at Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at Speight-Taylor Cemetery in Allenton with the Rev. O'neil Parker officiating.

She is survived by her son, Thomas G. Speight of Bladenboro; three daughters, Lorraine Childers and Marie S. Norton, both of Bladenboro, and Linda S. Morrell of Hope Mills; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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

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

There will be refreshments and door prizes.

For more info call Janice Waddell at 655-4664.

Sandy Plain has new pastor Turner

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

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

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

BESSIE MAE CURRIE CLARKTON -- Bessie Mae Currie, 87, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville.

Final rites will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church, 15580 Twisted Hickory Road, Bladenboro with Rev. Donald Thompson officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Viewing will be held from 1-6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at S&L Funeral Home in Fair Bluff. A wake will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at the funeral home.

She is survived by three daughters, Dianne Currie Thompson, Laura L. Williams, Angela D. Smith; three sons, David Currie, Lloyd D. Currie, Ronnie Currie; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

BARRY GORDON WRIGHT

LORIS, S.C. -- Barry Gordon Wright, 62, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte. Born Aug. 17, 1953 in Horry County, S.C., he was the son of Helen Gore Wright of Loris, S.C. and the late Bobby Gordon Wright.

Final rites were held Sunday, Feb. 14 at New Life Baptist Church in Tabor City. Burial was in Spivey Cemetery in Tabor City. Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City handled the arrangements.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two sisters, Tammy Wright McDonald of Charlotte and Anita Wright Dobbs of Birmingham, Ala.

Clothing donations being accepted

Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries is asking for clothing donations.

Donations can be dropped off at 1757 Stanley Road, Supply, located near Cedar Grove Middle School.

For more information call Elder Utrillia Johnson at 294-0656.

Whiteville AOG

Whiteville Assembly of God will hold its revival "Awakening" Sunday, Feb. 21-Wednesday, Feb. 24 with Bishop Greg Myers and wife, Brandi.

Sunday morning service will begin at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday service are at 7 p.m.

Cypress Creek OFWBC revival

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

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

Sandhill MBC church announcements

Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church church announcements for February are:

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

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

Donald L. Thompson is the pastor.



A hug from Smokey

Sidney Miller from Katherine Scott's kindergarten class at Whiteville Primary gets a hug from Smokey Bear. Students enjoy hearing about the adventures and duties of the N.C. Forestry Service with tips on how prevent fires and what to do in case of a fire.

Dealing with tragedy topic of High preaching mission

The topic of the 27th Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission Feb. 21 and 22 at Whiteville United Methodist Church is "Tragedy and Triumph: Scaling the Mountaintop of Romans 8."

The Rev. Paul R. Crikelair is this year's speaker.

Crikelair was born in New York City and raised in nearby Ridgewood, N.J. Despite being profoundly hearing-impaired from birth, he graduated from Ridgewood High School, Franklin & Marshall College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Whiteville United Methodist Pastor Paul Stallsworth said that Crikelair's hearing impediment and other tragedies have helped shape his life. These experiences will be the topic of his sermons.

"The accomplishments he's had despite his hearing impediment are remarkable," Stallsworth said. "It's also remarkable what God has done for Paul Crikelair, both in terms of sustaining him and as servant of Christ in the world."

An ordained elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, he has served three appointments during the past 34 years: Upper Darby Stonehurst Hills UMC near Philadelphia, Goodwill UMC in

suburban Chester County, and Cherry Valley UMC Charge in Stroudsburg at the gateway to the Pocono Mountains. He has been married to Janet Crikelair since 1984, and they are the parents of seven children: Jesse, Heidi, Emily (pictured), Jody, Peter (pictured), Nathan and Stephen.

The Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission was established in 1986 after High's death in 1985. The endowed event brings outstanding preaching to Columbus County, and many of the pastors have been from other denominations. The preaching mission is a countywide event.

An ecumenical choir from several churches will sing Sunday night.

Crikelair will preach Sunday morning at Whiteville United Methodist's regular 10 a.m. service, then at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday nights.

Freewill HC to host choir anniversary

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

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

For more information call Vickie Park at 874-0282.



We Love you

1 John 4:7-8

Tomorrow February 16, is Cheryl Hall Godwin Hill's birthday.

In memoriam, a scholarship will be awarded. Cheryl humbly taught us well. Her everyday examples, coupled with spiritual and educational disciplines, forever remain in our hearts.

Humbly submitted by her parents, Deacon Ervin and Zilphia Hall, Sons, SSG(ret.) William (Jay) Godwin, and Minister Rodney Godwin and Family

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Editorials

The News Reporter, Monday, February 15, 2016

Positive approach to enforcing code is good idea

Contrary to popular belief, towns and cities don't want to be in the real estate business.

That accusation is often made when local government takes code enforcement action against owners of rundown properties. State law requires a drawn-out, meticulous process before a public entity can take away private property, and even then, anything sold under code enforcement laws doesn't automatically become town property.

It should be emphasized that code enforcement and nuisance removal are not the same as eminent domain; our state's law is among the few that have successfully prevented towns from abusing eminent domain laws by claiming a property was a nuisance. In North Carolina, a town board can't randomly decide they want a piece of property, and seize it due to overgrown grass.

North Carolina's code enforcement law basically allows local governments to order property owners to clean up and remove old cars, structures, trees, junk and overgrown vegetation that qualify as a public health hazard. If the owner refuses to do so, the town can then, through a series of legal steps, remove the hazards and apply the actual cost to the owner's property tax bill. If the bill isn't paid, the property can be sold at public auction to recover the cost.

The usual nuisance problems are vegetation and junked vehicles, but action against homes and buildings is not uncommon. Chadbourn had an aggressive code enforcement program for several years, and it has made a difference in the number of rundown structures in town. Tabor City has been pursuing its own as well, with some success. Whiteville did the community a major service when it swung the wrecking ball on the old skating rink.

In each of those communities, there have been some fairly substantial costs to the taxpayers, as well as the requisite hard feelings from some property owners who were handed a bill.

Lake Waccamaw Town Manager Harry Foley has a plan that we think deserves praise. He detailed it recently at a board of commissioners meeting, and in the town's newsletter.

Foley has asked residents of the town to take a serious look at their properties, and see what needs improving – derelict boats, old cars (both 'projects' and forgotten clunkers), rundown sheds, overgrown flower beds, and yes, buildings. After receiving a series of complaints about all these things and more, Foley examined the town's code and considered possible courses of action.

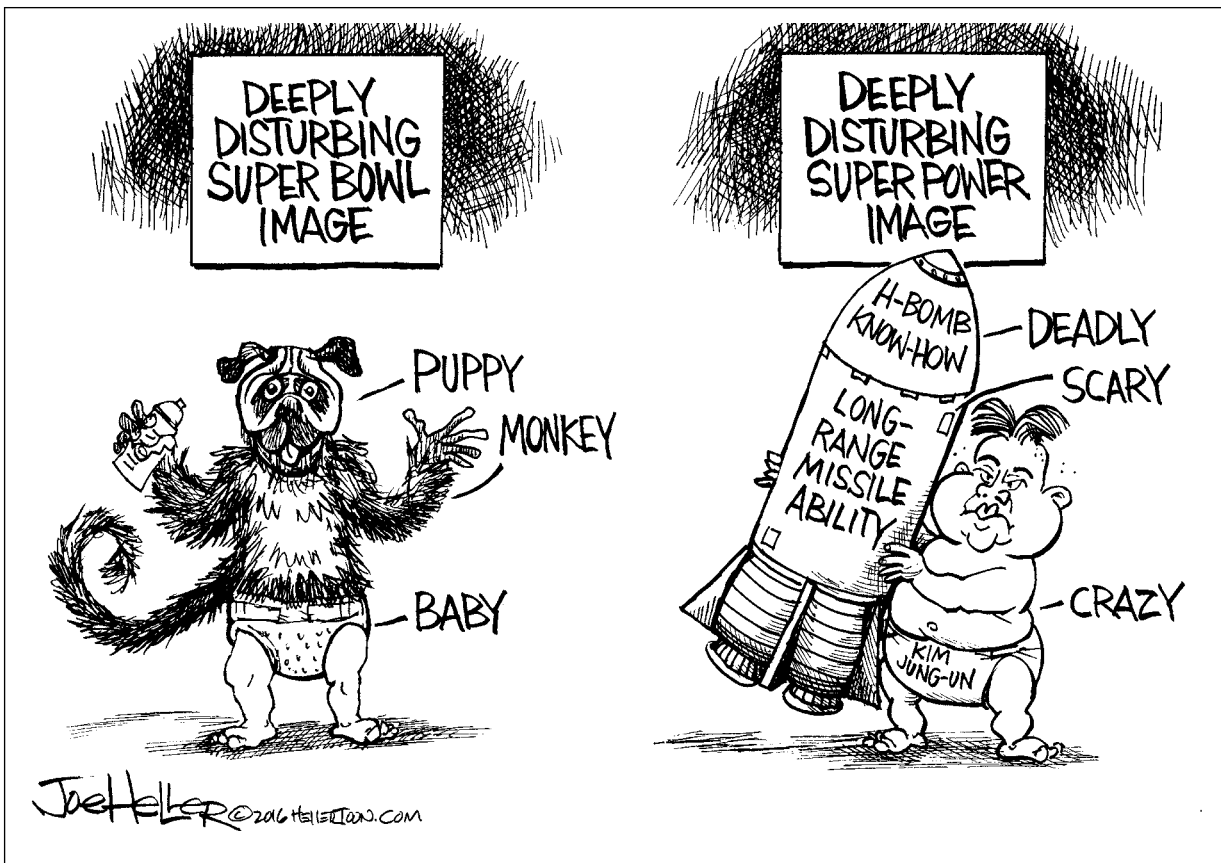
The Lake could have cracked down hard, issuing citations and starting the process to force cleanup. There are more problem properties at the Lake than many realize. However, Foley instead announced that he is asking residents to hold a "spring cleaning" of sorts, voluntarily removing violations.

