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Debris ignites house

Burning yard debris fire caused this house fire Thursday on Rough and Ready Road. County Fire Marshal Shannon Blackman said high winds and the close proximity to the dwelling made for dangerous conditions. No injuries were reported, but the home was completely destroyed. Firefighters knocked down the home's chimney to eliminate a hot-spot that could have caused another fire.

Hospital CEO holds conversation with group in Fair Bluff Thursday

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

It was small group of participants that took part in a "Community Conversation" with Columbus Regional Healthcare System (CRHS) CEO Carla Hollis in Fair Bluff Thursday night. Only about 10 people attended what Hollis described as "state of the union" type message for the hospital system, but she accepted an invitation to return to the same venue this coming Thursday and address a much larger audience at the Fair Bluff Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet.

Hollis said that CRHS is a very healthy medical facility that continues to grow and expand. "We are more than a hospital," she said. "We are a continuum."

The CEO had conducted a similar forum Tuesday in Lake Waccamaw and has another scheduled tonight (Monday) at Vineland Station in Whiteville.



Columbus Regional Healthcare's Carla Hollis speaks in Fair Bluff Thursday night.

She said that 2015 saw the hospital admit 6,200 inpatients and serve 29,000 visitors to the emergency department. There were 6,000 surgical

admissions and 110,000 outpatient visits. More than 400 babies were delivered at CRHC in 2015.

The hospital is a major economic player in Columbus County and had \$250 million in gross charges for the year, ending the year with an operating margin of \$5.2 million. She said that with the equivalent of 600 full time employees, 80 percent of whom live in Columbus County, the hospital system had an annual payroll in 2015 of \$40 million. It's the second largest employer in the county behind state and county governmental units.

Columbus Regional Healthcare System is nonprofit, and last year provided \$6.8 million in charity care and \$14.1 million in other uncompensated care.

Hollis said the system's strategic plan including growing in its provision of primary care.

One area in which growth is

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Early voting 'right on course' for presidential election year

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

As of 1:20 p.m. Friday, 491 Columbus County citizens had taken advantage of the opportunity to vote early in the March 15 primary. Early voting got underway Thursday at 8 a.m. at the county board of elections office and began at 1 p.m. the same day at five satellite voting centers in the county.

Most of the early ballots, 335, were cast at the elections office. The remaining 156 votes were spread among satellite voting sites at the Bolton Town Hall, Chadbourne Municipal Annex, Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue, East Columbus Senior Center in Riegelwood and the Ritz Center in Tabor City.

County elections director Carla Strickland said Friday that early voter turnout is heavier than it was at this point two years ago, but that was an "off-year," or non-presidential, election year. "As far as it being a presidential election year, I'd say we're right on course with what's normal in terms of early voters," she said.

Early voting will continue at the board of elections office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Satellite early voting will be from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the five sites through Friday.

Election day will be Tuesday, March 15. The county's 26 precincts will be open on that day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Voters are being asked to approve or disapprove the \$2 billion Connect NC bond referendum and cast primary ballots for president as well as statewide races for U.S. Senate, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and commissioners of

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Commissioners expected to OK demolition of service station

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Columbus County commissioners are expected to approve Monday night a bid of \$19,639 for demolishing the former Court Square Gulf Station so it can be converted to parking space.

The county purchased the property in October for \$155,000 from Clint Grainger.

County Manager Bill Clark is recommending that commissioners accept a bid from Prince Development for demolition of the building, removal of the existing asphalt parking lot and installation of parking lot grade stone. Prince's bid was not the lowest received, but it included the removal of 504 tons of debris. A \$16,900 bid by Axel McPherson would have removed only 200 tons of debris. Two other bids were received, one from Kenny Horne Construction for removal of 450 tons for \$33,480, and another from the Four Seasons for \$36,000 for removal of 350 tons of debris.

In other agenda items, commissioners will receive an update on the county's comprehensive transportation plan from Allen Serkin, a planner with the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

H.L. "Drew" Cox, district engineer with the N.C. Department of Transportation, also will request the board to delete a portion of SR 1507 (CCC Road) from the state-maintained secondary road system and add several roadways to that system: Buffkin Road from SR 1376 (Jam Road) to the S.C. state line, Alexander Court from SR 1861 (Lakeside Drive) to the cul-de-sac,

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One more chance

New cutoff program starts in city

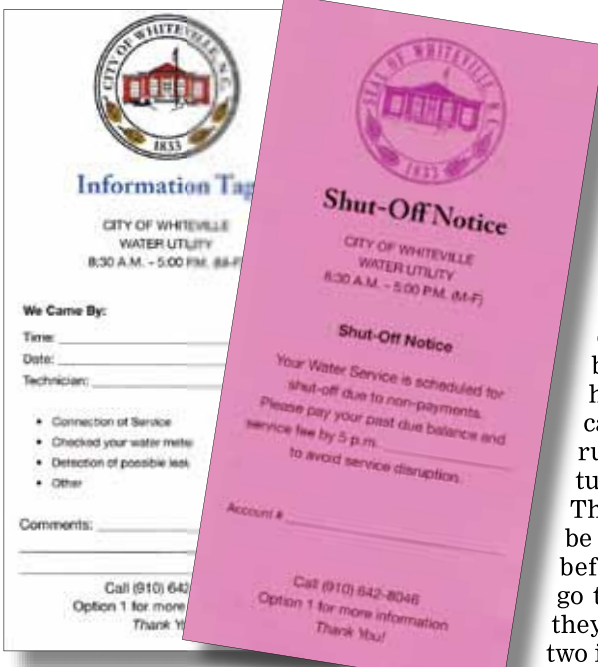
By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Officials hope a new shutoff policy for the City of Whiteville helps save tax dollars as well as late fees for water customers.

With an average of 150 cutoffs per month, public works employees have scrambled on the sixth day of each month for year.

"On the cutoff day, we had guys passing each other going from house to house," said Colburn Brown, Whiteville finance officer. "When the city manager (Darren Currie) told me to look into making it more efficient, I was surprised. I knew there had to be a better way."

Where previously every account was turned off - and if paid, turned back on the same day - city customers now have an extra day and a polite pink note from the city reminding them of past due accounts. Customers have one day after the door hangers are placed on homes and businesses to pay their bills. Bills that aren't paid by the one-day grace period will face disconnection and extra penalties the following



day.

Public works employees will spend the morning of the eighth day of each month disconnecting water at unpaid addresses, Brown said, and starting at 2 p.m. that day, reconnect any accounts paid since

the morning.

The new policy will reduce call volume as well as man hours, Brown said.

"You have a lot of people who forget the water bill is due until they come home and it's turned off," he said. "When we were doing it all in one day, it became a madhouse. We have an extremely high call volume, and people running back and forth turning water on and off. The guys wouldn't even be done with the cutoffs before they get calls to go turn one back on, and they'd likely get a call or two in between."

The new system will be more efficient, Brown said, as well as giving workers a little bit of a break.

"Before, we would end up having contact with someone six or eight times," he said. "A worker goes out

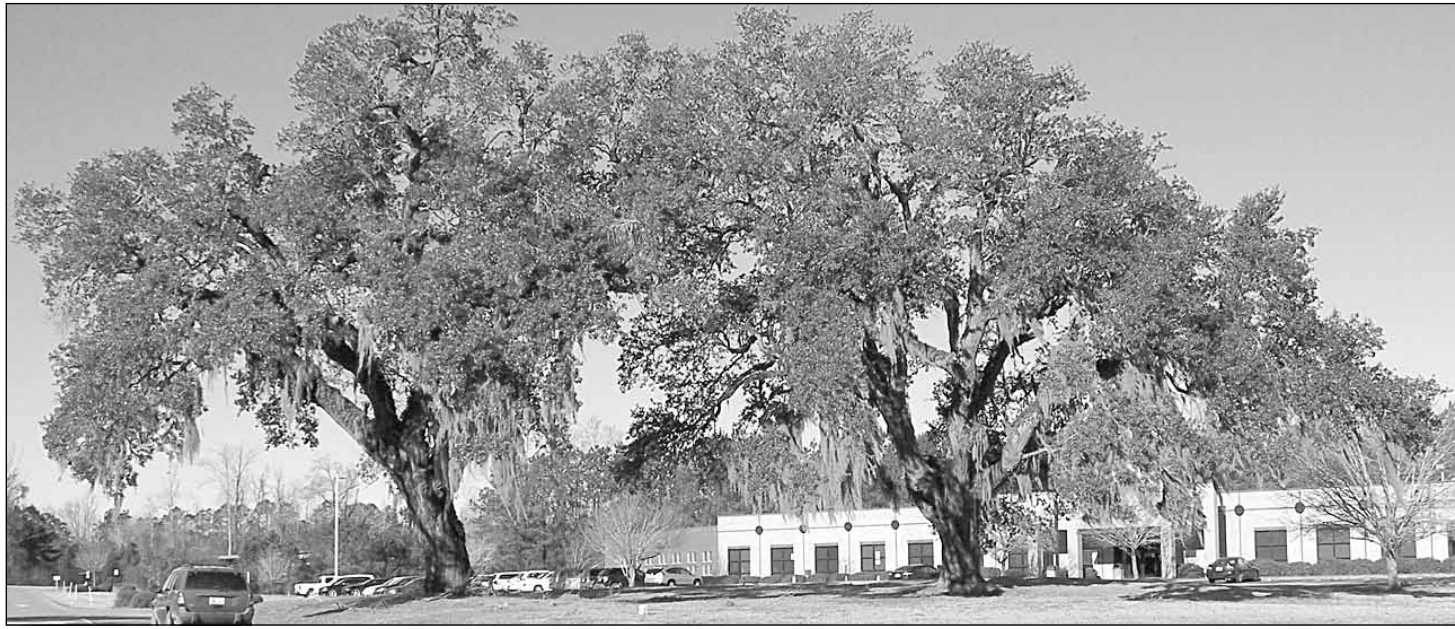
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Two mature live oak trees, about 40 feet apart, stand in front of the county's Social Services building,

Do two conjoined oaks signify two hearts joined in wedlock?

By RAY WYCHE
and ROBB CROSS

Editor's note: Historical facts in the following were gathered and verified by The News Reporter's 'Local History Dude,' Robb Cross, who died Dec. 18, 2015. Cross had the reputation of knowing more Columbus County history than most native-borns.

A few feet west of U.S. 701 Business north of Whiteville, in front of the county's Social Services Building, stand two mature live oak trees, about 40 feet apart.

The trees are almost identical in size and shape and are growing on a small hill. Their foliage shades the park-like area on which they stand. We can assume that the trees were set out; nature is not so meticulous as to arrange two live oaks the same size, by chance, to grow in almost perfect uniformity to each other.

At first glance, people knowledgeable of the layout of early farms in the area assume the two trees mark the entrance of the driveway (or avenue) from the public road to the dwelling of the farm owner.

If so, the oaks could be the entrance lane to a bigger than average home for Columbus County. But, alas, nobody knows the complete history of how and why the oaks got there.

Are the two oaks all that remain of what was once an attractive home place of a wealthy family, perhaps located in what is now Whiteville Memorial Cemetery?

Thanks to the skilled and persistent probing of researcher/historian/writer Robb Cross, we know who owned the land in 1810: Ambrose Smith, a farmer who had extensive land holdings. His property stretched from the western edge of White Marsh Swamp westward to beyond what is now Government Complex.

Cross had planned to search records in old newspapers, tax offices and registers of deeds office to determine the chain of early ownership of various tracts of land in

the county, and since he knew that Smith owned considerable acreage around what is now Government Complex and the Whiteville Memorial Cemetery, the paired oaks enthralled him. Cross was recovering from health issues at the time of his death, which delayed his further investigation of Smith's holdings.

Smith and his family were the first persons buried in what is now Whiteville Memorial Cemetery.

The Smith family now rests in the highest land in the cemetery, the choice spot for burials at that time. Wealthy families in that period had their own private burial places, normally near the main house.

Two trees of identical size, usually only a short distance apart, were often set out at the new house of a recently married couple in Europe and the custom came to this country with some of the early settlers from Europe. Details of the setting of the trees are lacking; most history books fail to note the tradition, but there are records that husband and wife trees, as they were called, are still in existence in England and Scotland. T. Garnett, a traveler through Scotland in 1800, wrote that he had observed in his travels in that country two conjoined trees.

Evidently the practice of making one tree out of two was new to the writing traveler and novel enough to write about.

There are traditions that the two trees had to be close enough to each other so that at maturity their branches touched; sometimes limbs from one tree were naturally grafted to the branches of its neighboring tree, a process called inosculation. If branches from the trees rubbed together on windy days, the bark on limbs of both trees was abraded, exposing the cambium layers just under the bark. The cambium layer of a tree trunk is that portion of the tree that provides cells for the tree's growth. Once the bark of the limbs was removed, the cam-

bium layers were exposed. When the exposed cambium layers rubbed against each other, the two limbs often self-grafted, in effect making one tree out of two trees.

But the joining process was more frequently done by the homeowner by grafting, as we know that operation today. There is biblical backing for joining two trees into one to represent a marriage:

"... And the two shall become one flesh; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh." (Mark 10:8, a passage that colorfully illustrated marriage.)

Two trees becoming one tree with two trunks was a perfect picture for a marriage; hence the expression husband and wife tree that began life as two separate saplings but are now joined to become one.

Landscapers today often set out two saplings, one on either side of a driveway or walkway.

So finding two trees in close proximity to each other, and usually of the same variety and about the same size, doesn't mean you have discovered a genuine husband and wife pair of trees.

Talks with local professional foresters failed to find one with any knowledge of the husband and wife theory.

Speculation that the two live oaks at the Social Services Building were set out as husband and wife trees is only that – speculation.

The crowns — where the leaves grow thickly — at the tops of the two trees intertwine with each other's branches but nature could have taken its course as far as placement of the limbs is concerned.

Incidentally, the two oaks when they began life at this spot were close by the Whiteville-Clarkton Road, now U.S.

701 Business. The highway was moved eastward a few feet in later years during a highway project, probably to eliminate an unneeded curve, Cross surmised.

Evidence of this realignment of the road is noticeable by the location of the fence on the east side of the cemetery, and its distance from the present highway. There is a sizeable piece of land between the cemetery's eastern fence and the road right-of-way.

If there was ever a roadway between the two trees or a stately home at the end of the roadway, no trace of either remains.

So, to beautify the slight hill on which they grow, two perfectly formed and identical-in-size live oak trees add a symmetrical attractiveness to the setting. What their original purpose was — to signify two hearts becoming one upon a wedding day, or to mark the beginning of a driveway — we can't be sure.

But the landscape near the northern boundary of Whiteville has an added beauty because of two live oaks.

Five Zika cases reported in state; precautions urged

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

Five cases of Zika, the mosquito-borne virus that causes illnesses from mosquito bites in Central and South America and the Caribbean, have been reported in North Carolina as of Friday.

All five cases are considered "travel cases" by the state health department, meaning that the victims were bitten by infected mosquitoes while traveling in the above-mentioned areas.

State health department policy, to protect the privacy of individuals involved, releases no additional information about the victims or their places of residency.

"We have anticipated all along that travel-related cases would be identified in North Carolina," said Dr. Randall Williams, state health director.

The biggest danger from Zika is to Zika-infected pregnant women who can pass the virus to their fetus where it will damage the fetus' brain.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a travel advisory recommending that pregnant women considering travel to Zika-infected territories postpone their trips.

Symptoms of Zika are a rash and red eyes.

The disease is not considered to be fatal.

Zika is not thought to be widespread in North Carolina but people are encouraged to take steps to discourage mosquito bites by using an insect repellent and wearing clothes that cover most of the body.

The state Department of Health will continue to monitor mosquito populations and to advise the public of the best methods to control the pests.

Flu outbreak cases on rise across state

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

some previous years.

"We have not put any restrictions on visiting," said Terry Beasley, chief nursing officer at Columbus Regional.

"We have seen a little increase in the number of cases," she added.

Some hospitals in the state have banned child visitors under 12 years of age from their facilities.

An unexpected increase in cases of influenza has been reported in some areas of North Carolina, leading to restrictions on visiting at some medical facilities, but Columbus Regional Healthcare System has not made any changes in their visiting policies.

The jump in the number of flu cases comes shortly after state medical officials announced that the flu immunization vaccine this year apparently prevented as many outbreaks of the sickness as the vaccines used in

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Veteran fundraisers planned

Chicken Bog plate sale March 18

A chicken bog plate sale is planned for Friday, March 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for

the Military Veteran Riders Association at the VFW office in Whiteville, 1028 S. Madison Street. Plates are \$7 and may be delivered with the purchase of five or more plates.

Veteran park pictures March 21

Veterans Memorial Park of Columbus County will be hosting a \$5 challenge on Monday, March 21 at 5 p.m. at the steps of the historic Columbus County Courthouse. All veterans are encouraged to come out for the photo with proceeds benefiting the construction of the park.

Vet park vacation raffle

The Columbus County Veterans Memorial Park is selling raffle tickets for a free stay at Ocean Towers in North Myrtle Beach the week of May 14-21. Tickets are \$10 each. Proceeds support the construction of the park. The drawing will be held April 30.

Contact Angela Norris for more information at 840-3848.

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Edwards is 2016 WCHS Teacher of Year

By SHALON SMITH
Contributing Writer

W.T. Edwards has been selected as the 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year for West Columbus High School. The former N.C. Teaching Fellow majored in secondary mathematics education and graduated from East Carolina University. He has spent each of his five years teaching at WCHS where he teaches Math I and Advanced Placement Statistics.

Edwards said he feels honored and “unworthy” to named teacher of the year at WCHS because he works with so many deserving teachers.

“I’ve always said that the best thing about teaching here at WCHS is the joy and knowledge I receive from working with such great people,” he said.

Edwards said he has known he wanted to be a teacher since the sixth grade and comes from a family of educators, ranging from his parents and grandparents to aunts and uncles, and now his wife and brother. He said his principal influence in his journey to become a teacher was his late grandmother, Alice Williams.

“I grew up not fortunate enough to have her as a classroom teacher, but I was able to witness directly the lives she touched through her tenure,” he said. He remembers at her funeral “countless individuals” he had never met approached him to share memories they had of her in school.

“The love of people and the ability to witness those teachable moments outside of a lesson plan was something she excelled at,” Edwards said. The relationships that he forms through the platform of a teacher keep him going from day to day. He said educational relationships are the ones that seem to last a lifetime and those relationships tend to mold individuals into adulthood with either a positive or negative influence.

“The idea that young adults can change their course in life just from a positive and mo-



W.T. Edwards explains a math concept to one of his students.

tivating influence excites me beyond belief,” he said. “This idea of influence is partly why I chose mathematics education as my concentration – how many people do you know who can honestly say they loved math class?”

Edwards said he bases his teaching philosophy around one key concept: student mistakes. On the first day of class, he urges his students to write their homework in pen.

“To my mathematics peers this idea is almost like breaking a commandment, but I

never want my students to erase anything!” he said.

His hope is that students see their mistakes and never make the same ones again in future assignments.

“I let them use their notes on quizzes, so if they have those notes and they have that practice and see the mistakes they’ve made – they won’t make those mistakes on their quizzes. It’s almost like using reverse psychology in that they embrace the mistake so they don’t make it again, instead of saying ‘don’t make

mistakes’ when they may not remember what their mistake was,” he said.

Edwards ensures his classes are student-centered with continuous conversation around topics through daily group presentations and what he calls “Gallery Walks.” Edwards’ students work in pairs or groups of three to work out solutions on giant white boards. After each group has completed their solution, they display them and the class walks around silently observing and critiquing their classmates’ solutions—much like viewing art in a gallery showcase. They are given index cards and Post-It notes to leave warm and cool feedback to the other groups.

His favorite subject to teach is statistics because math students are constantly asking how various math topics will be used in their everyday lives. “That’s all statistics is,” he said.

His AP statistics students participate in a “Shark Tank” project modeled after the pop-



Discussing a math problem.

ular television show. Students are given the task of creating something that would impact society while conducting surveys and experiments to chart data relating to their invention. Students are then given the chance to pitch their ideas to local businessmen and women in the hopes of receiving an investment.

This project has earned Edwards a Brunswick Electric Bright Ideas grant and his students look forward to it each year.

Last year students came up with ideas including an animal daycare center, invisible ink for college students to write in textbooks without affecting their resale value, and purses that are equipped with electronic charging material for the mobile devices.

“I was very impressed with the students. They thought about problems that they were going to have or that they had and what the solutions would be – they were very intelligent in that mindset,” he said.

Edwards recalls in his first couple of years teaching, he had refused to tell students his age, but as he matured, he realized that whether his students respected him or not was more a matter of his demeanor than of his age.

Also, he is one of fewer than 10 male teachers at WCHS, something he views as an advantage.

“Students tend to respect males more than they do females. It’s a double standard that I think is terrible, but I have to use that for my advantage in

the classroom,” he said. In his opinion, setting expectations for the students through your classroom presence, for male or female teachers, at the beginning of the year dictates the respect and attention level the teacher will get from students.

Edwards said challenges of the teaching profession include getting a different obstacle to tackle daily but the largest challenge of all is time.

“I wish there were more hours in the day to accomplish everything in every lesson that is planned or to practice more for an athletic event, but that just doesn’t happen often,” he said.

Other than the hours he spends preparing to teach and teaching math, Edwards coaches JV men’s basketball and men’s and women’s tennis.

The relationships he builds with players and their families are a focus in his life. “The role of coach tends to follow me in many community functions,” he said.

He also holds his church family dear to his personal growth, serving as a deacon and music director at Clarendon Baptist Church. Between coaching and his being active in his church community, Edwards has participated in countless car washes, food pantry drives, home visits to the elderly, and meal benefits in support of our local area.

Edwards is married to his best friend, Brittany Edwards, a math teacher at East Columbus High School. The Edwardses and their dog Cooper live in Whiteville.



Sibbett is Miss SCHS

Winners of the Miss South Columbus High School pageant held Feb. 27 in the SCHS auditorium were, left to right, first runner-up Madison Hardee, daughter of John and Wanda Hardee; Miss SCHS Miranda Sibbett, daughter of Greg and Angela Sibbett; and second runner-up Mackenzie Marlowe, daughter of David and Charmin Marlowe. Hardee and Marlowe danced in the talent division and Sibbett sang.

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Crime briefs

Assault

A 15-year-old male student at the Columbus Career and College Academy in Fair Bluff was assaulted Thursday, March 3, by two other male students, age 17 and 15, according to a sheriff's report filed at 11:10 a.m. that day.

Dog

A pit bull dog, owned by Michael Lozano of Roberts Lane, Hallsboro, was shot with a rifle, according to a Feb. 5 sheriff's report. It was not reported if the dog died.

Pleads

Jamill William Brown, 26, of Whiteville, pleaded to misdemeanor possession of medication in District Court here last Thursday, March 3, and was put on probation for 18 months with a 45-day jail term suspended. He was also ordered to do 40 hours of community service within 90 days, and pay a \$250 community-service fee.

Brown was arrested last month by Whiteville police on felony drug charges.



Brown

Probation

Sarah McKenzie Ingle, 19, of Whiteville, pleaded to misdemeanor possession of marijuana in District Court here Thursday, March 3, and was put on probation for a year with a 30-day jail term suspended. She had been arrested in December 2015 for possession of marijuana with intent to sell the drug.

Ingle was also ordered to do 20 hours of community service, and the \$250 fee was remitted.



Ingle

By **BOB HIGH**
Staff Writer

Elias Collins was a 22-year-old resident of Loris, S.C., when he and two friends went to Tabor City on Jan. 16, 2011, according to evidence presented in his first-degree murder trial here last week.

By 9:30 p.m. that night, one man was dying, Collins had been shot in the abdomen, and an armed robbery of the R&R Quick Mart within a half-mile of the Tabor City police station hadn't gone as planned.

Collins, Joshua Weatherspoon and Xzavia Parker were, according to South Carolina authorities, committing another in a string of six armed robberies – the first five in Horry County.

Collins wounded

This time the victim of the robbery, Abdo Ali Qoria, 42, fired back, and his friends rushed Collins to the Loris hospital while Qoria lay dead in the store he was considering to purchase.

Law enforcement in both states soon converged, and Collins was eventually arrested after five days in the hospital.

Weatherspoon was detained at the hospital that night, and Parker was eventually found. Collins and Weatherspoon pleaded to one county of armed robbery in Horry County, and each was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Possible testimony

North Carolina officials extradited the two from Loris, and Collins is the first to go on trial. Parker, not convicted in the South Carolina robberies, pleaded to second-degree murder here in January 2015, and is serving 94 to 125 months in prison.

It's possible Parker will testify in Collins' trial as it enters the third day of testimony today (Monday).

Friday's evidence, laid out by the state, included a lengthy report by SBI Agent Ernest Darroch about the nearly six hours he spent at the crime scene once he arrived from Wilmington about midnight on Jan. 16.

Several SBI agents swarmed the crime scene. Some were attempting to recover video from an old security system, while Darroch and others collected vital evidence – weapons, money, and spent shell casings.

Incident video

Agent Matt White testified he tried several ways to get a copy of the tape made by the video surveillance machine, but couldn't get it to work properly. The machine was sent to Raleigh, and computer experts at the SBI's laboratory finally got to see what took place that night in 2011. "The defendant has attempted to have the video testimony excluded from the jury's consideration on the grounds that there is a problem with the operability of the video system and also chain of custody. Judge Douglas Sasser will determine whether or not the jury will see the video when court resumes on Monday."

Anthony Spivey, then a member of the Tabor City police force, told the jury how he arrived within two

to three minutes of the shootings, and found a severely wounded Qoria on the floor of the business located nearly across the street from the Tabor City IGA grocery.

Spivey, trained in life-saving methods, began CPR, but soon realized Qoria was dead. Former Police Capt. Dean Foley arrived and managed the crime scene until various SBI agents began to arrive following Foley's request from assistance.

Shotgun found

Horry County Police Officer Peter Cestare testified about talking to Collins in the hospital, and being told Collins had been shot in Loris at a certain location. Horry County authorities went to the place Collins named, but quickly realized it was a false report.

The car used by the South Carolina robbers was found in the Loris hospital's parking area, and a search produced ski masks, gloves and a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun, the weapon the state believes was used to shoot Qoria after he was struck with shots from a .25-caliber pistol found at the crime scene. A spent shotgun shell was in the barrel.

Nashawan Qoria, a nephew of the murder victim, opened the state's testimony Thursday. He said his uncle had been living in Fayetteville and operating a small grocery store before he went to Tabor City about six weeks before his murder.

Pickup speakers

Qoria said he and his uncle were from Yemen, and he had been in this country 22 years. He said his uncle, father of five children, was working to bring his family to the United States.

Allen Harper, then an 18-year-old employee of the Tabor City IGA, told the jury he and a friend were putting

speakers in Harper's pickup truck as it was parked in front of the grocery store on the night of Jan. 16.

Harper said he and his friend had been there 30 to 45 minutes before he heard "several short 'pow' sounds, then a loud 'boom.'" He said the "pow" sounds were as if someone was beating on a metal trashcan.

Shotgun blast

He said the "boom" sound was "a shotgun blast, one I knew immediately, and it came after the five or six 'pops' from the gas station and store across East Fifth Street."

Harper said he saw two males run out of the store, one with a shotgun, and a second limping and "clutching at his stomach." "I knew someone had been shot, and I called 9-1-1."

The 9-1-1 call was played for the jury, and then Jeannie Hardee, the dispatcher who handled Harper's call, testified. She said after ending the conversation with Harper she called hospitals in Whiteville and Loris and told them there could possibly be a patient going there with a gunshot

"I knew someone had been shot, and I called 9-1-1."

Allen Harper
Witness

wound. Hardee also alerted authorities, and put out a radio BOLO message about the type of car believed to have been used by the robbers.

Foley told the jury he was working a private security job for the nearby Atlantic Publishing when he got a call from 9-1-1 about the shooting and possible robbery. He said he went inside the store, saw "money scattered all over the floor," and located two weapons.

Weapons found

The weapons were a 9mm Hi Point pistol the state says was used by the murder victim to wound Collins, and a .25-caliber pistol that had been fired at least three times.

Foley also reported that Tabor Officer Rob Conway soon arrived with a tracking dog, and following a scent into the woods behind the store, but could not follow it after discovering the scent came back to the street beside the convenience store, where it was reported the robbers got into their car and fled.

Former SBI Agent Adrienne Harvey, now an investigator with the U.S. Navy's NCIS and stationed in Norfolk, Va., will testify today (Monday). She was the overall lead detective in the murder and robbery.

Quinten McGee, assistance district attorney, is trying the case for the state with District Attorney Jon David. Brooke Smith from Brunswick County is Collins' defense attorney.

Pursuit of happiness

McGee told the jury about the opening paragraph of the American Declaration of Independence where it states "all men are created equal, and have the unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." McGee said Abdo Ali Qoria from Yemen was exercising these rights when he was killed.

Defense attorney Smith reminded jurors they each said they could deliver a "not guilty" verdict if the state failed to convince them of Collins' guilt. "You said you could do it if you had to, so now you're getting a chance to do what you said," she remarked.

"The hard part," she noted, "will be when all the arguments are over. Elias Collins doesn't have to prove his innocence. Keep an open mind, and test the evidence by your life experiences. He faces life in prison without parole. He and his family deserve your attention," Smith added.

Chadbourn women arrested for stealing sewer, water service

By **JEFFERSON WEAVER**
Staff Writer

Two Chadbourn women have been charged with stealing a water meter and using it to obtain water and sewer service without paying.