The "official" start date for the cleanup is March 1, and there's a deadline. Starting June 1, Foley said he will instruct town staff to begin issuing citations for nuisance violations. That doesn't mean the town will be immediately firing up the lawn mowers and bulldozers, but a citation means the oil is being checked and the engines warmed.

This community-minded approach is an excellent way to handle the problem of nuisance violations. We're confident most people will take the request to heart, and handle their own problems without the town getting involved. This saves tax money and time as well as tension between town staff and homeowners.

Everyone benefits from a clean town; new residents, businesses and developers are less likely to invest in a community with cars on blocks and windowless storefronts. Increased property values help everyone, and while one falling-down shed won't devalue the whole town, a dozen or more such properties could cause a new job-producing business owner to keep on down the road. On a smaller scale, it's just not nice to harbor rats and snakes on your property when your neighbors might not have the same appreciation for wild things.

We sincerely hope Lake residents with questionable property will take Foley's advice, and in the spirit of community-minded consideration, clean up their acts. For those that will not, it's good to know the town has the backbone to enforce an ordinance that benefits everyone.



Coughs and sneezes about campus monuments and names

"When America catches a cold, Britain sneezes — eventually."

Writing in *The New York Times*, Matthew d'Ancona, a graduate of Britain's Oxford University and columnist for British papers, *The Guardian* and *The Daily Evening Standard*, reported, "The argument about the proper limits of free speech and 'political correctness' that has raged for years on American campuses has arrived at British universities with a vengeance."

According to D'Ancona, there is a fierce debate at Oxford about a campaign to remove a statue of Cecil Rhodes from the campus of Oriel College, a part of the university.

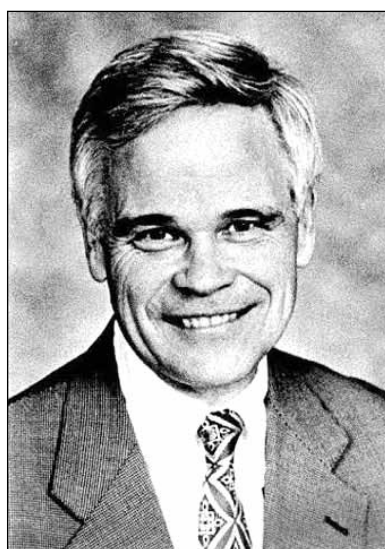
Rhodes made a fortune in diamond mining in southern Africa and left much of it to Oriel and to fund the scholarship program that bears his name.

The objection to his statue is based on his white supremacist views. In 1877, he wrote, "I contend that we are the first race in the world and that the more of the world we inhabit the better it is for the human race."

Last week Oriel College announced it would keep the statue, but the controversy continues.

Meanwhile last week in Chapel Hill, America's cold continued to bring about loud coughs as a panel of distinguished faculty members discussed proposals to remove the "Silent Sam" Confederate memorial and the names of slave-holding or segregationist men from campus buildings.

Judge John J. Parker Distinguished Law Professor Al Brophy poignantly reported how an African American client in Sampson County told him that the Confederate memorial at the courthouse was a signal



D.G. Martin

One on One With D.G. Martin

to her that she could not get justice there.

If the memorial sent that message, Brophy suggested, its display could be a violation of the Federal Constitution.

Responding to a campus Board of Trustees' 16-year prohibition on building name changes, William B. Umstead Distinguished Professor of History Fitz Brundage suggested a form of collective civil disobedience.

The campus community, for example, could begin to refer to Ruffin Hall as Chambers Hall in honor of civil rights hero Julius Chambers.

Although there would be no formal renaming, "we as a collective community would decide Ruffin Hall will be Chambers Hall."

The only African American on the panel, Professor of Law Ted Shaw, said that he was more interested in preserving history than obliterating it.

But with respect to the Silent Sam statue, he conceded that "sometimes we need revolution, but I am much more in-

terested in an honest rendition of history, so that it isn't, as we say in the black community, 'only his story.'"

Campus historian Cecelia Moore pointed out that, for better or worse, the university's building names reflect the power structure of an earlier time, rather than the values of today's community.

Shouldn't, then, the campus community be free to surround itself with buildings with names that reflect current values? And why stop at buildings and monuments?

What about the names of scholarships and professorships named for distinguished men and women whose views on race would be unacceptable today?

Times columnist d'Ancona would say, no, "we have moral values — ones that are appropriate to our era.

"But for that very reason, if we build a monument that is consonant with those standards, then, reasonably, we expect it to be respected by future generations."

Regarding the proposed removal of the Rhodes statue, d'Ancona continues, "Protecting them from the challenge of history by obliterating uncomfortable facts about the past would infantilize them.

"It would be a terrible precedent in this country, and because of Oxford's renown, it would make headlines around the world.

If Oxford is forced to take down its historic statuary, why stop there? Next for demolition: Mount Rushmore."

Good point, but as Professor Lloyd Kramer pointed out to his Chapel Hill colleagues, one of those men on Mount Rushmore, Thomas Jefferson, told us, "The world belongs to the living."

The wool coat

BY RAY LUNDY

Special to The News Reporter

It was my favorite coat, green and black checks with fleece lining.

On a cold day it kept me snug and warm.

I have written about the coat months ago, but there is a new twist.

On a cold December day years ago, I stood with four of my church members at the edge of a field and watched their new house burn.

A couple and their two kids were weeping — "our brand new house," they said.

Eddie, the husband and father, had no coat in the cold wind. He was shivering, and I removed my favorite coat and put it around his shoulders. Eddie began weeping and said, "My coat and all of my clothes are in our new house," and

he wept even harder.

"Put the coat on, Eddie; it's yours," and he did. He hugged me. "Thank you, preacher; I'll see you at church," and he and his family did. He had not attended church in months.

They rebuilt their house, and lived happily ever after.

Now, let us fast forward to last Monday night.

Jerry Haynes stood in his yard near Fair Bluff and watched the house burn.

The fire department tried, but the house is a total loss. Everything they had is gone — pictures, diplomas, trophies of the children's awards, family things that cannot be replaced — all gone in a short while, forever.

They wept with uncontrollable grief, and in the mix a beloved cat is missing.

Hopefully, the cat is in the

woods or at a neighbor's house. Their years as a family went up in smoke.

My daughter, Emily, told me Jerry's clothes sizes, but she did not ask me to do anything. "Our church is doing something."

Immediately, I rounded up a few clothes, not castaways but clothes I liked. In the mix was a red and black checked jacket with a fleece lining — almost new, just like the green and black one long ago. I drove to Larry and Barbara Enzor's home where Jerry, Tara, and the kids were and gave Jerry my clothes.

"I don't have jockey itch, athlete's foot, or anything else, and my clothes are clean. If you don't want them or have better, make a dog bed out of them, but use the red and black fleece-lined jacket."

You will recover; we love you; we're praying.

The future of work

By TOM CAMPBELL

The Emerging Issues Forum always puts a microscope on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead and this year's event was no exception. FutureWork used compelling data and trending to focus on those jobs and the workforce need for North Carolina's future.

Author and futurist Martin Ford, and N.C. State University Economist Mike Walden keynoted and framed the discussion. Ford began by saying that, in 1998, the number of work-hours of labor in the United States was 194 billion hours.

By 2013, business output had risen 42 percent, the population had grown by 40 percent, yet the number of work-hours remained static at 194 billion due to increased productivity and improved technology.

Whereas we previously employed automation and machines to perform routine tasks, today's robotics possess cognitive reasoning to sort through data, come to conclusions and even manufacture products.

Ford said that in 1979, the peak employment of the auto industry, there were 840,000 autoworkers and the industry generated \$11 billion in earnings.

In 2012, Google employed 38,000 workers and reported \$14 billion in earnings. Tomorrow's economy will look more like Google than the automotive industry.

The jobless recovery required six years for America to regain the same employment numbers we had prior to recession and those new jobs were generally of lower quality and lower incomes.

Prior to 1970, productivity increases and compensation tracked closely on a graph; since then, compensation has remained static to declining as productivity increased rapidly, the result of downsizing, budget cuts and new technologies.

This is an unsustainable trend. Machines do not consume. For the economy to continue expanding business must be able to sell more and have people who can afford to buy.

Walden's remarks were titled "Technological Unemployment and its impact for North Carolina," saying it was the issue of the century.

Machines don't need pay increases, never get tired, don't get hurt on the job, don't go on vacation and are precisely tuned for predictable results. There is a 70 percent likelihood that 49 percent of today's jobs won't exist in a decade or two.

One hundred years ago, two-thirds of our workforce was employed on the farm. We moved from the farm to manufacturing and are transitioning to service sector jobs, positions that typically pay less and exacerbate the decline of the middle class.

Technology and machines are invading knowledge-based, middle-income jobs such as accounting, human resource specialists, market research analysts and the professions.

Walden says the two questions are "What will technology

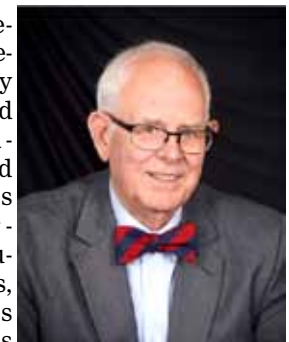
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Tom Campbell

McDONALD'S PRESENTS

Whiteville High School



Logan Jackson

Logan Jackson is the 15-year old sophomore daughter of Veronica and Jeffrey Jackson. Active with the school's junior varsity cheerleading and tennis teams, she is also a member of the National Honor Society and drama club. What she likes best about Whiteville High is the fun teachers and staff. Biology is her favorite class. "I love learning about science and life," she said. She wishes she could change the morning bell from 7:50 to 9:50 a.m. "I do not like waking up early for school," Logan said. Her best subject is American History I and her favorite school activity is football games. Outside of school she spends time with friends and family and previously cheered competitively in Raleigh for Cheer Extreme All-Stars. After high school she'd like to go to college at N.C. State University and cheer. Her dream is to travel the world.

East Columbus High School



Heather King

Heather King is quiet, but she stays busy. The daughter of Derek and Pam King is a member of the East Columbus High marching band, concert band, bowling team and tennis team. She's also secretary of the Beta Club. She said the faculty makes ECHS a great school. "The teachers are all helpful and supportive," she said. Music is a big part of King's life - she recently auditioned for all district band, and earned 16th chair with her clarinet. "I have been taking piano lessons from Mrs. Fowler for about 12 years," the senior said, "and I participate in competitions every year." Her favorite class is physics. "I like it because we get to do a lot of hands-on learning with Mr. LaMora," she said. King plans to major in chemistry in college. Her favorite music group is *Of Monsters and Men*, and her favorite movie is *The Hunger Games*. She also enjoys reading *The Book Thief* (reading is her favorite non-school activity). King's favorite food is pizza.

West Columbus High School



Megan Daniels

Megan Daniels, a 16-year-old junior, is the daughter of Terry and Gwen Daniels of Evergreen. She likes the teachers at West Columbus because they care about each student. Her favorite class is Health Science II "because Mrs. Herring helps you understand things." Megan is involved in dance, cheerleading and the youth group at Boardman Baptist Church. She's most proud of the fact that she has an excellent worth ethic. Something interesting that most people do not know about her is that she loves to read. After high school, Megan plans to continue her education in a nursing program. Her favorite music group is Divergent, her favorite movie is "The Longest Ride," pizza is her favorite food and her favorite non-school activity is dance.

South Columbus High School



William Cody Beck

William Cody Beck is the 18-year-old son of Tim and Jeannie Beck. He is a senior and likes being able to fellowship with his friends and enjoys learning at SCHS. His favorite classes are construction and calculus "because both classes have great teachers and are challenging sometimes and make you think." He is a member of Beta Club, the National Honor Society and a junior marshal. He plans to attend Wingate university after high school and pursue a career in pharmacy. His favorite book is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. His favorite food is steak and he enjoys hunting and fishing.



COLUMBUS STUDENTS of the week



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School construction study moves forward

By **NICOLE CARTRETTE**
News Editor

The Columbus County School Board voted Monday to pay half the cost of an ongoing property accounting and school construction feasibility study being conducted by Zotak Design of Chapel Hill. Commissioners unanimously declined a request from the Columbus County Board of Education that the county pay 75 percent of the costs of the \$26,500, which will

include options for consolidating some county schools.

Instead, commissioners agreed to pay 50 percent of the costs, as they had agreed to do several months ago.

Whiteville City Schools was asked to participate and absorb 25 percent of the costs. However, the city school system decided not to take part.

The Columbus County Board of Education had agreed to pay \$6,625, or 25 percent, of the costs of the study.

Following recent action, the county will pay only \$13,250 of the remaining balance.

The Columbus County School Board will pay the remaining \$13,250.

Bill Phipps, school board attorney, sought clarification Monday night on the cost of the study.

Officials said the \$26,500 cost is reflective of a price reduction based on the city schools not being part of the study and not the original price quoted.



Staff photo by Allen Turner

Alan Thompson, accountant for the West Columbus ABC System, addresses the Chadbourn Town Council Thursday night as Tony Freeman, left, chairman of the ABC board, listens.

Campbell

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do next?" and "What won't technology be able to do?" It doesn't appear technology will replace household management, organization management, repair and maintenance of technology equipment, data management and analysis, age-related assistance, social interactive jobs and education retraining.

"We must rethink the structure, content and delivery of education at all levels. Equipping and retraining our workforce will force new approaches to assistance and unemployment programs.

The takeaway from this year's Emerging Issues Forum is daunting, but half of any challenge is in knowing what

lies ahead.

"Rapid changes in the workplace will only accelerate, demanding that leaders in commerce, education and public policy rethink today's status quo.

"Our question is this: does North Carolina possess the vision, leaders and will to react and respond to these changes? Our future wellbeing demands timely, wise and appropriate responses."

Art reception date changed

The date for the art exhibit reception for Lori Lytle and Renee Calhoun Matthews at the Columbus County Arts Center has been changed to

Thursday, Feb. 25.

It was previously set for Feb. 18.

Their art will be displayed until March 24.

ABC

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property several years ago with an eye toward constructing its own building on the property.

That plan was shelved, however, when they learned they would have to pay for installing a turn lane on N.C. 410 North, a project that would have cost more than \$100,000.

Freeman said the ABC board wants to sell the vacant lot and use the proceeds to pay debt on the existing building and cover the cost of renovations.

The ABC board has agreed to purchase the present location for \$250,000.

The ABC board has paid \$50,000 to Chadbourn Worley. He owned the ABC building before becoming a councilman and says he was in discussions about selling the store before being elected to council.

Worley is financing the balance of the \$200,000 the ABC board still owes.

At one point in the discussion, Freeman told Worley that he would go back to his

board to see whether they would rethink their position on deeding the property to the town.

Roberts, later in the discussion, said "This seems like a one-sided relationship. Looks to me like our only legal out is to say you (the ABC board) no longer exist."

Pope told Roberts, "I don't see anything unlawful that they're doing. You might not like it, but they're legally able to do everything they have done."

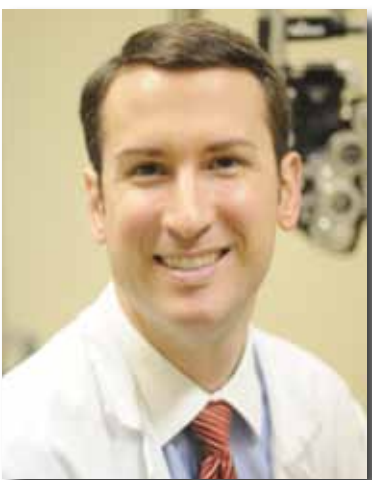
WCHS FFA steak dinner fundraiser set

West Columbus High School's FFA Chapter will hold its annual Justin Turbeville Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser Friday, Feb. 26. The event will feature a grilled ribeye steak dinner with baked potato, salad with dressing, roll and cake for \$10 per plate.

Dine in or take out. Steaks will be available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the WCHS Ag Department. Deliveries will be made for 10 or more plates. For more information call the WCHS Ag Department at 910-654-3439.

Pancake supper

Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church will host a pancake supper Saturday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The public is invited to attend this event for a donation only. The church is located at 68 Green Mills Road, Clarkton. All proceeds will benefit Relay For Life.



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Turn back your biological clock

By GRANT EGLEY

Take the Lake steering committee

The phrase, “You have to age, but you don’t have to get old,” may not make sense to you, but it is the message of Younger Next Year, a New York Times best seller about health and fitness.

The authors, Chris Crowley and Henry S. Lodge, M.D., say that you can’t turn back time, but you can turn back your biological clock.

The secret is to adopt a healthy lifestyle, which includes regular exercise early in life and continuing it for the rest of your life.

Do that and you can feel like a 50-year-old when you are 80.

The authors’ language is frank, but they want to impress you that your life is at stake.

They say that too many people are dying or becoming disabled at a much too early age. It is not about just living a long life; it is about being healthy and active while living a long life.

Vigorous regular exercise, at least brisk walking, is the most important component of an active and healthy lifestyle. They also emphasize that you should not start an exercise program without first checking with a medical doctor.

The authors make statements like: “Some 70 percent of premature death and aging is lifestyle related.

More than 50 percent of all illness and injuries in the last third of your life can be eliminated by changing your lifestyle in the way we suggest.

Once you pass the age of 50, exercise is no longer optional. You have to exercise or get old. Life is an endurance event. Train for it.”

The book’s take-home message is that most people can be active and productive up into their 80s if they follow a few rules of a healthy lifestyle. Too many people simply do not prepare themselves for a long and healthy life.

This book is mainly for the age 20-50s crowd because they need to start now and prepare themselves for later years. Those over 50 can also benefit from reading the book, but it is difficult for them to break the harmful habit of many years of sedentary lifestyle.

Lodge says that vigorous regular exercise is very important because it improves the efficiency of our circulatory system.

Losing weight, improving endurance and increasing muscle strength are important benefits of exercise, but maintaining an efficient circulatory system is the main benefit.

Each one of the billions of cells in our body needs to be supplied with oxygen and food, and to have carbon dioxide and waste products removed.

Fine capillaries of the circulatory system provide this service. If the service fails, bad things happen. For example, when tiny coronary arteries servicing heart muscle cells are blocked, we have heart attacks. Lodge says, “Hearts

don’t fail; coronary arteries do. They get blocked, they clot, and we die.” Exercise (also proper diet) helps prevent blockage of the circulatory system in general.

Exercise stimulates blood flow throughout our bodies. With regular aerobic exercise, our bodies build new networks of capillaries that service the cells.

Lodge says that at rest, only 20 percent of our blood flows through the muscles, but with exercise that number rises to 80 percent in a trained athlete.