Arrest reports show Princess C. Faulk, 19, and Shaquana Yvette Faulk, 20, both of 408 Princess St., Chadbourn, were each charged with conspiracy, obtaining property (utility service) by false pretenses, and possession of stolen property. Both were released on bond.

According to warrants, the women used a stolen town meter to access 20,460 gallons of water when they neither had utility service at their home.

Chadbourn Police Chief Darrell Trivette said the women used a meter taken from a nearby home, and removed the

meter during the day. "The GPS located on the meter should have indicated something was wrong," he explained, "but the meter was very close to where it was stolen from, and the reader missed it."

Trivette said police received a tip that the women were using the meter at night, then disconnecting it during daylight hours, when town public works employees were monitoring the system. Officer B.S. Rockwell and other officers on the night shift found the meter, Trivette said, and contacted the town's public works department.

Officials are checking to see exactly how long the service had been illegally turned on at the home, Trivette said. Warrants show the meter had been used at least since January.



P. Faulk



S. Faulk

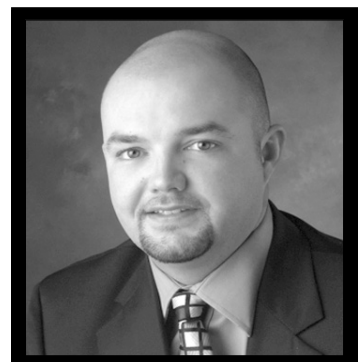
Bank thieves sentenced

April Lynn Locklear, 36, of Rowland, has been sentenced to 24 months' federal imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release. Locklear was also ordered to pay \$500,000 in restitution, jointly and severally, with Chona Kay Oxendine, 32, of Shannon. Oxendine was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release.

On March 24, 2015, Locklear and Oxendine were indicted by a federal grand jury on 16 counts related to crimes committed while they were employed by the Lumbee Guaranty Bank headquartered in Pembroke. As a result of a robbery of the branch in Red Springs on April 9, 2010, an internal audit was conducted and revealed that \$500,000 was missing, in addition to the money stolen during the bank robbery.

Break-ins, thefts

- Feb. 5 – Amanda Mintz Lane, Water Tank Road, Delco – break-in, theft of .30 hunting rifle with scope, .22 rifle with scope, black-powder muzzle loader rifle.
- Feb. 5 – David Leroy Goins, Goins Road, Chadbourn – theft of Tait water pump.
- Feb. 5 – Muriel Dean Fowler, Walter Todd Road, Clarendon – break-in, assault on a female.
- Feb. 4 – Barbara Bullard Larrimore, Chadbourn Highway, Chadbourn – theft of TV, microwave, coffee table, table used for microwave, entertainment center, two towel racks, three cooking pots, frying pan, air purifier, box fan, six pillows, waste bin, rack for drying dishes.
- Feb. 4 – James Lee Dowsey, June Baldwin Road, Cerro Gordo – break-in, theft of gas grill.



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District 2 County Commissioner candidate

Tim Blackmon



Early voting in the March 15 Primary Election began last week. The March 3 edition of *The News Reporter* included county commissioner candidate profiles for districts 2 and 3. Incumbent James Prevatt, of District 2 is retired from Whiteville City Schools. He faces opposition from Michael Lewis, Chris Smith, owner of plumbing and electrical business, Jo Ann Bailey, a stay-at-home wife and grandparents' rights advocate, and Tim Blackmon, a business owner and Whiteville City Councilman. Blackmon's responses were received too late to be included in the March 3 edition but are printed below. See a complete listing of the commissioner candidates on the Primary Ballot at Whiteville.com.

Age: 72
Number of years lived in Columbus County and in what community(ies): Whiteville 43 years, Pleasant Plains Church Road 29 years on family farm

Family: Spouse Peggy Yoder Blackmon, daughters Susan Moss Deans and Lynne Blackmon Inman, sons Kenneth R. Moss and Kurt Robert Moss, 8 grandchildren, and two dogs

Occupation, professional experience: Merchant, business owner, real estate,

stock market

Educational background: Attended UNC Chapel Hill, Guilford College and classes at Southeastern Community College

Community involvement: Church Vestry 6 years, Arts Council, Supporter Southeastern Community College, Columbus Regional Healthcare Foundation, Humane Society, Literacy Council, Families First, Help Mission, area church initiatives and fundraisers, the Columbus County homeless initiative, Whiteville Athletic Association, Wildlife Action, several county schools' athletic associations and fundraisers

Political involvement, including elective and appointive public office(s): Whiteville City Council 10 years, Federal Government Farm Service Committee

What is your primary reason for running for office?

I enjoy Columbus County and its people. Columbus County is a great place to live. I have a passion to serve the public and make things even better. I believe people want to be proud of their homes and will work to make the county the best it can be. I wish to work with them to make this happen.

What do you see as the most important issue for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners?

Using the taxpayers' money wisely.

What should be done about aging school buildings in Columbus County?

We must not allow our children to make do with less than satisfactory. Currently there is a study to make suggestions on how to best upgrade these aging schools. The study is being conducted to help provide directions on how to proceed. Letting

children, teachers and school staff go to school and work in unsatisfactory conditions is demeaning and can adversely affect the children's aspirations and feelings of worth. We should prioritize our schools and get them fixed.

Do you support the consolidation of schools? Why or why not?

Communities and local schools are essential to a healthy cohesive community. Parents need to be involved with their children's school activities.

Having children travel miles from home may negate the benefit of community and school spirit. I think the point of this question may be should Whiteville City Schools and Columbus County Schools consolidate? I don't support this position.

How can economic development in Columbus County be improved?

Workforce development and encouraging more students and citizens to pursue vocational training. We need to prepare students to be ready to go to work and we need to actively solicit recession-proof industries. High school diploma or high school equivalency or GED is essential to be ready when the training becomes available. We need to actively solicit businesses and focus on the types of industries that would logically come to Columbus County.

We need to remain knowledgeable of the issue with an industry moving on to another location as soon as their term for taxpayer forgiveness and incentives are up and make our contracts with the companies wisely.

Developers suggest that 80 percent of industries looking to relocate or start-up go into an existing building. Columbus County has few vacant industrial buildings. Do you think the county should provide funding for the

construction of shell buildings? Why or why not?

Shell buildings can be constructed rapidly and it is a big expense to build one and just let it sit there. With proper zoning in some municipalities there are empty buildings such as warehouses and vacant shopping center spaces that may be utilized.

Do we need additional industrial parks? Why or why not?

We need infrastructure such as natural gas and adequate water and sewer available when considering any site. Industrial parks consolidate the businesses in specific areas.

In our large county it may bring uniform economic boosts to have industries located throughout the county when possible.

Do you favor establishment of a wellness center for the county? Why or why not? If you favor establishment of such a center, where should it be located, and why?

I am in favor of wellness for all. Wellness activities should be incorporated throughout life. Nutrition education, exercise, socialization activities, and safety and survival

skills should be taught from toddlerhood to death. A wellness center can be the hub where our citizens may learn to swim. Swimming a few feet can save your life. Nutrition classes for all ages may be taught, and exercise across the life span can be offered.

The wellness center needs to be in a location where physicians may prescribe special activities for their patients and schools can bring children for swim classes and other appropriate offerings. I see the health department and the college offering classes at the wellness center.

Where it should be located should be at a site conducive for these activities to happen and for citizens who are driving to the center from across the county.

The wellness center needs funding to keep operating. The center must not be a Columbus County budget burden for the county taxpayers. Even if funding is secured to build the wellness center the yearly operations will need to be paid by dues or taxes. The wellness center should form an alliance with existing fitness centers.

If the center is to be used by all citizens, we must in-

volve our citizens in the discussion of how a center may be sustained.

Under what circumstances would you support a tax increase?

I don't think raising taxes is a simple answer to meet the county's growing needs. I do not support a tax increase. Columbus County has one of the highest tax rates of any county in this area. A high tax rate does not attract growth. We must increase our tax base by increasing industrial growth.

The people that come with the industry will provide tax base by building homes and spending money. Making our county attractive to retiring people can increase tax base. They buy houses and spend money without requiring a need for expensive infrastructure. We need to squeeze every penny from the budget and plan prudently.

Do you favor keeping government documents and meetings open to the public? Are there any circumstances under which a public body might better serve its constituents by meeting privately rather than in an open meeting?

I believe the county commissioners are held to the highest standards of accountability, transparency and integrity. I support and will follow the open meetings law. We are a government of the people and I believe the people want to be informed and involved in their government.

Allowing public comments at all meetings may slow the meeting; however, it will provide insight from others and help better decisions be made.

Our citizens provide great wisdom from their life experiences and brain power. I want to hear from them.

I am in favor of open sessions unless there are specific issues such as personnel that legally require the session to be closed. I support and will follow the open meetings law.

Statewide tornado drill is March 9

The National Weather Service will conduct a statewide tornado exercise on Wednesday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for the upcoming severe weather season.

Local schools, businesses, agencies, and organizations are encouraged to participate in the drill.

The National Weather Service along with local broadcasters will conduct the statewide drill for North Carolina in the form of a required monthly test on all NOAA weather radio and public alert systems.

Sunday, March 6 through Saturday, March 12 has been declared 2016 Severe Weather

Awareness Week for North Carolina and South Carolina. During this week the NOAA and FEMA are highlighting the importance of planning and practicing how and where to take shelter before severe weather strikes.

The National Weather Service recommends everyone review their severe weather preparedness plans, put fresh batteries in NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radios, know what to do when severe weather approaches whether at work, school, or home, and be aware of the resources available for receiving severe weather information. (*Sharon Smith*)

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Workforce Continuing Education Offerings

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CPR/First Aid/AED in the Workplace	\$70 + \$55 ins + \$5.50 cert card
4/19-4/21	TTh 5-9pm SCC, HHS-141
General Industry Forklift Cert	\$70 + \$55 ins + \$4.50 book/card
3/18	F 8am-5pm SCC, T-122
4/11 & 4/13	MW 5-9pm SCC, T-101A
NEW Instrumentation and Controls	\$125 + \$55 ins
4/12-5/12	TTh 5:30-9:30pm SCC, T-101C
OSHA 10 Hour for General Industry	\$70 + \$5 cert card
3/11 & 3/18	F 8:30am-1:30pm SCC, T-120
NEW NFPA 70E Arch Flash	\$70
4/09	Sa 8:30am-1:30pm SCC, T-101A

Licensure & Certification

Changes to the 2014 NEC Pt I	\$70 + \$10 materials & lunch
3/19	Sa 8am-4:30pm SCC, T-122
DMV Dealer License Renewal	\$70 + \$10 materials & lunch
3/17	Th 9am-3:30pm SCC, T-122
5/12	Th 9am-3:30pm SCC, T-120
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EMS Online Con Ed (through SCC Moodle)	\$70 (per topic)
Specific topics will be announced at a later date. Must pre-register by the 5th of each month.	
Healthcare Provider CPR	\$70 + \$5.50 cert card
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BLS Healthcare Provider CPR Renewal	\$70
3/12	Sa 7-10pm Tabor City EMS

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3/21-3/23	M-W	6-10pm	SCC, T-120
4/04-4/06	M-W	9am-1pm	SCC, T-124
4/11-4/13	M-W	6-10pm	SCC, T-120
4/18-4/20	M-W	9am-1pm	SCC, T-124
4/25-4/27	M-W	6-10pm	SCC, T-120
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4/18-4/22	M-F	9am-1pm	SCC, T-122
5/02-5/06	M-F	6-10pm	SCC, T-122

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Essay award winners honored by the local DAR chapter included, from left, Kylan McPherson, Shay Anna Greene, Sara Watson, Logan Elizabeth Elkins, Lilly Ann Bass, Ivey Margaret Long and Maggie High.

Charles McKoy is a 'Fabulous 50'

Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Columbus County has on staff one of the state's top 50 skilled nursing facility staff members.

North Carolina Health Care Facilities Association recognizes excellence in front-line staff working in skilled nursing facilities across North Carolina.

The Fabulous 50 awards program, launched in 2001, is an important part of the long term care community's effort to recognize the extraordinary contributions of all front-line staff to the quality of care and quality of life of individuals residing in skilled nursing facilities.

The Fabulous 50 are nominated by their co-workers for this award.

Each person selected is honored with a certificate from the governor.

Charles McKoy, floor tech at Liberty Commons Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, was awarded the prestigious title for 2015.

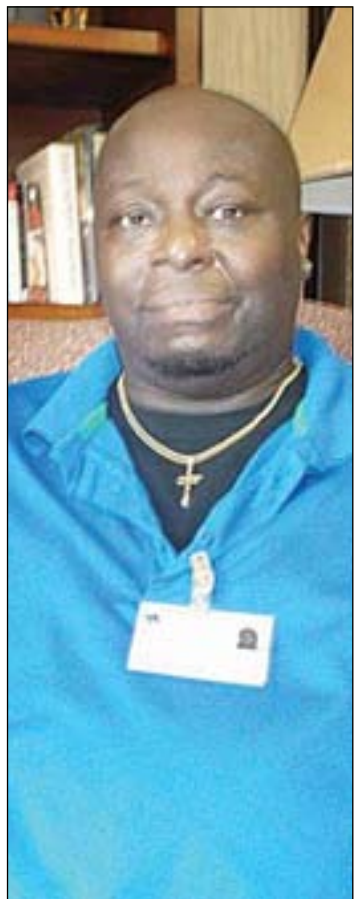
Following are some comments from his co-workers:

"McKoy is a brother, son, dependable co-worker, active citizen in the community and a loving father to three girls."

"He is one who fills the long halls with sunshine, and the residents' hearts with love."

"He genuinely wants to make a difference in the lives of others."

"He starts and ends his



Charles McKoy

shifts timely, his commitment to quality is obvious in everything he does and he inspires others to push past mediocrity."

"He is never too busy to say 'Good morning, is there anything I can help you with today?'"

"You always walk away from Charles in a better mood."

DAR honors outstanding students

Logan Elizabeth Elkins was the big winner as the Major General Robert Howe Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution hosted American History Awards Night at South Columbus High School Feb. 10.

Elkins, a senior at West Columbus High, was awarded the chapter's \$100 Good Citizen Essay Scholarship Award before a crowd of more than 40 other honorees, parents and others in the SCHS Auditorium.

Logan was selected as the DAR Good Citizen for West Columbus High School, an honor given only to high school seniors.

The DAR Good Citizen is a student selected by school faculty and fellow students as the one who most represents the ideal "Good Citizen" - demonstrating good character, dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

This prestigious award is the highest honor the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) bestows on a high school student.

Logan's application and essay have been entered into the regional competition, which can lead to further scholarships.

Others honored included: Good Citizen Awards/12th grade - Shay Anna Greene, SCHS, and Ivey Margaret Long, WHS.

All of these young ladies are role models for their schools and are now included in an honored list of Good Citizen winners across the country, which includes many of our country's leaders and even past presidents.

Other winners include: Christopher Columbus Essay Winners: Sarah Kirstan Meadows, 12th grade, CCCA; Sara Watson, 12th grade, SCHS; Oscar Jerardo Villalobos, 10th grade, CCCA.