We all are not trained athletes, but we should similarly benefit to some degree.

We started life with a body capable of being very active for many years. Science now says that in order to keep this capability, we must continue to be active throughout our lives.

The sedentary lifestyles of too many of us lack the activity needed to maintain that capability.

Regular exercise can fill the void created by the sedentary lifestyle. In other words, exercise can help make up for the lack of a healthy lifestyle.

The above is only a sample of the authors’ statements about the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

It is not a typical how-to-do-it book. Its main message is to start an active lifestyle early in life and continue it because “your life is at stake.”

I urge you to take a look at this book.

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Dancing with the Vineland Stars kickoff event

The participants of the 2016 Dancing with the Vineland Stars recently gathered at the Vineland Depot for an event kickoff. The Stars, seated in the front row from left to right, are Lynn Spaulding, Teeya Scheer, Darren Currie, Steven Underwood, Bill Gore, Dalton Dockery, Ashley Gore, Peggy Newman and Jared Worthington. The Professionals, standing left to right, are Mike Formyduval, Amy Greene, Madison Ward, Mary Wheatley, Rita Capps, Chris Blackmon, Shawn Worthington and Nikki Walker. Not pictured are Professionals Jessica Williamson and Alfredo Brown and Star Carla Brown Thomason. Dancing with the Vineland Stars is April 30 at Vineland Depot. Tickets go on sale in March.

Cold, wet weather won’t delay farm work

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

The unusual and prolonged bad weather – frequent heavy rains and several consecutive nights below freezing – won’t delay farmers with their spring plowing and planting.

Extension Service Row Crop Agent Michael Shaw said recent unpleasant cold and wet weather will have no detrimental effect on pre-

paring land for farm crops. Nor will the weather present problems for the two main crops in the early growth stages now, winter wheat and strawberries.

“Strawberries and winter wheat can stand cold weather,” Shaw said.

By the time for planting summer crops rolls around, early spring growth on domestic and wild plants and trees will have taken up much

of the water from earlier rains.

According to figures gathered by the National Weather Service at the Wilmington airport, for February 1 to February 11 of this year, 6.15 inches of rain fell at the airport. Average rains for the entire month of February at the airport for about the last 50 years was 3.61 inches.

The minimum average temperature for the 50-year

period was 34.25 degrees; for the first 11 days of this February, the thermometer was predicted to remain in the 30s.

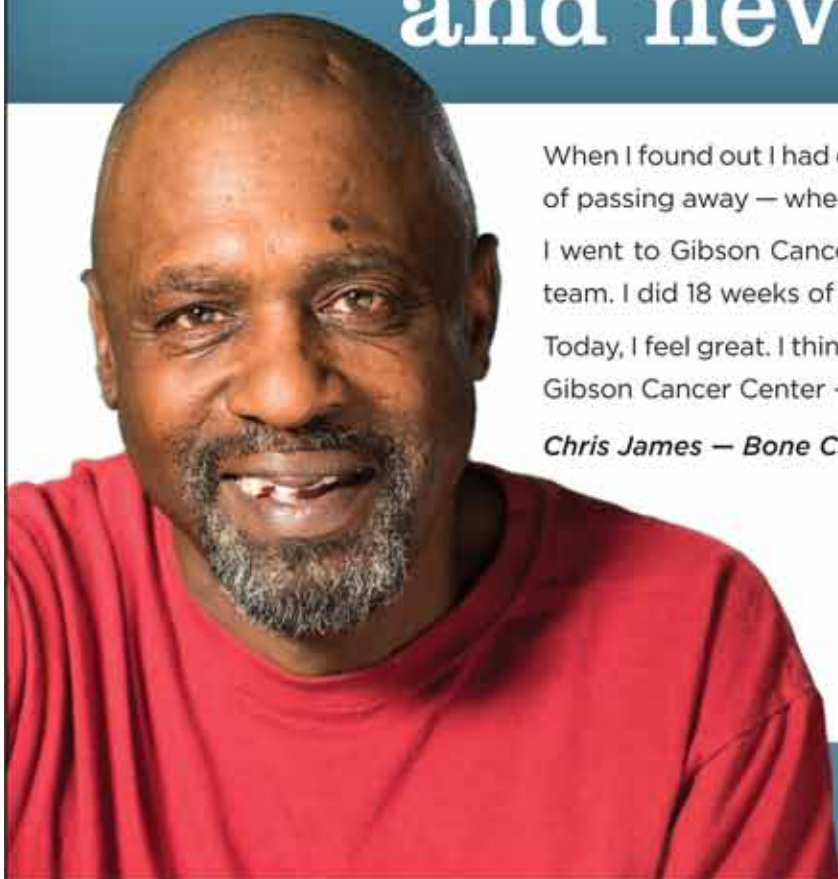
Farmers had to put up with bad weather, mostly in the form of excess rains, during last year’s growing season.

The 2015 farming season in this area was not a good one, weatherwise.

“It was not a good year for farmers,” Shaw said of last growing season.



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Applications for Strawberry pageant ready

Applications for The N.C. Strawberry Festival pageant are available. Age requirements are 13-16 for princess, 17-22 for queen.

Applications can be picked-up at CresCom Bank, Amy’s Academy of Dance and BB&T in Chadbourne, or call Catherine Causey at 910-642-7924.

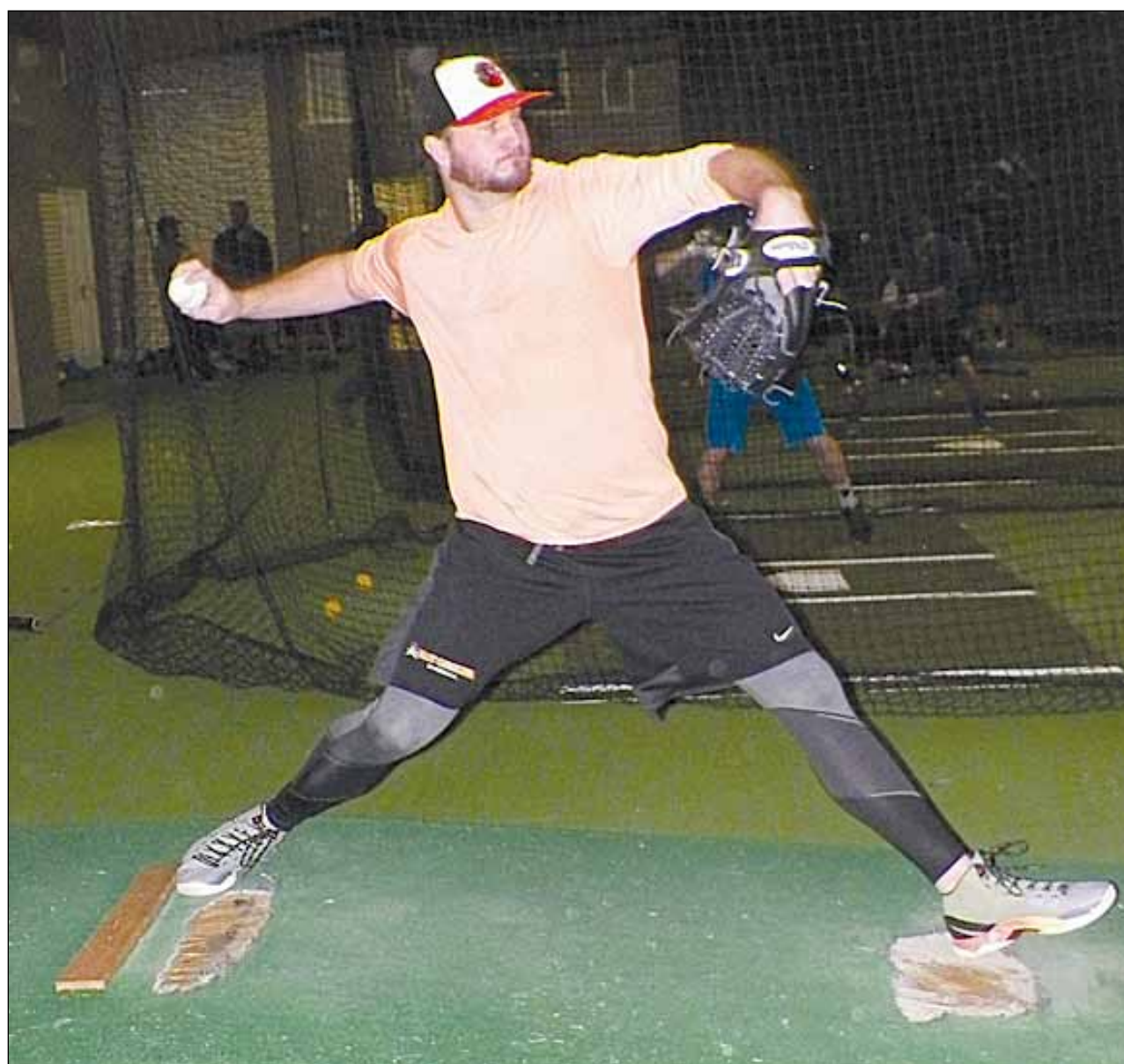
Whiteville Garden Club to meet Friday

Whiteville Garden Club will meet Friday, Feb. 19 at Dale’s Seafood at 11 a.m.

Hilda Ray and Susan Wood are hostesses and Susan will give the program.