American History Essay Winners: Margaret W. High, eighth grade, Central Middle; Lily Ann Bass, seventh grade, Nakina; Kylan McPherson, sixth grade, Williams; Mary-Gregory Rivers Williamson, fifth grade,



DAR Youth Citizenship Awards Winners, grades eight to 11.



DAR Youth Citizenship Awards Winners, grades five through seven.



Logan Elizabeth Elkins Good Citizen Scholarship

Edgewood.

DAR Youth Citizenship Awards: 11th grade - Mattie Jean Johnson, SCHS; Charles Edwards, WCHS; Imani Yvette Graham, WHS; •10th grade - Anna Elizabeth Smith, SCHS; Greyanna Elizabeth Booth, WCHS; Keelin Reyes, WHS.

•Ninth grade - Landis Italy Marlowe, SCHS; Emily Grace Britt, WCHS; Victoria Caine Powell, WHS;

•Eighth grade - Terrance

Treyvon Lacewell, Central; Chiara-Marie Strickland, Cerro Gordo; Ashanti Moreno, Chadbourn Elementary; Britain Everett Williamson, Evergreen; Nohemi Noyola, Nakina; Christa FormyDaval, Nakina; Alaya Jordan, Tabor City; Adria'na Danyelle Patrick, Williams.

Seventh grade - John Lawson Cook, Central; Erin Griffin, Cerro Gordo; Brittany Alexis Barnhill, Evergreen, Colten Neil Simmons, Hallsboro Middle; Armando Olmos Ortega, Nakina; Laney Belle Cribb, Willaims;

Sixth grade - Liberty Carroll, Acme-Delco Middle, SyMia Alexia Jeanelle Cokley, Central; Alyssa Strickland, Cerro Gordo; Dy'Astiee T. Thompson, Chadbourn Middle; Devyn Carlotta Fowler, Evergreen; Zachary Meares, Hallsboro Middle; Trisha Martinez, Nakina; Peyton Brooe Duncan, Williams.

Fifth grade - Taylor Ann Sullivan, Acme-Delco Elementary; Sara Olivia Hayes, Cerro Gordo; Kendall Bullcock, Chadbourn Elementary; Joshua Evan Thompson, Eevrgreen; Haley Anne McPherson, Guideway, Ava Yvonne Jacobs, Hallsboro Elementary; Colt Blackmon,

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Deaths

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DEATH NOTICE

PENNY WANINA MCCUMBEE

TABOR CITY -- Penny Wanina McCumbee, 59, died Saturday, March 5, 2015 at her home. Born in Columbus County, she was the daughter of Essie Watts Nealey of Tabor City and the late Robert Nealey. In addition to her father she was also preceded in death by two brothers, Greg Nealey and Gary Nealey.

She was a Special Education teacher with Tabor City Elementary School for 17 years.

Final rites will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in the chapel of Inman Ward Funeral Home. Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 8 one hour prior to service in the chapel. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9 in Myrtle Green Cemetery.

In addition to her mother she is survived by her husband, **Herbert Dixon "Don" McCumbee Jr.** of Tabor City; two sons, **Samuel Adam McCumbee** and **Aaron Dixon McCumbee**, both of Tabor City; one brother, **Terry Nealey of Tabor City**; two sisters, **Sherry Strickland of Tabor City**, **Jessica Nealey Thomas of Green Sea, S.C.**; and two grandchildren, **Kya Chere McCumbee** and **Kiara Sophia McCumbee**.

A guest register is available at inmanwardfuneralhome.com.

CATHY LYNN SMITH LEE

ASH -- Cathy Lynn Smith Lee, 51, died Friday, March 4, 2016 at her home. She was born in Columbus County March 8, 1964 the daughter of Sarah Elaine Smith of Ash and the late Melvis M. Smith. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, **Amanda Lynn Lee**.

She was formerly employed with Kirby Sizzling Sirlain in Shallotte. She attended Brunswick and Cape Fear Community Colleges. She was a member of Harvest Fellowship Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 7 at Peacock Funeral Home, Whiteville. A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 8 at Smith Cemetery in Ash with Rev. Danny Harris officiating.

She is survived by her husband, **James Lee**; one son, **Cole Jamison Lee** of the home; her mother, **Sarah Elaine Smith of Ash**; one brother, **Bennie K. Smith of Ash**.

Chadbourn COGOP Holy Ghost revival

Chadbourn Church of God of Prophecy will hold its Holy Ghost revival March 13-18. Sunday, March 13 will begin at 6 p.m. and Monday-Friday services at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The guest speakers will be Pastor Tim Holden and Evangelist Jeff Barton with special singing each night.

The church is located at 3618 Joe Brown Hwy. South. For more information call 654-3968.

Southeastern COG chicken bog April 1

Southeastern Church of God will sell chicken bog plates Friday, April 1 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The cost is \$6 per plate and include chicken bog, green beans, roll and cake. Eat in or take out. Five or more plates can be delivered to the Tabor City area.

For more information or to order tickets, call 653-7788.

The church is located on the corner of 6th and Lewis Street.

Mt. Zion FWB missionary service

Eldress Betty Currie along with the Union Chapel Gospel Choir will render the missionary service at Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church in Fairmont Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.

Bishop Rudolph Powell is the pastor.

DEATH NOTICE

NELDA RUTH BAILEY MOBILE, Ala.

MOBILE, Ala. -- Nelda Ruth Bailey, 82, died March 3, 2016. Born Sept 13, 1933 she was a native of Comanche, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 8 at Woodridge Baptist Church. Arrangements by Mobile Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

She is survived by one son, **Rick (Celeste) Bailey**; one daughter, **Sherry (Patrick) Tarrant**; five grandchildren, **Sabrina (Chance) Smith**, **Kim (Lyle) Callaway**, **Katie Tarrant**, **Clayton and Wes Bailey**; and four great-grandchildren, **Blain, Bailey and Chace Smith**, **Tucker Callaway**.

Memorials may be sent to www.mobilememorialfunerals.com.

ERVIN HALL

WHITEVILLE -- Ervin Hall, 92, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center. He was born Sept. 20, 1923.

The funeral was held Sunday, March 6 at the Brunswick-Waccamaw Baptist Headquarters, 600 Pinelag Road. Burial, with military honors, was in Cherry Grove Cemetery. Peoples Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Surviving are his wife, **Zilphia Hall**; three daughters, **Annie Hill of Philadelphia, Pa.**, **Zilphia Collier of Whiteville** and **Sonya Fultz of Madison, Ala.**; and six sons, **Ervin Jerome Holmes of Tallahassee, Fla.**, **Julius Murphy and Kenneth Hall, both of Baltimore, Md.**, **Lorenzo Dale Hall of Wake Forest** and **Ervin Dwight Hall and Wayne Hall, both of Whiteville**.

CORA MAULTSBY INGRAHAM

WHITEVILLE -- Cora Maultsby Ingraham, 89, died Saturday, March 5, at her son's home in Whiteville. She was born Dec. 26, 1926.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

Western Prong BC food distribution

Western Prong Baptist Church's food ministry distribution for March will be delayed one week.

The distribution will be held Saturday, March 26 (instead of March 19). The time has not changed.

Registration begins at 7 a.m.

New Light MBC family/friends day

New Light Missionary Baptist Church of Hallsboro will hold its Family and Friends Day Sunday, March 20 during its morning worship at 11 a.m. The theme is "Change."

The guest speaker will be **LaTanya Pattillo**, business education instructor at East Columbus High School and special music by Brother **Harold Boone**.

Rev. Franklin Graham is the pastor.

Mill Branch to hold appreciation program

Mill Branch Church will hold an appreciation program for Marie Ganus Sunday, April 3.

On the program will be MLC Choir, Rays of Hope, The Baldwin Singers, Emanuel Boykin Company and Tony Campbell and The Goldenaires.

JAMES GERALD PIGFORD **RAEFORD**--James Gerald Pigford, 64, formerly of Lake Waccamaw, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at his residence in Raeford. He was born July 12, 1951.

The funeral will be held at noon Monday, March 7 at New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 210 Hallsboro Road South, Hallsboro. Burial will be in Cutler Cemetery. Viewing will be held Monday, March 7 one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be no viewing after the service. Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville is handling the arrangements.

Surviving are one son, **Luke Washington of Dover, Del.**; four sisters, **Marilyn Pigford McMillan of Abingdon, Md.**, **Rebecca Farris of Lumberton**, **Evelyn Pittman of Raleigh** and **Sharon Young of Whiteville**; one brother, **Sylvester Young of Lumberton**; and one granddaughter.

Friends may visit the family at 122 Jordan Drive, Lumberton.

JAMES W. BUTTS

TABOR CITY -- James W. Butts, 83, died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at Loris Hospital in Loris, S.C. Born March 27, 1932 in Calro, Ga., he was the son of **Mary Frances Bobnight**.

Visitation was held Friday, March 4 in the chapel of Westside Funeral Home. Final rites were held Saturday, March 5 at St. Matthew A.M.E. Church. Burial was in Singing Union Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, **Lula R. Butts**; one daughter, **Hedy Ann Riggins of Tabor City**; five sons, **Marty Terrill Butts of Alexandria, Va.**, **Robin Sherriff Muhammad of Wilmington**, **Garrett Lee Butts** and **Timothy Tyrone Bellamy**, both of Tabor City and **Clarence Edwards Clark of Tacoma, Wash.**

Westside Alumni to meet March 8

The Chadbourn Chapter of the National Westside Alumni Association will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Westside Community Center, 650 W. Smith Street.

Brunswick-Waccamaw MBA to meet March 8

The Brunswick Waccamaw Missionary Baptist Association Lott Carey Effort Program will be held Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the headquarters building.

A reception will be held prior to the service from 6-7 p.m. in honor of the guest minister, **Dr. David E. Goatley**, executive secretary of the Lott Carery Convention.

Music will be provided by the host church, **Welches Creek Missionary Baptist Church** where **Rev. Fredrick Bryant** is the pastor.

Circle Presidents escorted by a deacon are asked to come in African attire.

The Brunswick Waccamaw Baptist Association churches are asked to bring representation fee.

Clothing donations being accepted

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

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WILLIAM HARRY 'BILL' CHIPPS JR.

TABOR CITY -- William Harry "Bill" Chipps Jr., 70, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at McLeod Loris Hospital, Loris, S.C. Born Feb. 19, 1946 in Washington, Pa., he was the son of the late William Harry Chipps Sr. and Dorothy Williams Marshburn Chipps.

He was an officer for Pender and New Hanover County sherriffs and police departments before retiring from law enforcement.

Visitation was held Saturday, March 5 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

He is survived by his wife, **Lynda Shannon Chipps of Tabor City**; three sons, **William Harry Chipps III of Charlotte**, **Anthony Cook of Wilmington**, **Jerry Shannon of Conway, S.C.**; one daughter, **Lora Harper of Tabor City**; one brother, **Joe Marshburn of Maple Hill**; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

VERNELLE B. GRAHAM-GIBBS

FAIR BLUFF -- Vernelle B. Graham-Gibbs, 82, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 in Maryland.

Final rites were held Saturday, March 5 at Butler Branch Missionary Baptist Church with Revs. **Ronald Alford** and **Thomas Nelson** officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. S&L Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

She is survived by three daughters, **Sondra Garlic**, **Sonya Gibbs** and **Antionette Gibbs**; and one brother, **Jessie Pat Graham**.

Pleasant Union MBC program set

Pleasant Union Missionary Baptist Church will hold its widow and widowers march program Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. The guest pastor will be **Carl Moore** and the **Lakes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church** family.

The church is located at 1437 East Arcadia Road, Riegelwood.

North Whiteville VFD BBQ March 12

The North Whiteville Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual BBQ dinner at the fire station Saturday, March 12 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Plates are \$7 eat in or take out and consist of BBQ or fried chicken. Desserts will also be available.

Tickets can be purchased from any fireman or at the door.

Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment.

BENNETT KNOX SINGLETARY

BLADENBORO -- Bennett Knox Singletary, 77, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, **James C. Singletary** and **Gertrude Singletary**; and his wife, **Betty M. Singletary**.

The family received friends Saturday, March 5 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church. Final rites were held Saturday, March 5 at the church. Burial was in Hickory Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. **Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home** in **Elizabethtown** handled the arrangements.

He is survived by one daughter, **Cindy B. Collier of Selma**; three brothers, **James Singletary Jr.**, **Ronald Singletary** and **Bobby Singletary**, all of **Bladenboro**; one sister, **Wanda Shaw-Cribb of Bladenboro**; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

BLODWYN MARIE FRINK

ASH -- Blodwyn Marie Frink, 74, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. She was born Sept. 26, 1941.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

WALTER LEE VANN

WHITEVILLE -- Walter Lee Vann, 72, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by S&L Funeral Home of Fair Bluff.

House of Mercy service March 13

The House of Mercy will not hold service Sunday, March 13 at the American Legion Post. It will be held at the First Baptist Church in Tabor City for its Family and Friends Day where **Rev. Rodney Gore** is the pastor. **Rev. Robert Williams** is the pastor of **HOM**.

Diamond Branch MBC Usher's anniversary

Diamond Branch Missionary Baptist Church will hold its usher's anniversary Sunday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m.

The church is located at 1909 S. Madison Street.

By His Grace church announcement

By His Grace Ministries has moved to its new location, 5285 Main Street, Suite 18, Shallotte.

Word Up Bible study will be held every Thursday at 6 p.m. and worship service every Saturday at 5 p.m.

The minister of music is **Torey Bessent**.

Overseer **Elgin Blake** is the pastor.

ECKDRON O'NEAL BURNEY

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. -- Eckdron O'Neal Burney, 43, formerly of Council, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2016. He was born Dec. 15, 1972.

The funeral was held Sunday, March 6 at Shady Grove AME Zion Church, 1060 Microwave Tower Road, Council. Burial was in New Hope Community Cemetery. Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville handled the arrangements.

Surviving are his sister, **Kimberley Burney of Council**.

Friends may visit the family at 2429 Old Northeast Road, Lake Waccamaw.

MONTA ISALIAH BROWN

TABOR CITY -- Monta Isaliah Brown, infant, died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at Duke Hospital in Durham.

A graveside service was held Friday, March 4 at Stephen-Wright Cemetery in Tabor City. S&L Funeral Home of Fair Bluff handled the arrangements.

He is survived by his father, **Donta Brown**; his mother, **Amanda McKnight**; and his grandfather, **Donlee Vereen**.

CALVIN LEE EDGES

CHARLOTTE -- Calvin Lee Edges, 69, died Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Novant Health.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by S&L Funeral Home of Fair Bluff.

St. Luke AMEZ steak/chicken

St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church will sell steak and chicken dinners Friday, March 11 from 4-7 p.m. Donations are \$10 eat in or take out. For more information call 874-4486.

The church is located at 410 Martin Luther King Drive, Bladenboro.

Rev. Hardy Ballard is the pastor.