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Staff photos by Dan Biser

Baltimore Orioles pitcher Mike Wright (left) goes through a short pitching workout Thursday evening at the Whiteville City Schools Multi-Purpose Center (formerly Swing Away) prior to heading to Sarasota, Fla., for spring training Friday. In above photo, Wright is pictured with (left to right) his father Dennis, area baseball instructor Linwood Hedgpeth and Whiteville High School baseball coach Brett Harwood. Wright, who gained All-State honors while playing at Whiteville High in 2007 and 2008, made his major-league debut with Orioles last season, compiling a record of 3-5 record while making nine starts and pitching 44.2 innings. The 6-foot-6, 240-pound Wright spent part of the off-season training in southern California. Manager Bucky Showalter's Oriole team finished third in the 2015 American League East division standings with an 81-81 record.

Wright out to gain successful 2016 season with O's

By DAN BISER
Sports Editor

Having made steady and often impressive progress through the pro baseball ranks since signing as the Baltimore Orioles's third-round draft pick in 2011, Mike Wright is clearly a righthander with a future.

The former Whiteville High School and East Caro-

lina University baseball pitching standout made his major-league debut last May, throwing 6-1/3 shut-out innings and striking out six California Angels, including Mike Trout, and received a thunderous ovation by the Sunday crowd at Camden Yards when he was relieved with one out in the seventh inning.

Splitting time between the Oriole parent team and its

AAA affiliate Norfolk Tides team, Wright put himself on the verge of making a major-league break-through. His 2015 major league stats with the Orioles included a 3-5 record over 44 innings pitched.

On Thursday evening, the 26-year-old Wright and father Dennis made a visit to Whiteville to visit former coaches, teammates and fans before heading to Florida Friday to

begin spring training.

The 2008 Whiteville High All-Stater went through a workout at the Whiteville City Schools Multi-Purpose Center, had an autograph session, followed by a question-and-answer session.

The gathering, hosted by the Whiteville Diamond Club, included a large number of Dixie Youth League players.

The 6-foot-6, 240-pound

Wright said he has continued to keep Whiteville as a home base since much of his development as a player during his high school years under WHS baseball coach Brett Harwood and longtime area coach/instructor Linwood Hedgpeth.

"It's good coming back to visit and seeing many of the people who watched me play at Whiteville High School," he said.

Wright pointed out that last year at this time, he was mostly concerned about getting to the major leagues and not necessarily what he was going to do when he got there.

"This year, my focus will be different because I have been there and I know what it takes to move forward and continue

See Wright on 2B

TRC Tournament to begin Tuesday ECHS girls, WHS boys and girls to host opening-round games

The Three Rivers 1A-2A Conference Basketball Tournament will open Tuesday with higher-seeded teams taking homecourt advantage.

Boys and girls teams from all eight of conference schools will compete for championships.

State playoffs are scheduled to begin next week.

All action will switch to St. Pauls Thursday with all four games in the girls and boys semi-finals. The championship games will be played Friday night at St. Pauls.

Tuesday's schedule in the boys bracket has No. 1 Fairmont playing to host to No. 8 East Columbus at 7 p.m.

Other first-round boys games have No. 2 Whiteville entertaining No. 7 West Columbus at 8 p.m., No. 3 Red Springs playing host to No. 6 South Columbus at 8 p.m., and No. 4 St. Pauls

at home against No. 5 South Robeson.

Tuesday's schedule in the girls bracket has No. 1 East Columbus playing at home against No. 8 West Columbus at 7 p.m., No. 2 Red Springs taking its homecourt against No. 7 Fairmont at 6 p.m., No. 3 South Robeson at home against No. 7 South Columbus at 7 p.m., and No. 4 Whiteville entertaining No. 5 St. Pauls 6 p.m.

Thursday semi-finals at St. Pauls will have girls games at 4 p.m., and 8 p.m., and boys games at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Friday's championship games will have the girls tipping off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys match-up at 8 p.m.

East Columbus is the defending TRC Girls Tournament champion, and Whiteville is the defending TRC Boys Tournament champ.

See Three Rivers Conference final regular-season standings on Page 2B



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State meet sprinters

Whiteville High School track athletes (left to right) Shaniqua Parker, Ivey Long, Cynquasha Best and Makayal Killens competed in the 4x200 relay event at Saturday's North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A-2A state indoor track finals at Winston-Salem. The team placed fifth among 1A schools in the relay. Pictured with the foursome are WHS assistant track coach Todd Mulkey (left) and head track coach Will Dorn. The meet was held at JDL Fast Track indoor facility. This marks the first year that Whiteville High School has had athletes compete in state indoor track and field competition.

Viking boys win thriller

Lady Gators claim fifth straight Three Rivers Conference hoop title

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

Friday night's boys contest between West Columbus and East Columbus proved that you don't need great teams to have a great basketball game.

The Vikings came from behind twice to earn a 53-52 victory over the Gators that was in doubt until the final buzzer.

The girls contest held no such intrigue. The Lady Gators scored the contest's first 19 points on their way to a 58-12 victory.

In the boys contest, the Vikings led 3-0 before East Columbus went on an 11-0 run in the first period. An Ozzly Johnson trey cut the lead to 11-6. The Gators' Alex Moore matched Johnson's three-pointer, then added a "basket-and-one" to move the lead to 17-6.

After the first quarter, East held a 19-8 lead. West Columbus's Johnny McFadden personally pulled the Vikings back within six points on two old-fashioned three-point plays and two additional foul shots. However, West Columbus did not score in the final 4:17 of the first half.

Three-point field goals by John Baldwin and Moore helped East Columbus rebuild the margin to 32-18 at halftime.

West Columbus started the second half with a 12-0 spurt. Fred Evans converted free throws after back-to-back baskets, McFadden scored consecutive hoops and EJ Miller added a basket to pull the Vikings within two at 32-30.

The Vikings tied the game at 34 on a Nick Godfrey layup. McFadden's basket gave the Vikings their first lead since it was 3-2 early in the first. Alex Moore countered with a three-point bomb for a 37-36 Gator advantage. Another Godfrey layup and Dillajuwan Willis's two free throws gave West Columbus a 40-37 lead after three quarters.

Godfrey's third basket of the half, coupled with three points by Evans provided the Vikings with their largest lead of the night at 45-39 two minutes into the final period. Alex Moore's fourth trey of the evening capped an 8-0 Gator run as they regained the lead at 47-45. Included in the run were three free throws by Justin Chestnutt. Evans' jumper tied the game at 47. Moore connected on two free throws and Kushod Tucker added a basket to give the Gators a 51-47 advantage with 1:38 remaining.

Evans scored again to cut the lead to two with 1:14 left. Ozzly Johnson's three-pointer with 50 seconds left on the clock recaptured the lead for the Vikings at 52-51.

The Gators' John Baldwin was fouled with 25 seconds left. He missed both free throws, but got a reprieve on the second attempt due to a lane violation by the Vikings. He made good on the second chance, tying the score at 52. Evans was fouled driving to the basket with 20 seconds remaining.

The Viking senior connected on the second of two free throws for a 53-52 lead. The Gators got one last good look

at the basket, but Baldwin's layup attempt fell short and Evans dribbled out the final five seconds.

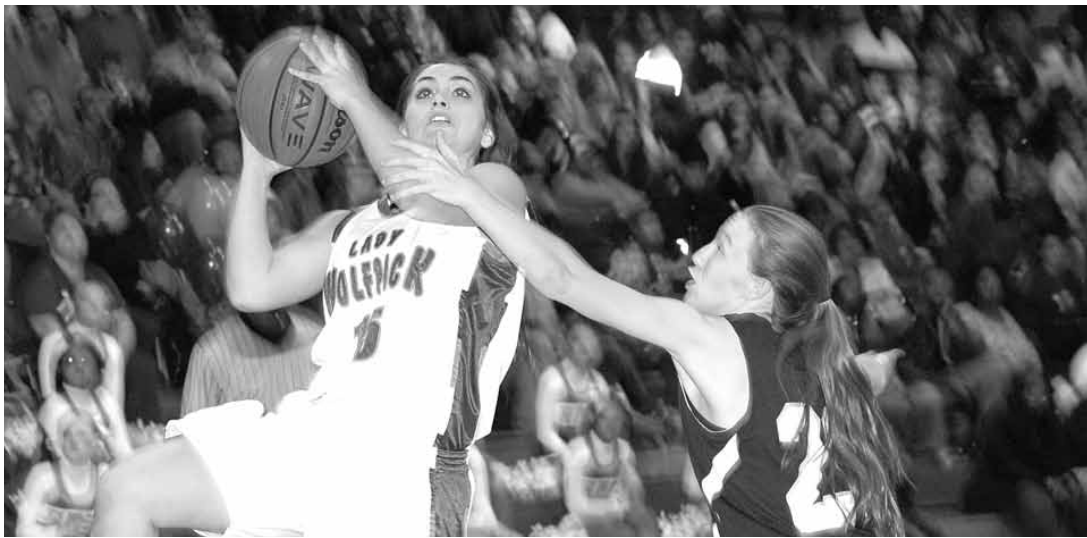
Johnny McFadden led the Vikings with 16 points. Fred Evans contributed 14 points. East Columbus's Alex Moore led all scorers with 19 points.

Travin Squires added eight. Justin Chestnutt and Kushod Tucker chipped in seven points apiece. Chestnutt and Tucker, along with Shaheed Bellamy, Javante Robinson and Kris Jacobs played in their final home contest for the Gators.

Leading 26-3 after one period, the only questions were how long the Lady Gator starters would play and whether a running clock would be utilized. Coach Candra Powell pulled her starters with a 39-point lead with about two minutes to play in the third quarter.

The Gator reserves extended the lead during the final quarter of action. The 58-12 win clinched a co-championship for the Lady Gators. Red Springs also finished 12-2 in TRC play, but East Columbus will be the top-seed in this week's tournament due to two wins over the Red Devils.

Marlena McClure led East Columbus with 18 points. Her behind-the-back pass to Tia Campbell for a fast break lay up during the Gators' first-quarter blitz was the highlight of the game. Tia Campbell and Mia Campbell each scored 11 points. Seniors Sayeh Campbell and Alexis Clark had six and five points respectively.



Photos by Mary Kindschuh

Whiteville High guard Madison Hinson (left) goes in for lay-up while being guarded by South Columbus' Caila Turbeville in Friday night's Three Rivers Conference girls basketball game at the WHS gym. Whiteville won 45-26



South Columbus guard Shiquan Conyers (right) handles the ball on the perimeter with Whiteville Tyrell Kirk defender Tyrell Kirk closes in during Friday night's Three Rivers Conference basketball game. Whiteville came away with a 54-33 victory.

Cerro Gordo Dixie Youth sets player registrations

The Cerro Gordo Dixie Youth Baseball program will hold player registrations at the Cerro Gordo Dixie Youth Complex on the following dates and times:

Saturday, Feb. 13 and Saturday, Feb. 20 12 noon to 1 p.m.
Registration for Majors/

Minors/Coach-Pitch/T-Ball - ages 5-12.

Registration fee is \$30 per player. Feb. 20 is the final registration date.

For more information, contact Kiley Hinson (512-4524), Rick Benton (840-5857), Kevin Bowen (640-9626) and Kris Ward (232-7424).

Hallsboro DYB sets sign-ups

Hallsboro Dixie Youth Baseball sign-ups for tryouts will be held Feb. 13 and Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. until noon at Mike Mobley Field.

All players will come back to the field Feb. 27 from 10 to 11:30 for workouts. For questions and further information, contact T.J. Wilson (840-9214), Mike Mobley (918-4656) or Ashley Barnhill (840-6831).

Three Rivers Conference basketball standings

Final standings

BOYS			GIRLS		
	Conf.	Overall		Conf.	Overall
Fairmont	14-0	20-0	East Columbus	12-2	17-4
Whiteville	11-3	14-4	Red Springs	12-2	16-7
Red Springs	10-4	14-9	South Robeson	10-3	15-8
St. Pauls	9-5	17-6	Whiteville	8-6	9-9
South Robeson	5-9	6-16	St. Pauls	7-7	8-14
South Columbus	3-11	4-15	South Columbus	4-10	5-14
West Columbus	3-11	5-14	Fairmont	3-11	5-16
East Columbus	1-13	2-22	West Columbus	0-14	2-17

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Whiteville 54, South Columbus 33
West Columbus 53, East Columbus 52
Fairmont 66, St. Pauls 64
Red Springs 61, South Robeson 55

TUESDAY'S GAMES

(Opening round of TRC Tournament)

East Columbus at Fairmont, 7
West Columbus at Whiteville, 8
South Columbus at Red Springs, 8
South Robeson at St. Pauls, 7

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Whiteville 45, South Columbus 26
East Columbus 58, West Columbus 12
St. Pauls 52, Fairmont 23
Red Springs 59, South Robeson 39

TUESDAY'S GAMES

(Opening round of TRC Tournament)

West Columbus at East Columbus, 7
Fairmont at Red Springs, 6
South Columbus at South Robeson, 7
St. Pauls at Whiteville, 6

Wolfpack boys clinch runnerup finish in TRC

By DAN BISER
Sports Editor

The Whiteville High School boys and girls basketball teams celebrated Senior Night Friday with Three Rivers Conference victories over intra-county rival South Columbus as TRC regular-season play came to a close.

Whiteville, again paced by the all-round play of junior Tyrell Kirk, dominated the boys game 54-33 to lay claim to a second-place finish in the Three Rivers standings.

The Wolfpack posted an 11-3 record in Three Rivers play and will take a 14-4 overall mark into this week's conference tournament.

WHS finished behind TRC perennial champion Fairmont, which closed out regular-season play Friday night with a perfect 20-0 record, including 14-0 in the conference.

Kirk tallied 15 points and senior Germaine McNeil followed with 10 for Coach Jerry Singletary's Wolfpack, which built a 34-20 halftime lead and went with a conservative ball-control offense for much of the second half. Lamarr Green followed with eight points.

The Wolfpack connected on five 3-pointers for the night.

South Columbus played without leading scorer Kendrick Green, who was serving a one-game disciplinary suspension.

The Stallions gave the Wolfpack a tussle over the first five minutes of the fourth quarter, but Whiteville went on a 9-0 run to close the period for a 16-6 advantage.

Nathan Pineda and Traquan Bellamy each had six points for South Columbus, which finished in a tie for sixth place with West Columbus in the TRC standings with a 3-11 record.

For the season, Coach Bryant Edwards' Stallions are 4-13.

Singletary said it was a good day for the Wolfpack to finish their regular season, but that the biggest part of the season is approaching.

"We need to come out with a lot of focus in the tournament next week and then be ready for what the state playoffs have to offer," he said.

Edwards said that his team has had to endure some growing pains this year in playing several freshmen and sophomores, but he is optimistic about the future.

"I feel like by next season we will be a much improved team," he said.

Led by senior guard Madison Hinson, the Whiteville girls team secured a fourth-place finish in the conference with a 45-26 win over the visiting SCHS squad.

Hinson scored a game-high 12 points (all in the first half) and came up with several key

steals, assists and rebounds. Coach Serena Smith's Lady Wolfpack led at halftime 25-13.

Nsaia Rogers and Dellasia Freeman each scored eight points for the Lady Wolfpack, followed by Marquasia Smith with seven.

South Columbus got the balance of its points on 3-point shots, including three by Caila Turbeville and two by Hailey Sarvis.

The Whiteville girls squad finished conference play at 8-6 and 9-9 overall.

South Columbus slipped to 4-10 in conference and 5-14 for the season.

GIRLS GAME

S. Columbus 7 5 10 4 - 26
Whiteville 13 12 10 10 - 45

SOUTH COLUMBUS (26): Hailey Sarvis 7, Lindsey Lewis 6, Caila Turbeville 2, Maggie Butler 2, Madelyn McClure 2.

WHITEVILLE (45): Nsaia Rogers 8, Maquasia Smith 7, Breanna McCollon 3, Ashlin Floyd 1, Madison Hinson 12, Ericka Vereen 6, Dellasia Freeman 8.

BOYS GAME

S. Columbus 6 14 2 11 - 33
Whiteville 16 18 11 7 - 54

SOUTH COLUMBUS (33): Jamey Miller 5, Shiquan Conyers 4, Robby Spencer 2, Matt Register 3, Tryquan Bellamy 6, Brennan Ivey 3, Nathan Pineda 6 Bobby Gore 4.

WHITEVILLE (54): Tre Davis 4, Germaine McNeil 12, Tyrell Kirk 15, Lamarr Green 8, B.J. Edwards 6, Cameron Smith 6, Demetrius Brown 3,

Wright

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to develop.

"I'm really pleased that I am a member of the Baltimore Orioles organization," he added, "and it's great to be playing for a manager like Buckley Showalter.

"Of all the major-league ballparks I've been to so far, Camden Yards is the best."

Dixie Softball umpire clinics scheduled

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

Anyone interested in umpiring Dixie Softball in Columbus County must attend one of these MANDATORY scheduled dates. Dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 20, at Leland Park, 1429 Village Rd. Leland 28451, 2-4 p.m. (classroom, test only).

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

The clinic includes field work and taking a written test with a review afterwards. Cost of clinic/test is \$30. For more information, call Willie Wilkins 640-0102, Melissa Sykes 625-9491 or Stuart Carroll 770-0499.

Whiteville Optimist Dixie Youth registrations to begin Friday

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

Friday, Feb. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 26, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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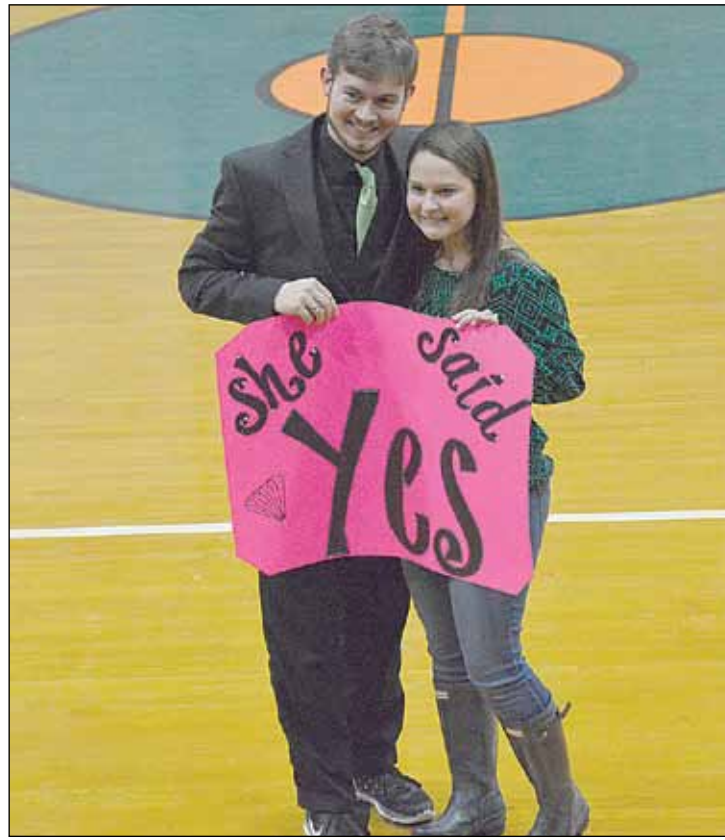


East Columbus teacher Justin Furlow on his way to get the answer from Mallory Falkner.