Minter's Chapel FBC joy night

Minter's Chapel First Born Church of Boardman will hold its joy night anniversary Wednesday, March 16-Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Wednesday will feature Minister **Jerry McKoy** from Pleasant Meadows.

Thursday will be **Prophetess Teresa McCallum** of St. John Church of Chadbourn.

Friday will be **Apostle Anthony Buie** from St. Joseph in Red Springs.

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Precautions for bird flu urged

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

As biddy season gets under way, agricultural officials are urging bird owners to continue keeping their flocks protected from avian influenza.

"Keep up your biosecurity measures, and stay informed," said Phyllis Creech-Greene, poultry specialist with the Columbus County office of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

"Take care of those biddies. This is a big time of the year for baby poultry, and as birds change hands, it's a lot easier to pass contagious diseases between flocks."

March and April are traditionally busy times for sales of chicks and biddies at area feed stores and agricultural suppliers, Creech-Greene said. Several local retailers have set up biddy sales areas in preparation for upcoming chick days, but as of Tuesday, the warming lights were still turned off in area stores.

Supply became a problem for retailers who relied on imported chicks last year, when the HPAI outbreak caused numerous delays in Midwestern chick farms, according to the N.C. Department of Agriculture (NCDA).

Although a number of poultry diseases exist, highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) has been the costliest poultry disease in the country's history since being discovered in the Midwest last year, according to the NCDA. Millions of chickens, turkeys and ducks were destroyed in several corn belt states after HPAI was confirmed in several commercial flocks, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The outbreak led to a moratorium on chick sales across state lines in some areas, as well as the cancellation of poultry shows, "flock swaps" and other events - including competitions at state and county fairs, according to the NCDA.

In a press release from the NCDA, Agriculture Secretary Steve Troxler announced that he had lifted the ban on poultry events Jan. 7, a week before it was originally scheduled to expire.

The next week, on Jan. 15, State Veterinarian Doug

Meckes announced a confirmed outbreak of the disease in southwestern Indiana, the first since June 2015.

"This is a different strain of avian influenza than we saw last year, but it's just as worrisome," he said in the announcement. "Indiana and federal officials hope to contain the outbreak to a single farm."

No HPAI has been detected in North Carolina, the NCDA said last week, but Meckes encouraged continued vigilance.

"We encourage poultry owners to limit out-of-state meetings and sales, maintain highest levels of biosecurity, and to keep a close eye on your birds," he said. "Contact your veterinarian if you see any signs of avian influenza among your birds."

Although no HPAI has been found in North Carolina, according to Creech-Greene, the "bird flu is still being monitored."

"The only way to isolate an outbreak is through careful biosecurity measures," she said.

"We still recommend registering your farm with the NCDA. All the registry does is give us a way to contact people if there is a reported case in their community."

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the current strains of HPAI do not easily transmit to humans, although it can occur.

HPAI was first detected in the U.S. in December 2014, in wild waterfowl, according to the CDC.

The viruses occur naturally among wild aquatic birds worldwide, but wild birds generally don't get sick from the disease.

According to the CDC, HPAI is one of several avian influenza type A viruses that are very contagious among wild and domestic birds.

HPAI is usually deadly to most domesticated bird species including chickens, ducks and turkeys, the CDC says. The virus is spread through saliva, nasal secretions and feces, according to the CDC, and can spread via infected surfaces as well as direct contact.

Symptoms in infected poultry include lethargy, loss of appetite, drop off in egg production, molting and death, according to the NCDA.

For more information, go to www.ncagr.gov/avianflu.



Gaye Fisher and Wendy Whitson

Local artists meet in Mexico

What are the odds of two artists, both former residents of Whiteville, bumping into each other on an art tour bus in Mexico?

That's what happened to Wendy Whitson, daughter of Barbara and the late Dr. Ron Whitson of Whiteville who has an art gallery in Asheville, and Gaye Fisher, now living in Charleston, S.C., where she has an art gallery.

"Gaye and I were both attending the San Miguel Writers' and Literary Conference in Mexico," Wendy wrote. "It was on a bus tour of local artists' studios that Gaye and I happened to meet. I saw her first and called her name."

"Excuse me, are you Gaye Fisher?" I asked. "Her eyes got really wide and I said, 'I'm Wendy Whitson, from Whiteville.' She said, 'Oh my goodness!' And so did everyone else on the bus!"

Whitson said Fisher was traveling with Maia Williams, a friend from Charlotte who happened to be very good friends with the co-director of the conference, also from Charlotte. Maia and her husband Wyman now reside in San Miguel but get back to North Carolina on a regular basis.

Whitson said "San Miguel de Allende is in my mind, the 'Asheville of Mexico.' It's about the same size, and has the same creative energy, culinary delights, music and natural beauty surrounding the city. There's something for everyone."

Whitson said her work as an artist in Asheville continues to thrive. "I have been working on many commission pieces over the last few years, and still keep work at

the Wells Gallery at the Sanctuary, at Kiawah Island, S.C. This past summer I renovated part of NorthLight Studios, an old industrial building in the River Arts District, www.riverartsdistrict.com which I own with my husband, John. It has been a dream of mine to convert the space to studios for additional artists. There are now five full-time painters in the building."

Whitson said her trips to Mexico actually began in Asheville, five years ago. "That was when a friend, Marla Adams, who is integral to the Community Foundation of WNC, asked me to give a tour of the River Arts District in Asheville to a group of women from Mexico, also tied in with the Community Foundation of the State of Guanajuato," she said. "They were interested in creating a similar scenario for artists as is found in the River Arts District and Penland, that is, studio spaces, teaching facilities and galleries. At the end of the tour, we had become friends, and they said, 'You will come see us!' And I said, 'Yes, I will!'"

Whitson said that was how she was introduced to Central Mexico and all that it offers.

"I have learned that Gaye has been traveling to Mexico for more than 20 years," Whitson said. "There is a kind of magic in that part of the world, which also happens to be our neighbor."

State escapes highly contagious Avian flu

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

Although the dreaded Avian influenza has not been found in North Carolina, effects of the disease have played havoc for people seeking to buy baby chicks.

Midwestern hatcheries, the source of baby chicks that local farm supply stores sell, obviously can't produce enough baby chickens to meet the demand.

David Hooks of Gurganus Milling in Whiteville said of procuring hatchling chickens, "It's hard to get them. We can't get them when people want them."

The Avian flu, a highly contagious form of influenza also known as bird flu, led state health officials to cancel all

poultry shows scheduled for the annual state fair in Raleigh in October.

Several chicken displays throughout much of the United States have been cancelled because of fear of bringing the disease to other flocks.

Many area residents keep small "backyard" flocks of chickens to furnish the family eggs and some to raise for eating.

Authorities have issued warnings about bringing chickens, even to small flocks, from other areas where the Avian flu has been found.

Avian flu is spread by migratory waterfowl. The disease's symptoms are swollen eyelids, loss of appetites decline or cessation of egg-laying, and a generally weakened condition.

Decorate eggs Pisanki style

A Pisanki egg decorating workshop will be held at the Museum of Coastal Carolina at 11 a.m. March 19.

Decorating eggs in the traditional Pisanki style involves applying heated beeswax to the egg with a stylus, dipping the waxed egg into dye baths to achieve layers of color, and removing the wax, thus revealing the design on the egg. Designs can be as simple

or complicated as you wish to make them.

The workshop will be limited to 12 people. Call the museum at 910-579-1016 to register. Children must be 13 or older and must be accompanied by an adult. All materials will be provided. In addition to museum admission, there is a \$6 workshop fee. Participants may take the materials home to decorate Pisanki eggs.

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Transportation meet is March 8

Columbus County Transportation, with the cooperation of the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, is preparing a Locally Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan (LCP).

The LCP is required by law for certain federal transportation grant programs and documents major transportation needs for Columbus

County. The public is invited to give input on the plan that will identify needs and include potential solutions.

The public meeting is March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Columbus County Partnership for Children Building, 109 W. Main St., Whiteville.

The public is invited to come with ideas to improve public transportation in Columbus County.

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Columbus County Shriners recently installed 2016 officers and board of directors. Left to right are board member Eddie Harrelson, Past President Jack Meares, First Vice President Daniel Hilburn, Second Vice President Norman Sellers, Secretary Boyce Lennon, Treasurer Eric Bass, board member and chaplain Edward Davis, board members Richard Davis and Matt Wilson. Standing at the podium is President Jeff Pridgen.

Shrine Club installs officers

Columbus County Shriners are part of Sudan Shriners and Shriners International who raise money through various activities and contributions to support 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children. Columbus County Shriners participate in several Sudan parade units, including the Steel Drum Band, Hillbillies, Sudan Playboys and Sudan Tomcats. These units perform at parades throughout the area and provide contributions to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Shriners Hospitals is a healthcare system with loca-

tions in the U.S, Canada and Mexico.

The staff at the 22 facilities is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research and offering outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals.

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Piano Festival features renowned Italian pianist

The 38th Annual Dr. Sharyn Edwards Piano Festival is March 10 through 12 at Southeastern Community College. The three-day event, named in honor of Edwards, an acclaimed former Southeastern Community College music faculty member, includes piano competitions and recitals by students in kindergarten through college.

For a full list of events, visit www.sccnc.edu. The opening concert is Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the SCC Auditorium and features Italian Pianist Paolo André Gualdi. Admission is \$10.

Paolo André Gualdi has played recitals in Italy, France, Brazil and the United States for music organizations such as A.Gi.Mus., Accademia Ori, and Accademia Amadeus (Italy); Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul and Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (Brazil); Musée Würth (France); International Piano Series of Charleston, American Liszt Society, Cincinnati



Paolo André Gualdi

Conservatory, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival (U.S.A.) Orchestras he has performed with include the Georgia Philharmonic, Wilmington Symphony, Atlanta Philharmonic, Florence Symphony, DeKalb Symphony, and the Universidade de Caxias do Sul Symphony Orchestra. He has recorded for Mark

Records and IFO Classics, and his performances have been broadcasted by radios such as NPR and Radio Vaticana.

The Dr. Sharyn Edwards Piano Festival is dedicated to meeting the needs of piano students and teachers from the southeastern North Carolina counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Pender, and Robeson. Participants from other parts of the state are welcome.

DAR to meet at Lake March 9

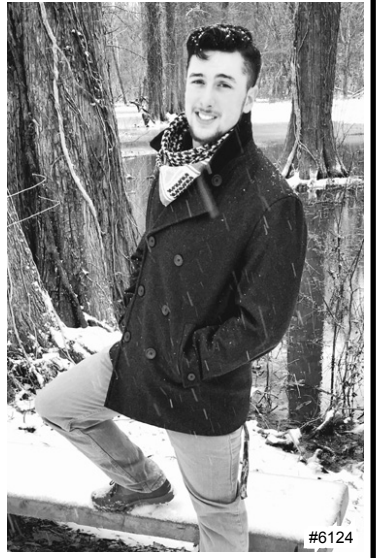
The Major General Robert Howe Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet Wednesday, March 9 at 2 p.m. at the home of Ann Fox of Lake Waccamaw. Lonnie Fox will give a program on early air travel.

Hostesses are Ann Fox, Amanda Worley and Elaine Blake.

Thank you God, for your many blessings. Mr. and Mrs. Kapri McMillan who were Married Feb. 24, 2016.



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WWII vets are genealogy topic

The Southeastern North Carolina Genealogical Society will meet at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall, 511 N. Thompson St., Whiteville, Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

Carroll Pearsall will present a program regarding Co-

lumbus County servicemen who gave their lives during WWII. The focus of the presentation will honor those known 132 individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice. Biographical information along with some photographs will be presented.

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Q. How dangerous is a high fever?

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Q. When is the next 954 magazine coming out?

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Editorials

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Put them up, take them down, follow the law

Political sign thefts are almost as much a part of every campaign season as the signs themselves.

It's disappointing, but never surprising, when we get calls about signs for Candidate A mysteriously disappearing, while the signs for Candidate B is still in place just a few feet away.

The rules for campaign signage are really simple – signs may be placed in the public right of way for 30 days before the start of early voting, and must be removed within 10 days of the end of the election. Signs can't be closer than three feet to the pavement, must not obscure lines of sight, and can't be in the right of way on a controlled access road (such as U.S. 74-76). Signs can't

The point
than 42 inches tall, stand up without tearing or block another sign. *maybe you need to be in a line of work other than some states, political office.*

North Carolina specifically prohibits the theft, defacement or destruction of political signs that have been legally erected.

Of course, enforcing that law is a difficult task. One can't swear out a warrant against a candidate simply because one suspects the other guy has a trunk full of your signs. The thief has to be caught in the act, and even if that's the case, by the time such a crime has been investigated and brought before a magistrate, folks have usually forgotten about the last election, and judges are loathe to hear such cases.

Naturally, when the Department of Transportation finds a sign improperly placed in the right of way, said sign is going in the trash, like any other litter. And old wives' tales aside, there's no law that requires a landowner to allow political signs on his or her property, regardless of the claims of some more ambitious and aggressive campaign volunteers.

The best way to handle political signs, which are a proven, effective campaign tool, is to place them properly, in accordance with the law -- and leave the other guy's signs alone. The state's guidelines for placing political signage are available online, and you can get advice by calling the Board of Elections or the Department of Transportation. Signs in towns and cities might benefit from a call to the town hall to make sure you're in compliance with any local ordinances.

Candidates need to ensure that they or their volunteers remove signs within the prescribed 10 days. We have enough problems with litter and trash on the roadsides without adding to the pile. Unsuccessful candidates sometimes have a way of forgetting their signs, as do some winners. Regardless of who gets second place, signs don't need to be left beside the roadways.

Presidential elections tend to bring out the worst in dirty campaign tactics, and we still have months before the general elections set the slate for the next terms of county commissioners, state cabinet posts, state and U.S. house and senate seats, and president. Regardless of whom you support – or don't support – make sure they follow the rules when it comes to political signage.

Just as there's no excuse not to vote, there's no excuse for taking someone else's signs, which are (under the law) considered personal property. If your message can't stand up without tearing the other candidate down, maybe you need to be in a line of work other than political office.



Better off without ears

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

I stopped, stood still, and listened as the morning awakened everything.

There was something mingling with the roosters' mutual trash talk, the gossip of the geese, and the grinding shriek of the poor lonesome guinea.

The muted whisper of munching horses, the chatter of an aggravated squirrel, and the tentative notes of an early spring songbird were at odds with the far-off sound of a tractor.

The cats were at breakfast, as were the dogs and the Brotherhood of Darwinian Rabbits, so named since they consider the grass to be greener on the other side of the dog fence.

The dogs are not amused at their antics, and one day, I'm afraid Brother Charles' often misquoted theory will prove true.

I stood still for a second or two, listening, trying to find the source of the sound.

Something small and careful was moving through the brush beside the ditch – well, lately it's been more of a creek than a ditch – but I couldn't quite place what was wandering where.

The noise eventually disappeared, the noisemaker never revealed, but I was left thinking about how I could have listened better; and maybe figured out what was visiting.