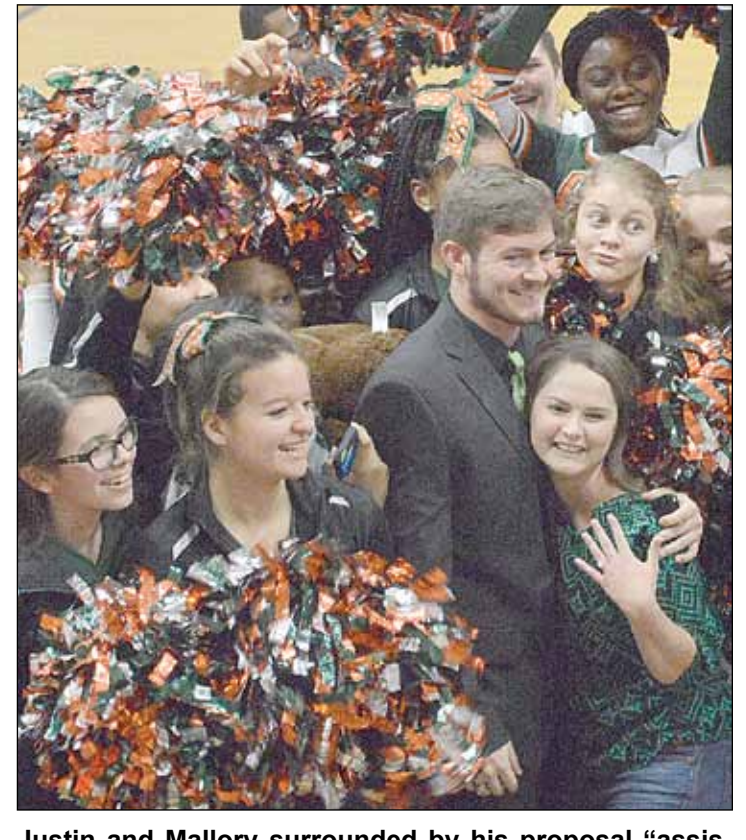
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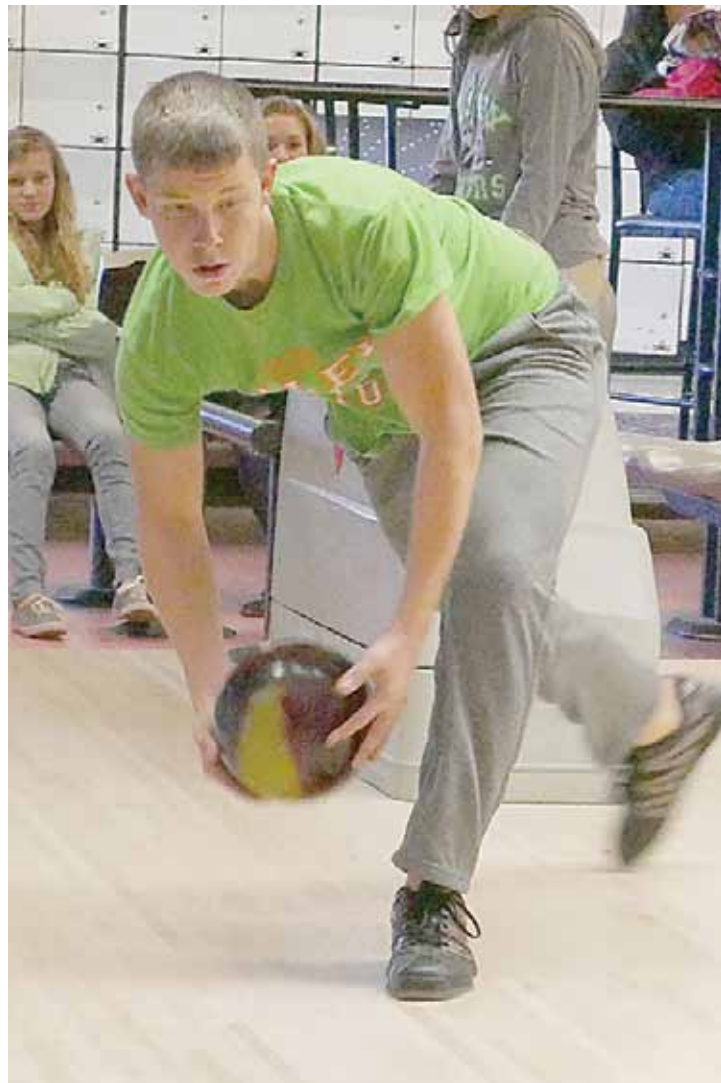
Justin takes a knee.



The sign gives the answer.



Justin and Mallory surrounded by his proposal "assistants."



East Columbus's Harley Potter finished in a tie for fourth place in the State High School Boys Bowling Championship held Friday in Fayetteville.



East Columbus girls junior varsity basketball team. Three Rivers Conference champions for the third consecutive year.

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Monday	Our State		Our State		Our State			
Tuesday	Lap Quilting With Georgia Bonesteel		Lap Quilting With Georgia Bonesteel					
Wed.	Refuge - Pea Island		Refuge - Roanoke River		Refuge - Alligator River		Refuge-Mackay Island	
Thursday	Carolina Business Review		Carolina Business Review		Carolina Business Review			
Friday	Almanac Gardener				Almanac Gardener			
Saturday	Folkways				Folkways			
Sunday	Black Issues Forum				Black Issues Forum			

MONDAY EVENING

	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
BROADCAST	ABC: The Bachelor (TV14) (N) HD	8:30: The Bachelor (TV14) (N) HD	9:00: Awards (TVPG) HD	9:30: Castle: "Dead Red" (N)	10:00: Local	10:30: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	11:00: Nightline	11:30: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	12:00: Late Night	12:30: Late Night
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THURSDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: Grey's Anatomy (N) HD	8:30: Scandal (TV14) (N) HD	9:00: How to Get Away (N)	9:30: Local	10:00: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	10:30: Nightline	11:00: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	11:30: Late Night	12:00: Late Night	12:30: Late Night
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FRIDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: Last Man Standing (N) HD	8:30: Shark Tank (N) HD	9:00: (01) 20/20 (N) HD	9:30: Local	10:00: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	10:30: Nightline	11:00: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	11:30: Late Night	12:00: Late Night	12:30: Late Night
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BROADCAST	ABC: Fresh Off (N) HD	8:30: Muppets (N) HD	9:00: Marvel's Agent Carter (N) HD	9:30: What Would You Do? (N) HD	10:00: Local	10:30: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	11:00: Nightline	11:30: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	12:00: Late Night	12:30: Late Night
CABLE	A&E: Married at First Sight (N) HD	8:30: Married at First Sight (N) HD	9:00: Married at First Sight (N) HD	9:30: Married at First Sight (N) HD	10:00: Married at First Sight (N) HD	10:30: Married at First Sight (N) HD	11:00: Married at First Sight (N) HD	11:30: Married at First Sight (N) HD	12:00: Married at First Sight (N) HD	12:30: Married at First Sight (N) HD
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SATURDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: NBA Count (N) HD	8:30: NBA Basketball: Golden State vs Los Angeles (Live) (N) HD	9:00: Local Programs	9:30: Local Programs	10:00: Local Programs	10:30: Local Programs	11:00: Local Programs	11:30: Local Programs	12:00: Local Programs	12:30: Local Programs
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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Middle (N) HD	8:30: The Middle (N) HD	9:00: Modern (N) HD	9:30: black-ish (N) HD	10:00: American Crime (N) HD	10:30: Local	11:00: Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	11:30: Nightline	12:00: Late Show (TV14) (N) HD	12:30: Late Night
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SUNDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Wonderful World of Disney: Disneyland 60 (N) HD	8:30: Journey to the Oscars (N) HD	9:00: Local Programs	9:30: Local Programs	10:00: Local Programs	10:30: Local Programs	11:00: Local Programs	11:30: Local Programs	12:00: Local Programs	12:30: Local Programs
CABLE	A&E: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	8:30: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	9:00: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	9:30: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	10:00: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	10:30: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	11:00: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	11:30: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	12:00: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD	12:30: Hoarders (TVPG) (N) HD
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LYING IN TATUM TOWNSHIP, COLUMBUS COUNTY, AND BEING LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF STATE ROAD 31525 AND BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH BY LANDS OWNED NOW OR FORMERLY BY JAC D. CARTER AND ON THE WEST BY STATE ROAD #1525 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE, SAID STAKE BEING LOCATED IN THE EASTERN RIGHT OF WAY

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OF STATE ROAD 1525, THE SAID BEGINNING STAKE BEING LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE LANDS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AND SAID BEGINNING STAKE BEING FURTHER LOCATED NORTH 23 DEG 42 MINUTES EAST 401.75 FEET FROM A NAIL AND CAP LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF STATE ROAD 1525, WHICH NAIL AND CAP IS LOCATED NORTH 19 DEG 23 MIN EAST 1,461.50 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROAD 1504 AND STATE ROAD 1525; AND RUNS THENCE FROM THE BEGINNING POINT AND WITH THE EASTERN MARGIN OF STATE ROAD 1525 NORTH 23 DEG 28 MIN EAST 100 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; AND RUNS THENCE SOUTH 56 DEG 26 MIN EAST 204.59 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; AND RUNS THENCE SOUTH 25 DEG 23 MIN WEST 99.46 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; AND RUNS THENCE NORTH 56 DEG 26 MIN WEST 201.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.46 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION WAS TAKEN FROM A MAP MADE FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY BY BILLY M. DUNCAN, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR ON DECEMBER 23, 1975 AND THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS DESIGNATED AS LOT 2 ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 360 PAUL BARNES ROAD, CHADBOURN, NC 28431