Hearing and listening are not the same thing, by any means. Hearing is the detection of a noise of some sort. Listening requires discernment; it is comprehending whether that noise is a loved one's voice, a superior's direction, a good dog's bark, or a rattlesnake's warning.

We lack a lot of the latter these days – comprehension, that is, not rattlesnakes.

Not long after I strove to find the mystery sound, I had a call from a friend who was having an extraordinarily rough day. We talked for a few minutes, but most of the conversation was composed of me just listening. I was happy to do so.

One of my favorite teachers in elementary school (and later junior high) was Miz Lib, as she was known outside the classroom. She often asked, "Are you listening?" and when it was proven that

a student was not, she followed the question up with the half-joking statement, "If you won't listen, you're better off without any ears."

As is usually the case in an election year, there hasn't been a lot of listening in recent months. I don't care which side you call your own, or if you have a preference.

I'm personally not really happy with any of the choices, but this is life.

There's always too much noise, and not enough listening, regardless of whether it's a political year. Many of us are caught up in our own little worlds that we seek to make larger, so we talk and talk, without ever stopping to listen to others – or ourselves.

One of the big reasons cited for the failure in marriages is communication – i.e. talking, and more importantly, listening.

Whether it's my line of work, my love of the woods, or (ironically) the hearing loss that kept me out of the military, I have tried for years to be a better listener, not just one who hears.

The inflection in someone's voice during an interview can be an indication of something important.

The growl of a coyote means you're close to the den, where the waugh-waugh of a bear means *M. Ursus Americanus* is about to highlight it for the next county.

A similar sound from a feral or domestic pig, however, means you need to be changing your ZIP code, preferably to a higher elevation, like the nearest tree.

A baby possum's cough is not a sign of illness, but of affection, while a whistle from the same animal is one of distress.

At the same time, the low-rumble of a coon's growl is as inscrutable as the heart of a woman, with apologies to a greater writer than I shall ever be.

You can't tell, half the time, if a coon will bolt, hide, or declare war, and their vocalizations don't help.

Simply hearing a dog bark is no great feat, but discerning what the dog is barking about can mean the difference between a new friend, a torn pair of trousers, or stepping on a copperhead.

A snapping branch can mean a thousand things in the woods – a tree shedding a useless branch, a squirrel's overconfidence, a deer making its way carefully down a trail, or a Wildlife officer following your trail. If you don't listen, you miss half of the world around you.

A coyote's howl can mean anything from an invitation to dinner to a request for gossip to the sheer pleasure of a good howl.

If you listen, you can usually tell the difference. Vultures don't vocalize very much, but they are apparently good listeners, as none of those in whom I ever confided have betrayed my confidence.

We listen for the piano or organ when we race across the church parking lot on Sunday morning, and for the final "Amen" so we can rush back out, but how many of us listen to the man in the pulpit in between?

More importantly, how many listen to hear what the one guiding him is saying through his servant? We'd have a better world if more of us did so.

The Old Man regularly chided me for not listening, and had a way of making me realize that by talking out a problem, I could often find the solution that was there the whole time.

I couldn't do so on my own in those cases, but needed a willing ear to help me listen to my own instincts.

I think that one reason for the dominance of social media is that people have a natural need to have someone who will listen, who will pay attention, but we have forgotten how to do so.

That need builds up like spring rain behind a beaver dam, and people become addicted to the immediacy of communication through like buttons and emoticons, as opposed to meaningful conversation.

We live in a world full of talk and noise, but we have a lack of listening.

Whether we hear a cry for help, a child's laugh, a chicken's cackle, or the whisper of a pine forest, when we're all talk, and no listening, we're better off without any ears.

The state after 'Super Tuesday'

By TOM CAMPBELL

Following "Super Tuesday," both political parties are wondering how they can survive their nominees, while North Carolinians are pondering the impact on our state.

The presidential races have turned into a referendum on outsiders. The numbers don't lie. Swarms of Republicans have turned out in impressive and increasing numbers.

Both Trump and the masses voting for him are running away from mainstream Republican positions.

National GOP leaders are in panic mode, not just worried that Trump will win the nomination, lose the White House and possibly their majority in the U.S. Senate.

What has them really frightened is that 2016 might signal the death of the GOP. Donald's largely

white, middle class coalition is both deep and wide. It has no loyalty to party, feels disenfranchised and is fed up with Washington politicians.

Even though many are unwilling to admit it, Democrats have their own problems.

A red flag warning is that Democratic primary turnout is significantly down from 2008.

Hillary Clinton was supposedly on a cakewalk to the nomination but, aside from African Americans, party faithful appear uninspired.

A growing number are concerned she is too closely connected with Obama and the establishment. Bernie Sanders, though he has served in Congress many years, is capturing a large faction of mostly young and women voters with his message of a revolution against Wall Street, the wealthy and political PACs, swelling his treasury with millions from small donations.

If you subtract "super delegates," originally created so no nominee would take the party too far off the reservation, Hillary and Bernie are running close.

Party leaders question whether Clinton has too much baggage to win the presidency but can't see Bernie winning either.

Here in The Old North State party leaders and candidates are worried about who and how many will turn out on March 15.

The decision to combine the presidential primary with statewide primary elections was obviously a huge mistake.

Further, the state GOP decision to award convention delegates based on proportional rather than winner-take-all outcomes almost assures we won't get much attention.

Trump has a big lead and Rubio and Kasich will devote their efforts to their home states.

Understanding that second place finishes won't win him the nomination, Florida is a must-win state for Rubio.

If Kasich doesn't win Ohio he is toast, so he will spend his dollars and time there. Cruz will go for broke with winner-take-all states.

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Quotes of the week

"We are very concerned about it. Most automobile repairs are not planned and with the economy like it is, people are not prepared."

– Paige Brewer, owner of Southern Tire, after new North Carolina taxes on automobile repair services took effect.

"Increasing the county's profile as a biking trail destination would be a benefit to everyone. Not just to attract visitors, but to help our county learn to enjoy a healthier lifestyle."

– Steve Smith of the Columbus Trails Initiative said of the regional plan to build and market a local network of bike trails.

Kids call it as they see it

BY RAY LUNDY
Special to The News Reporter

In Chattanooga, Tennessee, a group of four-year-olds gathered in their Sunday school class and were talking with their teacher about Easter.

"Children, does anyone know what today is?"

Suzie answered, "It's Palm Sunday!" "Good," the teacher told the child. "And," she asked another question, "Does anyone know what next Sunday is?"

Suzie again answered, "It's Easter Sunday!" The teacher addressed the class again, "And

what makes Easter so special." Once again it was Suzie who was quick on the draw with an answer: "Easter is special because Jesus arose from the dead."

Before the teacher could speak Suzie kept on talking, "but if He sees his shadow, he has to go back for seven weeks!" (Source, Dale Carnegie.)

It was said a short while ago that a Catholic priest asked three Lutheran pastors to attend his church on a certain Sunday morning, probably during Lent.

The pastors were a little late, and the Catholic Church was packed, so the Lutheran pastors

stood at the back.

The priest began the Mass, but he whispered to the altar boys, "Get three chairs for our Lutheran friends." The altar boy to whom the priest had spoken could not understand the priest. Again, the priest said to the altar boy, "Three chairs for the Lutherans," and the priest motioned toward the back of the church; "three chairs," said he forcefully.

Moving quickly, but reverently, the kid stepped to the altar rail and loudly called to the congregation, "Three cheers for the Lutherans," and they did. Good for the altar boy (Copied).

McDONALD'S PRESENTS

Whiteville High School



Logan Inman

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

East Columbus High School



Alexis Nichole Clark

Alexis Nichole Clark loves working outside. "Horticulture is my favorite class because I love working outside and gardening," the East Columbus High Senior said. "When I'm not at school, I do outside work with my mom." The daughter of Angela Clark also plays basketball for the Lady Gators. She hopes to attend N.C. Central University, and someday become a radiologist. Her time at ECHS has taught her the value of teamwork. "What I like best about my school is how we work together when things get tough," she said. The 18-year-old also said she never wants to stop learning. "I'm proud of who I'm becoming," she said "The older I get, the more I learn from my peers and life. "The most interesting thing about me is I'm myself. I don't have to change just because I'm around other people." She enjoys dramas and comedies, as well as music by Rihanna and Drake. Her favorite food is spaghetti.

West Columbus High School



Fabien Frink

Fabien Frink, a junior, is the 16-year-old son of Sheila Chislomo of Chadbourne. He says he likes the fact that "we're different" most about West Columbus High School. His favorite class is math because he wants to major in business when he goes to college. Fabien is involved yearround in sports at West Columbus, participating in basketball, baseball and football. He is most proud of "being the young man I am today." Something interesting about him that most people don't know is that "I'm shy and a little crazy sometimes." His plans after high school include going to college and living his life. His favorite musical artist is Ne-Yo, his favorite book is the Bible, his favorite movie is "Norbit" and his favorite food is pizza. Fabien's favorite non-school activity is playing basketball.

South Columbus High School



Eryn Patrick

Eryn Patrick is the 17-year-old daughter of Kari Gunn. She has been active in theatre since her freshman year of high school. She was named best secondary actress in a drama in 2014 and best lead actress in a drama in 2015 at the Minnie Evans Play festival. She is a 2014 Governor's School Nominee and a participant in Celebrate the Arts in her freshman, junior and senior years. She loves her theatre class best at SCHS because of the opportunities that teacher Amy Jones gives students, she said. "It helped me become who I am today and helped me stay happy through hard times," she said. She is proud of her ability to "act in different genres of plays and musicals. She plans to pursue a degree in Theatre Arts Education at UNC-Greensboro after graduation.



COLUMBUS STUDENTS of the week



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Former residents Hensley Scott and Ben McGalliard share the impact of living in Rotary Cottage had on their lives.



Whiteville Rotary's Jonathan Medford, right, shares the pride of being the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina hometown Rotary Club before presenting a donation to President Gary Faircloth.

50th anniversary of Rotary Cottage celebrated at Boys and Girls Homes

"Dreams don't usually burst into reality. They form over time, emerge from an amorphous thought, a wish that whispers, 'It is possible.' Then one day it appears, it is no longer an apparition but something real, something tangible: it's a dream come true."

The dream Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina President Emeritus Bill Thompson referred to was that of the construction of Rotary Cottage on the Lake Waccamaw campus in 1966. The 50th anniversary of that dream fulfillment was celebrated as part of the annual Rotary Day on campus on Feb. 21.

Ever the historian, Thompson was able to provide a history of how the dream came to fruition to the more than 125 Rotarians and guests in attendance for the event.

"That dream became real because people like Dorcy Welch, a pharmacist from Washington, N.C., saw a need and he talked to people," Thompson said. "People like John Church, Henderson, N.C., the CEO of Rose's Stores he was interested in what could be done here. Claude O'Shields of WECT-TV in Wilmington and Wilmington Rotary was interested in seeing what Rotary could do to help boys in North Carolina. Bill Berry, a Rotarian in Wilmington who was associated with the Belk Store, a very active Rotarian, took the lead



President Emeritus Bill Thompson shares a history of how the dream to create Rotary Cottage came true on the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina campus.

in getting the Cottage built. Mr. E.R. Zane with Burlington Industries in Greensboro also helped. All these Rotarians shared the dream of providing hope for 16 boys who may have had no place else to go."

Thompson also highlighted Whiteville Rotarian J. Herman Leder for giving the first report to the Board of Trustees about wanting to build the Rotary Cottage in January 1962.

Rotary Cottage opened its

doors on May 1, 1966, providing a safe home for 16 boys, among them Rotarian Hensley Scott.

"It was Boys Home when I was here and it provided discipline and structure," Scott said. "Discipline and structure give you hope. That is what you get here. With what's given to you here... that gives you hope, then you see life completely different."

Assistant Campus Supervisor at B&GH and former Rotary Cottage resident Ian Callahan agrees. "Whenever you listen to former residents talk, you always hear them talk about the exact date they arrived. I thought I was the only one who remembered that date. It is so important because it is the day your life changed. For me, this place and Rotary were everything to change my life."

President Gary Faircloth emphasized that Rotary Clubs across the state have continued to have an impact for the children.

"Over the years Rotarians have provided assistance and ongoing operational support for the children who live in Rotary Cottage," he said. "You were the first cottage on the campus to start a renovation project; you set the example and tone for other cottages. You were the first cottage to start a legacy fund to be available for cottage maintenance in case of an emergency. Your continued fundraising will

always keep it at a sufficient level to cover immediate needs in the cottage. You have even inspired another organization to take the same initiative because they have seen how effective it has been in maintaining the Rotary Cottage."

Faircloth shared a list of many of the projects Rotarians have contributed to on campus beyond the Cottage. He even held up a 184-page document listing every cash gift given by Rotarians since 1966.

"This represents the \$1,538,603.21 you have contributed," he shared. "There have been so many gifts in kind that I cannot name them all. I want you to know that you are appreciated. Thank you for making us a part of your 'raison d'être,' reason for being. Thank you for being Rotarians."

Governor Elect for District 7710 Rusine Sinclair shared her appreciation for being able to visit the campus and the Rotary Cottage.

"It is nice to be able to see the impact we are having first-hand," Sinclair said. "So many times we are committing ourselves to good, meaningful projects around the world. To be able to see the impact so close to home makes it extra special."

"A lot has happened," Thompson said. "A lot of boys have benefited from the Rotary cottage. I guess the dream came to life, still lives and will never die."

Columbus County geology: wonder what's down there?

North Carolina has a geologic history that covers more than a billion years. Have you ever wanted to know exactly what is under your feet?

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 Dr. Chris Tacker, curator of geology with the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh. Tacker will present "Geology and Columbus County: What's Down There?" Saturday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Tacker, a native North Carolinian, has worked for the Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh since 1996.

He is a mineralogist, geochemist and geologist with advanced degrees from the University of Maryland and Rice University.

His career has taken him from Johnson Space Center to Caltech to the University of Tulsa before returning to North Carolina.

Tacker's current research involves the chemistry of North Carolina gemstones, infrared spectroscopy of apatite-group minerals and pyrite oxidation and hydrolysis.

Tacker will take participants on a walk-through of Columbus County's geological history.

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

Help feed local hungry people

Food is being collected to feed hungry people in Columbus County in an effort coordinated by Cooperative Extension Service in conjunction with the 30th annual Small Farms Week, which will be celebrated March 20-26.

Donated canned goods other non-perishable food should be taken to the Cooperative Extension Service offices off U.S. 701 business near the Social Services offices and the Farmers Market by March 11.

Donors become part of a statewide campaign that feeds the hungry and celebrates with small farmers.

Everything collected will feed local food-insecure residents.



The old Grainger station is slated for demolition.

Grainger

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and two streets in the Riegelwood Subdivision.

Commissioners also are expected to approve an agreement between the N.C. DOT and the county for the paving of SR 2451 (Landfill Road).

The state has agreed to pave the road to provide improved access to the county landfill while allowing the DOT to continue to utilize the landfill for dumping without charge.

The board will receive a departmental update from the county's HUD director,

Betty McKeithan, and approve bids for three single family rehabilitation projects.

County Attorney Michael Stephens is asking the board to approve a resolution to sell at public auction a piece of county-owned property in Tatum Township.

The board also will approve the membership of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and pass a resolution honoring Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on its 100th anniversary.

Campbell

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With such a large percentage of African American voters (about 92 percent) who vote for Clinton, Sanders will also focus on winner-take-all states. Hillary will take a victory here for granted. Our state won't be much of a factor in determining nomination outcomes.

There are some very important elections that deserve our attention and consideration, to include the important Connect NC bond referendum, but with all the focus on the presidential contests and recent court decisions, state and local candidates have had big problems raising money,

translating to an inability to purchase TV and radio, direct mail and social media sufficiently to excite supporters and get their message to voters. Analysts are adjusting March 15 turnout predictions downward.

The chaos and theatrics are unsettling, a bad sign for the

parties, the candidates and the whole electoral process. Only time will tell how this plays out.

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

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needed is the provision of pediatric services, she said. "Over 60 percent of Columbus County's children get pediatric services outside the county."

She hopes that changes in April when CRHS opens a 3,500 square foot pediatrics practice in McNeill Plaza which will be staffed by two pediatricians and accompanying support personnel.

Specialty services also are being expanded and will continue to expand.

A 5,000-sq. ft expansion of the Donayre Cancer Center is expected to be completed in late May, and a full time oncologist will be on staff, along with support personnel.

Hollis said the system is actively recruiting an orthopedic surgeon, who will provide orthopedic care along with physicians from New Hanover County who cur-

rently do so.

A new surgeon also is being added to the general surgical practice of Dr. Ron Walters.

Hollis hopes to see expanded ambulatory/outpatient surgical capacity as well. She expressed excitement about the system's new MRI equipment and its hyperbaric (oxygen therapy) capabilities for wound care and hopes to add a clinic for the treatment of back problems.

The hospital system anticipated expanding into virtual services, or evaluation of patients by providers in distant locations via computer. She foresees "tele-psychiatry", "tele-stroke" services and "tele-neurological" services being available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Hollis also wants to see the system offer orthopedic rehabilitation services.

The urgent care center, which opened in September, will be relocated in coming months to an expanded area at the front of the hospital campus and add occupational therapy services to those already offered.

A clinical pastoral education program also is in the offing and the hospital's chapel will be upgraded, Hollis said.

"Columbus Regional Healthcare has been and will continue to be a stable partner in the community," she said.

"The county's ranking as the least healthy in the state is not a reflection of where we are as community."

Hollis said the hospital system is a strong supporter of the Columbus Jobs Foundation, wellness walks on hospital grounds and a farmers market on the hospital campus.

Pink

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and turns the water off, then the person calls, then they come pay, then a worker has to be assigned to go turn the water back on, and naturally, people are going to expect it to be turned back on as soon as we hand them a receipt. It doesn't work that way, especially when we have a busy month.

"Now, people receive their bill, have one more warning, and then if it isn't paid, it's cut off. If that happens, we can tell them it will be turned back on after 2 p.m."

The bright pink notices will be hung from the main entry doors of homes and businesses, City manager Darren Currie said.

"They will be easy to spot," Currie said. "This is just another way of getting our message out to the public, and sometimes simpler is better."

Currie said thought was given to a redesign of the city website, or possibly an application for smart phones that would allow customers to keep up with their bill, and be notified of a pending shutoff.

"All those things are fine, but not everyone, even in this day and age, has a smart phone," Currie said. "I know people - myself included - who have trouble working smart phones. If it can't be used, it doesn't do any good, and might make matters worse."

Brown said using a "pick and shovel, block and tackle" method makes sense in this case.

"For one thing, this is more personal contact with the customers," he said. "It seems kind of strange on the surface, but investing some human time doing something that could be done electronically will save more time later on."

"For another thing, it's simple, and it works. The customer has plenty of time to make arrangements or pay their bill before the water is disconnected."

Every customer has two



Jim Nobles of the Whiteville Public Works Department with one of the new bright pink cutoff notices, as well as a city information tag.

annual extensions, Brown explained.

"We have more time to help people come up with ways to avoid a repeat of the problem. We make better use of the taxpayers' time and money. It's a win-win, all the way around."

Currie said that before he had a draft set up on his personal account, "it was easy to lose the little card and forget until the last minute."

"Of course, we use full size sheets of paper now, and include important news for the customer, but still. We live in a busy world, and everybody forgets sometimes. This is an excellent way to better use manpower and save people the hassle of finding out their water's off when they get home from work."

Water department employee Jim Nobles said he likes the door hangers.

"If we can get somebody to pay their bill without having to cut them off, then turn around and cut them back on—I'm all for that," Nobles said. Cutoff day has been "crazy" for years, Nobles said.

"There are errors some-

times," he said, "but far fewer than people claim. Some folks want to give you a hard time. Most people understand."

"We're just here doing our job, and if a bill's paid, the city isn't going to send us out to cut it off. If there is a problem somewhere, the customer has a day to call the city and discuss it without losing their water service. That's less time on the streets for the workers, so we can focus on keeping the system working and maintained."

Brown explained that white door hangers are also being issued to water department employees who discover problems while reading meters.

"Let's say we have a meter that normally reads 2,000 gallons a month, and now it reads 20,000," Brown said. "People don't usually read their own meters, and if we didn't let the owner know about the problem, they wouldn't know they had a leak until the next billing cycle. By then, they've wasted a lot of money and water, as well as potentially damaged their home."

Nobles also said the white hangers "are a great idea. If we can save a customer some money and headache, it saves us the same," he said.

The white door hangers contain the name and contact information of the city worker, as well as the date and time of the visit. Another section on the card shows whether the worker was connecting water service, checking a meter or finding a leak.

While decidedly low-tech, Brown said the hangers "will be a big service to our city."

"It gives everyone one more chance before the water is cut off," he said. "A lot of our customers face being shut off month after month, but this will help those folks who might have forgotten avoid having the same problem. Plus, we work more efficiently with the city. When we can do that without sacrificing service, everyone benefits."

Early voting

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insurance, labor, and public instruction.

Local races being decided on include only a Democratic primary for two Columbus County commissioner seats currently held by James Prevatte and Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd.

Commissioners Trent Burroughs and Edwin Russ also are running for re-election but have no primary opposition, although Russ is expected to have an unaffiliated challenger in the November general election.

Nothing is on the March 15 ballot for local legislative races, as Democratic incumbent Jane Smith has no primary opposition; neither does Republican challenger Danny Britt.

They will face each other in November. In the House of Representatives, there's no primary for the seat being vacated by Democratic Rep.

Ken Waddell.

Republican Brenden Jones, Democrat Tim Benton and Libertarian Thomas Howell will compete for that post in the November general election.

Congressional candidates had originally been scheduled to be voted upon on March 15, but that election has been delayed until June 7 due to the redrawing recently of district lines in response to a federal court ruling.

They will appear on the ballot but will not be counted.

Incumbent 7th district Republican David Rouzer is being challenged in the primary by Mark Otto.

Democrat Wesley Casteen has no primary opposition and in November will face the winner of the Rouzer-Otto primary.

Early voting locations and

times:

Columbus County Board of Elections

March 3-11
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday-Friday
March 12
7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Satellite One-Stop sites

March 3-11
Hours 1 to 8 p.m.
weekdays

Bolton

Bolton Town Hall
221 9th street

Chadbourn

Chadbourn Municipal Annex, 201 E. 1st Ave.

Fair Bluff

Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue, 653 Railroad St.

Riegelwood

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Sports

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Photos by Grant Merritt

West Columbus High School's Dawson Elliott connects for a triple in the Vikings' 10-0 shut-out of South Stanly Saturday at the WCHS field. In photo at right, WCHS freshman Cole Benton turns loose on a pitch in the game. Benton pitched a one-hitter while striking out eight batters in taking the mound win. On Saturday evening, the Vikings defeated Wallace-Rose Hill 6-4 to claim their third win of the season. Coach Jeff Lamb's Vikings will play host to longtime rival Whiteville Tuesday night.

Vikings lift record to 3-0 with wins over Rebel Bulls, Bulldogs

WCHS squad to host Whiteville Tuesday in huge TRC opener

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

CERRO GORDO - The West Columbus baseball team enjoyed a baseball buffet on Saturday. They sampled a little bit of everything in downing South Stanly 10-0 and Wallace-Rose Hill 6-4. A big inning, small ball, timely hitting, strong pitching and good defense were all evident in their doubleheader sweep.

The Rowdy Rebel Bulls, of South Stanly, 1A state baseball runners-up in 2015 and highly ranked again this season, took on Coach Jeff Lamb's Vikings in game one. Lamb is very familiar with the South Stanly program, having served as their head coach from 2000-2007.

Freshman lefthander Cole Benton got the starting pitching assignment for West. Benton struck out the initial hitter he faced on three pitches. The next two hitters walked, but the Viking defense produced a double play to end the inning.

The bottom of the first inning carnage started quietly as Madison Benton walked. Hunter Norris bunted for a base hit. A wild pick-off attempt and two wild pitches allowed two runs. After a strikeout, Dawson Elliott walked. Marvin Edge and Brandon Merritt were hit by pitches to load the bases. Trey Benton's single to left made the score 4-0. Two South Stanly errors on Cole Benton's liner to first gave the Vikings a 5-0 lead. Ozzly Johnson's single drove in Trey Benton.

The Rebel Bulls changed pitchers but could not close the floodgates. Madison Benton reached on an error as another run scored, making it 7-0. Hunter Norris doubled, his second hit of the inning. A throwing error on Gage Hammonds' grounder produced two more runs. Dawson Elliott's triple off the fence in left-center scored Hammonds and made it 10-0.

The only hit off Cole Benton came from Logan Spivey, leading off the top of the second. Benton never allowed a runner to reach third base. He did walk three batters in the third, but catcher Hunter Norris nailed the Bulls' Maxton Horton as he tried to steal third. South Stanly's Chase Frick held the Vikings in check the final three innings. The game was called after four and one-half innings due to the 10-run rule.

Cole Benton struck out eight and walked five batters in going the distance for the Vikings. Hunter Norris led West Columbus with three hits. Elliott's triple and RBI singles by Trey Benton and Ozzly Johnson accounted for the remainder of West's hits.

The first inning of the contest between Wallace Rose Hill and West Columbus was almost a 180-degree turn from game one. Two walks and four singles gave the Bulldogs a 4-0 lead. The Vikings went down one, two, three in their half of the first.

Ozzly Johnson started on the mound for West Columbus. He showed his mettle, bouncing back after a bumpy first frame, to retire 14 of the final 15 batters he faced. Meanwhile, his Viking teammates chipped away at the Bulldog lead. Dawson Elliott doubled to lead off the second and scored on Trey Benton's two-out single.

Madison Benton singled with one out in the third. He advanced to second on a wild pick-off throw and to third on Norris's sacrifice bunt. Benton made the score 4-2 when he scored on a wild pitch. Elliott walked to start the third. Edge moved him to second with a bunt. Elliott made the margin 4-3, scoring when the Bull's short-stop threw errantly to first on Trey Benton's grounder.

A fifth-inning pitching change did not go well for WRH. Briley Kelley entered the game and walked the first two batters he faced. Norris had his second bunt base hit of the day. Gage Hammonds' bases loaded walk tied the score at four. Another pitching change produced a strike out, but the Vikings took a 5-4 lead on Marvin Edge's safety squeeze bunt scoring Madison Benton.

Tanner Hinson scored an insurance run for the Vikings in the sixth. He walked and moved to second on C. J. Coleman's sac bunt, the Vikings' fourth of the game. A wild pitch and balk brought him home.

Coleman pitched the sixth inning and got some help from his defense. After walking two batters, a pitch in the dirt produced a two-out strikeout. The ball caromed up the third base line and catcher Hunter Norris alertly threw to third base for the force out.

See Vikings on 2B

Lady Pack blanks New Hanover

For the second straight game, the Whiteville Lady Wolfpack softball team was able to pile up runs against a 4A team on Friday.

Coach Olivia Scott's WHS squad turned back visiting New Hanover 10-0 after registering a 13-1 road win over Laney on Monday. The Lady Wolfpack, which advanced to the state 1A finals in 2014 and the Eastern N.C. 1A Regional finals last year, once again used strong hitting and base-running in turning back the New Hanover squad.

The game was halted in the fifth inning by the 10-run rule.

Senior pitcher Malerie Leviner had another big day on the mound, giving up only two hits for the only New Hanover base-runners during the game. She struck out nine batters.

Eden Brown went 4-for-4 with two doubles and a triple while Kourtney Grainger had two hits, including a two-run homer. Sage McLelland had two hits, including a three-run double. McLelland's big hit broke a 0-0 tie in the third inning, and the Lady Wolfpack added two more runs in the fourth. A five-run fifth inning brought the game to a halt by way of the 10-run rule.

"Things have gone well for us so far," Scott said. "The main thing is for our girls to keep up their hard work and dedication ... especially now that we are headed into conference play."

Whiteville will step into Three Rivers Conference play Tuesday at West Columbus before having a non-conference rematch with Laney Wednesday on the WHS field.

The Lady Wolfpack will play host Fairmont Friday in a TRC match-up before entertaining Wallace-Rose Hill in a Saturday endowment game.



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Senior All-Stater Malerie Leviner releases a pitch in the Lady Wolfpack's 10-0 victory over Wilmington New Hanover Friday at the Whiteville field. Earlier last week, the WHS squad had opened its season with a 13-1 road victory over Wilmington Laney.



Selena Gore photo

Whiteville shortstop Taylor Smith (right) puts the tag on the head of a Topsail runner to cut down a stolen base attempt in Saturday's WHS season-opening baseball game against the visiting Pirate squad. Will Hinson is the second baseman. Whiteville won the game 5-2, scoring four of its runs in the first inning. The Wolfpack will open Three Rivers Conference action Tuesday night at 7 at West Columbus.

Friday game with New Hanover postponed

Wolfpack trips Topsail

Starting pitcher Brooks Baldwin drove a two-run triple and a double Saturday in the Whiteville Wolfpack's 5-2 baseball win over visiting Topsail at Legion Stadium.

It was the first game of the 2016 season for two-time defending state 1A champion Wolfpack team, which had its opener with New Hanover on Friday postponed by wet grounds.

Topsail took the lead in the top of the first inning when it scored both its runs, but Whiteville answered with four runs in the bottom of the first behind Baldwin's triple.

Hunter Harwood also doubled for the Wolfpack while Taylor Smith had two hits. Others getting hits were Connor Grainger and Nick Hood.

MacKenzie Gore relieved Baldwin in the fourth inning and pitched until the seventh inning when Dylan Lawson came on to record the final out.

WHS coach Brett Harwood felt his team gave a good effort, especially

when it battle back after falling behind early in the game.