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that person must pay the tax of Forty-Five cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS 7A-308 (a)(1). The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer, and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Trustee or the holder of the Note make any representation of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or encumbrances of record any recorded releases. That an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. This the 19th day of January, 2016. Richard R. Foust Substitute Trustee Richard R. Foust, Attorney at Law 204 Muirs Chapel Road, Suite 102 Greensboro, NC 27410 Ph. No. 336-834-0510 Fax No. 336.834.0160 February, 8, 15, 2016

Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COLUMBUS COUNTY 08SP156 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JERRY RAY ROBINSON AND PATRICIA ROBINSON DATED JANUARY 7, 2003 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 718 AT PAGE 312 IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 10:00AM on February 23, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

To locate the beginning point proceed to a nail cap located in the centerline of N.C. Highway 211 at the point at which the run of Gum Swamp crosses under said highway; thence proceed North 17 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds west 1,353.14 feet to a nail cap located in the centerline of N.C. Highway 211, said nail cap being the point and place of beginning. FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT proceed South 80 degrees 53 minutes 44 seconds West 37.14 feet to an existing iron pipe located in the Western margin of N.C. Highway 211; thence proceed South 81 degrees 02 minutes 55 seconds West 190.42 feet to an iron pipe; thence proceed North 10 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West 186.78 feet to an iron pipe; thence proceed North 82 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East 225.80 feet to a nail cap located in the centerline of N.C. Highway 211; thence proceed South 11 degrees 22 minutes 08 seconds East 181.03 feet to the beginning point, containing 0.96 acres, more or less, including highway right of way. And Being more commonly known as: 2007 North Green Swamp Rd, Bolton, NC 28423 The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Jerry Ray Robinson and Patricia Robinson. The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental,

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

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is January 19, 2016.

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

Notice of Sale

New South Mini Storage, PO Box: 585/218 North Brown St, Chadbourne, NC 28431 will hold a public auction to dispose of various items of personal property, pursuant to the assertion of a lien for rental at New South Mini Storage facility. Units will be sold individually. Sale will be conducted at storage facility. Located at: 606 North Brown St Chadbourne, NC 28431. Date of Sale: February 27, 2016. Time of Sale: 10:00 AM Items to be sold: Personal belongings and furnishing belonging to:
Unit 6-Tina White,
Unit 9-Sean Frazier,
Unit 10-Earnest Smith,
Unit 11-Lenora Floyd,
Unit 16-Tyrone Graves,
Unit 26-Doreathia Thomas,
Unit 30-Skylor Stanley,
Unit 39-Martha Dowe.
New South Mini Storage By. R M Powell Jr February 8, 15, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of David James Stramara, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 1st day of February, 2016. Carrienne Volk, Administratrix of the estate of David James Stramara 1113 Faison Ave Fayetteville, NC 28304 Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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Notice of Service of Process by Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 15 CV 1141 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and TOWN OF BOLTON, Plaintiffs vs WANTIA FREEMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, U.S. Small Business Administration, Beneficiary (Lienholder), Defendant To WANTIA FREEMAN, above named Defendant: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against the Defendant WANTIA FREEMAN and naming you as a Defendant has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Tax Foreclosure for the collection of past due Columbus County property taxes. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 28th day of March, 2016, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 11th day of February, 2016. WILLIAM E. WOOD ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS 100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE WHITEVILLE, NC 28472 TELEPHONE: 910/642-3965 STATE BAR NO.: 5901 February 15, 22, 29, 2016

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE COUNTY OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 15 CV 1359 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS, Plaintiff vs ANGELA MARIE LEWIS; LEWIS SPAIN; STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NC Office of Indigent Defense Services, Judgmentholder (Lienholder); SOUTHEAST PROPERTIES OF COLUMBUS, LLC, Judgmentholder (Lienholder),

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Defendants To: ANGELA MARIE LEWIS and LEWIS SPAIN, above named Defendants: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against the Defendants ANGELA MARIE LEWIS and LEWIS SPAIN and naming you as a Defendant has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Tax Foreclosure for the collection of past due Columbus County property taxes. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the 14th day of March, 2016, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 28th day of January, 2016. WILLIAM E. WOOD ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS 100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE WHITEVILLE, NC 28472 TELEPHONE: 910-642-3965 STATE BAR NO.: 5901 February 1, 8, 15, 2016

Notice of Tax Foreclosure Sale

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 15 CV 687 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and TOWN OF BOLTON Plaintiffs vs SHAWN DEL BROWN a/k/a SHAWN DEL BROWN; FRANCINA FREEMAN BROWN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Department of the Treasury, Judgmentholder (Lienholder), Defendants NOTICE is hereby given that the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS and the TOWN OF BOLTON as bodies politic incorporate of the State of North Carolina, are exercising their power and authority to assess, levy and collect taxes against real and personal property located within their boundaries in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered on the 7th day of January, 2016 and are foreclosing on the following land of SHAWN DEL BROWN a/k/a SHAWN DEL BROWN and FRANCINA FREEMAN BROWN in order to satisfy the properly assessed but unpaid taxes and/or special assessments upon certain

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lands. Pursuant to the Judgment entered on the 7th day of January, 2016, William E. Wood has been appointed Commissioner with the authority to sell the following lands at the Courthouse Door, Columbus County Courthouse in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina at 12:15 o'clock p.m. on the 1st day of March, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all interest in the following described real estate: Lying and the Town of Bolton, Bolton Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe in the Northeast edge of North Carolina Highway No. 211; running thence North 41 degrees 45 minutes East 74.6 feet to an iron Pipe; thence South 55 degrees 30 minutes East 297 feet to a stone; thence South 28 degrees 15 minutes West 114.2 feet to an iron pipe in the Northeast edge of said highway; thence with said edge of said highway North 48 degrees 15 minutes West 321.4 feet to the POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING, containing 0.66 acres, more or less. And being the same lands conveyed from E.E. Nye and wife, Lucille R. Nye, to J.H. Coleman and wife, Grace Coleman, bearing date March 12, 1954, and recorded in Book 199, Page 188, Register of Deeds Office of Columbus County. Being also the same property described in Deed from J.H. Coleman and wife, Grace Coleman, to W.C. Lewis and wife, Helen Lewis, dated February 3, 1958, and recorded in Deed Book 209, Page 547, Columbus County Registry. Being the same property conveyed by W.C. Lewis and wife, Helen Lewis, to Judith Kurf by Deed dated September 21, 1993, recorded in Book 450, Page 460, Columbus County Registry. Being the same property conveyed by Judith I. Brown (formerly Judith Kurf) and husband, Senous Brown, to Judith I. Brown and Senous Brown, for life with the remainder interest to Shawn Del Brown, by Deed dated March 18, 2005, recorded 809, Page 774, Columbus County Registry. Senous Brown died May 2, 2013, in Brunswick County, North Carolina; Judith I. Brown died December 31, 2005, in New Hanover County, North Carolina. The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance: "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Commissioner nor the County

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of Columbus, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Commissioner or the County of Columbus make any representation of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold free and clear of all taxes, special assessments, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property except as may have priority under Federal or State Law, if any. A cash deposit of 20% of the purchase price, or \$750 whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale with the balance remaining due to be paid in full by cash or certified funds at the Office of the Commissioner within three (3) days after the entry of the Judgment of Confirmation by the Clerk of Court. Hearing before the Honorable Amy W. Nance, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina was held in connection with this foreclosure on the 7th day of January, 2016 at which time Clerk Amy Nance authorized this foreclosure sale as required by statute. This the 5th day of February, 2015. WILLIAM E WOOD COMMISSIONER 100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE WHITEVILLE, NC 28472 TELEPHONE: 910-642-3965 STATE BAR NO.: 5901 February 15, 22, 2016

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified on the 14th day of May, 2015, as Executrix of the Estate of JOSEPH MICHAEL WIL-

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA 16-E-5 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS The undersigned, BRENDA CAROL FISHER JOHNSON, has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of CARL RICHARD JOHNSON, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 25, 2016, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address: This the 25th day of January, 2016 BRENDA CAROL FISHER JOHNSON P.O. BOX 2369 WHITEVILLE, NC 28472 C. Greg Williamson Williamson, Walton & Scott, LLP Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 1467

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Whiteville, NC 28472 Jan. 25, Febr. 1, 8, 15, 2016. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS The undersigned, LUTHER SANFORD HESTER, JR. and PRISCILLA ANN HESTER, have qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of JO LANE M. HESTER, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 15, 2016, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address: This the 15th day of February, 2016. LUTHER SANFORD HESTER, JR., CO-EXECUTOR 262 Onslow Road Riegelwood, NC 28456 PRISCILLA ANN HESTER CO-EXECUTRIX 181 Cronly Road Delco, NC 28436 Williamson, Walton & Scott, L.L.P. Attorneys at Law P. O. Box 1467 Whiteville, NC 28472 February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified on the 22nd day of January, 2016, as Executor Of The Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley, deceased, of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 2, 2016, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims to the attention of Mark Council, Executor, Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley, 134 Summer Lane, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto. This the 27th day of January, 2016. MARK COUNCIL, Executor Of The Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley 134 Summer Lane Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For The Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley The McGougan Law Firm 130 Jefferson Street Whiteville, North Carolina 28472 February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016

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