"We did pretty good job of swinging the bats and came out pretty good defensively, Harwood said. "Our pitchers did well against a strong Topsail line-up."

Topsail, which opened its season earlier last week with a 10-0 victory over Jacksonville, fell to 1-1. The 3A Pirate squad was led at the plate by Sam Hall, who had three hits and Colby Emmertz, who singled home both of the Topsail runs.

Jacob Luchansky was the losing pitcher.

Whiteville will travel to Cerro Gordo Tuesday to take on West Columbus in a rematch of last spring's Eastern N.C. Regional 1A championship series. Whiteville pulled wins in two games of the best-of-three championship series by scores of 1-0 and 9-6 and went on to defeat South Stanly in the state championship series,



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

West Columbus third baseman Marvin Edge lays down a bunt in the Vikings' 6-4 win over Wallace-Rose Hill Saturday at the WCHS field. Earlier in the day, West Columbus thumped South Stanly 10-0. The Vikings, now 3-0, will entertain Whiteville Tuesday at 7 p.m. in a Three Rivers Conference opener.

Vikings

Continued from 1B

Freshman Cody Benton pitched the seventh inning. The right-hander picked up his second save of the week by striking out the side. All three Bulldog hitters took called third strikes. Dawson Elliott was 1 for 2 with a double and two runs scored for West. Madison Benton singled, reached base three times and scored twice. Hunter Norris and Trey Benton had the other Viking hits.

Ozzly Johnson was the winning pitcher. Johnson struck out four and walked two. Johnson used just 49 pitches in his final four innings of work. Coleman received credit for a hold and Cody Benton the save.

Overall, Lamb was pleased with his team's effort

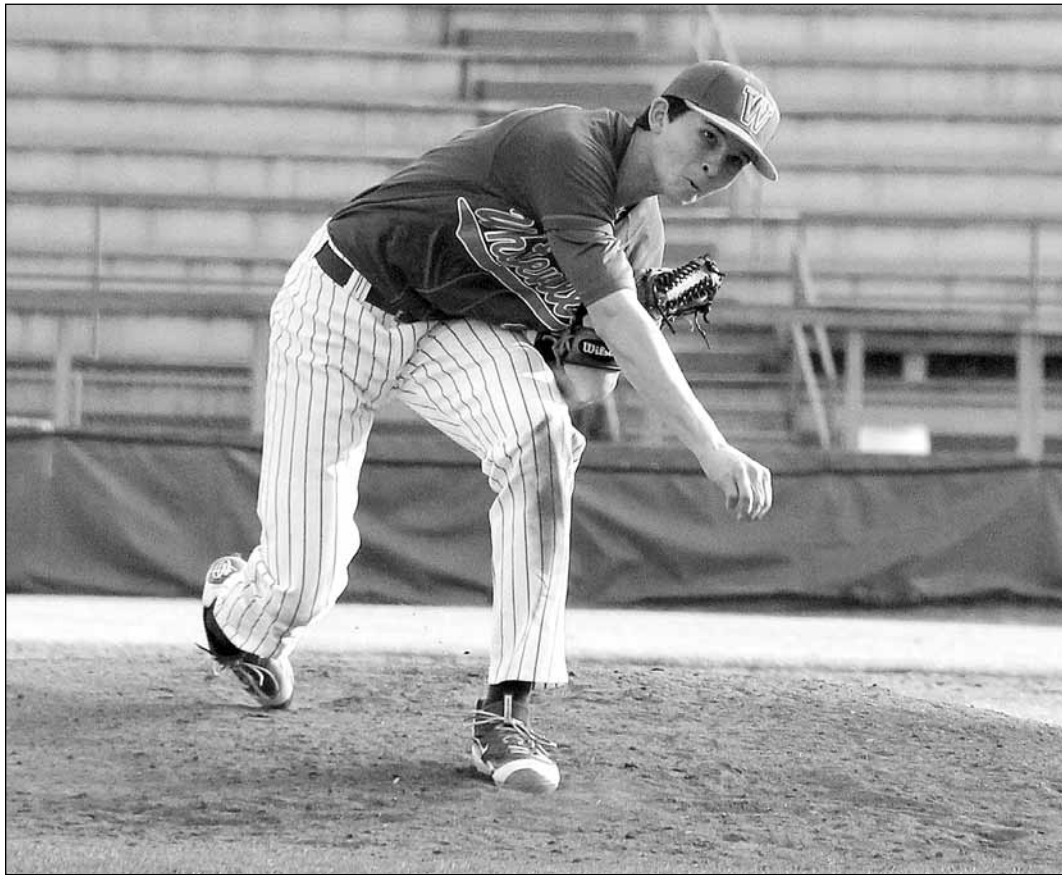
"We came out with a purpose in game one, but

I felt we lost our focus at the plate after the first inning," Lamb said. "I was very proud of the guys in game two. They did not panic and played for one run an inning. We did a good job of executing 'small ball' and moving runners over."

In Saturday's second game, South Stanly defeated Wallace-Rose Hill 11-5.

The Vikings are now 3-0. They open Three Rivers conference play Tuesday with one of the most highly anticipated early season games in recent memory as they host the Whiteville Wolfpack. Game time is approximately 7.

This year, the TRC is playing jayvee and varsity contests at the same site. No junior varsity game inning is supposed to start after 6 p.m. This allows the field to be prepared and both teams to take infield practice and start by 7.



Selena Gore photo

Brooks Baldwin pitches for Whiteville Friday in the Wolfpack's season-opening win over visiting Topsail at Legion Stadium. The Wolfpack won the game 5-2 with all but one of the runs coming in the first inning. (See story on 1B).

2016 Dixie Youth Baseball Tournament schedule

District 2 Tournaments

June 18-23

AA (ages 7-8, Coach-Pitch) - at Clarkton

June 25-30

AAA (ages 9-10) - at Nakina

July 2-7

Majors (ages 11-12) - at Whiteville Optimist

State Tournaments

July 2-7

AA - at Tabor City

July 9-14

AAA- at Stanley (Gaston County)

July 16-22

Majors- at Kenansville

World Series Tournaments

July 30-Aug.4

AA - at Laurel, Miss.

Aug. 6-11

AAA - at Laurel, Miss.

Majors - at Laurel, Miss.

Hallsboro teams open with wins

The Hallsboro Tigers opened spring sports action with softball and baseball wins over Supply's Cedar Grove Middle School.

Alana Deal struck out five batters to get the 13-5 softball win for Hallsboro. Deal also had two hits. Hannah Andrews led the Tigers with three hits and Alexis Jacobs contributed two.

Hallsboro won the baseball game 14-1 behind the pitching of Elijah Bunting. Fisher Reaves had two hits and scored two runs for the Tigers. Jerome Beck scored three times for Hallsboro.

Hallsboro hosts Nakina Thursday, March 10. A full slate of middle school baseball and softball games is scheduled for Monday, March 14.

DY Umpire Clinic

The annual District 2 Dixie Youth Baseball Umpire Registration and Clinic will be held at the Whiteville Recreation Center in Whiteville on Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m.

A registration fee of \$25 will be charged at the clinic. Registration at this clinic is required to umpire in Dixie Youth district and state tournaments this season.

Many local leagues also require certified officials for regular-season games. The clinic will be conducted by Don Harritan, District 2 Director Frankie Burney and chief umpire J.D. Batchelor.

Three Rivers Conference baseball, softball standings

	BASEBALL	
	Conf.	Overall
West Columbus	0-0	3-0
Fairmont	0-0	3-0
Red Springs	0-0	2-0
Whiteville	0-0	1-0
St. Pauls	0-0	1-0
South Columbus	0-0	1-1
East Columbus	0-0	0-1
South Robeson	0-0	0-2

THURSDAY'S RESULT

West Bladen 9, South Robeson 0

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Whiteville New Hanover (ppd.)

Trask East Columbus (ppd.)

East Bladen - South Robeson

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

West Columbus 10, South Stanly 0

West Columbus 6, Wallace-Rose Hill 4

Whiteville 5, Topsail 2

Fairmont 8, North Myrtle Beach 3

Fairmont 4, Dixon 2

West Bladen, St. Pauls (ppd.)

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Whiteville at West Columbus, 7

South Columbus at East Columbus, 7

Red Springs at St. Pauls, 7

South Robeson at Fairmont, 7

SOFTBALL

	SOFTBALL	
	Conf.	Overall
Whiteville	0-0	2-0
East Columbus	0-0	1-0
South Columbus	0-0	1-1
South Robeson	0-0	1-0
Red Springs	0-0	0-0
Fairmont	0-0	0-0
West Columbus	0-0	0-0
St. Pauls	0-0	0-1

THURSDAY'S RESULT

South Robeson 6, West Bladen 0

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Whiteville 10, New Hanover 0

East Columbus Trask (ppd.)

SATURDAY'S RESULT

West Bladen - St. Pauls (ppd.)

TODAY'S GAME

Laney at Whiteville, 7

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Whiteville at West Columbus, 7

South Columbus at East Columbus, 7

Red Springs at St. Pauls, 7

South Robeson at Fairmont, 7



Staff photo by Franklin Davis

Eden Brown heads for second base for a double in the Whiteville Lady Wolfpack in Friday's softball victory over visiting New Hanover. Whiteville, now with a 2-0 record, will open play in the Three Rivers Conference Tuesday against West Columbus at Cerro Gordo. Brown is a four-year starter for Coach Olivia Scott's WHS squad. (See story on 1B)

Lady Wolfpack shuts out Trask, bows to Topsail

ROCKY POINT - Six Whiteville players each scored a goal Wednesday as the Lady Wolfpack defeated host Heide Trask in a 6-0 non-conference soccer match.

Whiteville, which had opened its season with a 6-0 home loss to South Brunswick on Wednesday, held a 1-0 halftime lead over the Lady Titans before taking complete charge in the second half.

Scoring WHS goals were Ashley Carter, Madison Hinson, Logan Schultz. Amber Torelli, Abigail Owens and Sam Lane. On Friday, the Lady Wolfpack suffered a 4-0 shutout loss at the hands of Topsail at Hampstead.

The Lady Wolfpack now has a 1-2 record and will play host to the Topsail squad Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Vikings bump WHS in TRC tennis match

CERRO GORDO - The host Whiteville Wolfpack won the top two singles matches, but the West Columbus Vikings claimed victories in the remainder of the matches Wednesday to take a 7-2 Three Rivers Conference boys tennis decision. It was the season-opening match for both squads.

On Tuesday, the Whiteville squad opened its season with a 9-0 loss.

The West Columbus team traveled to play 4A Lumberton on Thursday and dropped an 8-0 verdict to the Pirate squad of former WCHS

tennis coach Jeff Kinlaw.

Results follow:

W. Columbus 7, Whiteville 2

Singles: Zach Storms (W) def. Ricky Herring, 6-3, 6-1; S. Nairn (W) def. Divine. Hope, 7-5, 6-0; Grayson Jarvis (WC) def. J. Johnson, 6-2, 6-1; M. Stackhouse (WC) def. T. Floyd, 6-3, 6-2; Adam Jens def. A. Gansell, 6-1, 6-4; Tyrell Dundy (WC) def. G. McPherson, 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles: Herring-Jarvis (WC) def. Storms-Nairn, 8-3; Hope-Jens (WC) def. Floyd-T. Hester 8-4; ; Dundy-C. Edwards def. McPherson-Harrelson, 8-2.

Stallion netters battle past E. Columbus

LAKE WACCAMAW - In at match that featured three tie-breakers in singles play, the South Columbus Stallions came across with a 6-3 Three Rivers Conference tennis victory over host East Columbus.

"This is the first time I've coached a match where there were three tie-breakers in singles," said SCHS coach Brett Burroughs. "Fortunately, we managed to win all three of them."

Results follow:

S. Columbus 6, E. Columbus 3

Singles: Tavo Palacios (EC) def. Noah Jarman, 6-4, 6-4; John Lewis (SC) def. Marco Borja 3-6, 6-4, 10-4; Colby Cartrette (SC) def. Haywood McKoy, 5-7, 7-6, 10-8; Mason Hewett (SC) def. Harley Potter, 6-3, 5-7, 11-9; Hector Palacios (EC) def. Clint Ward, 6-1, 6-0; Dylan def. Terry Brown, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles: T. Palacios-Borja (EC) def. Jarman-Lewis, 8-5; Cartrette-Hewett def. H. Palacios-Young, 8-1; Flint Ward-Wilams Sellers (SC) def. Terry Brown-Kushod Tucker, 8-3.

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Tuesday	Josh Groban: Stages Live			Carpenters: Close To You			10 Reasons	BBC WN
Wed.	Eat Fat Get Thin With Dr. Mark Hyman			Easy Yoga For Diabetes			Rick Steves'	BBC WN
Thursday	NC Now	Exploring NC	NC Weekend	Smart Fats To Outsmart Aging With Dr. Steven Masley				BBC WN
Friday	Washington Wk	NC Weekend	Suze Orman's Financial Solutions				British Antiques	BBC WN
Saturday	Yanni Live At The Great Pyramids			Celtic Thunder Legacy				Rick Steves'
Sunday	Eastenders			Eastenders			Eastenders	

MONDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Bachelor	CBS: Big Bang	NBC: The Voice	FOX: Gotham	ION: Criminal Minds	A&E: Gladiator	AMC: Jurassic Park	ANIMAL: Yukon Men	BET: B.A.P.S.	BRAVO: Vanderpump Rules	CARTOON: King Hill	CMT: Last Man	CNN: Anderson Cooper 360	COMEDY: South Park	DISCOVERY: Street Outlaws	DISNEY: Cloud 9	EI: I Am Cait	ESPN: (7:00) College Bball	ESPN2: (7:00) Wom. Basketball	FOOD: Cake Wars	FREEMFORM: The Fosters	H&TV: Hunters	HISTORY: Swamp Blood	LIFETIME: Enough	MTV: Teen Mom	NICK: Henry	SPIKE: Cops	SYFY: The Scorpion King	TBS: Family Guy	TGM: The Agency and the Ecstasy	TLC: Dateline on TLC	TNT: Major Crimes	TRAVEL: Bizarre Foods	TV LAND: Raymond	USA: WWE Monday Night Raw	VH1: Love & Hip Hop	WGN: Person of Interest	HBO: Me and Earl	MAX: (7:35) The Judge	SHOW: Shameless
CABLE	ABC: Tell All	CBS: Scorpion	NBC: The Blind Auditions	FOX: Lucifer	ION: Criminal Minds	A&E: Bates Motel	AMC: Better Call Saul	ANIMAL: Yukon Men	BET: Martin	BRAVO: Vanderpump Rules	CARTOON: Bob's Burgers	CMT: Lethal Weapon	CNN: CNN Tonight	COMEDY: South Park	DISCOVERY: Street Outlaws	DISNEY: Undercover	EI: Hollywood Medium	ESPN: College Basketball	ESPN2: College Basketball	FOOD: Cake Wars	FREEMFORM: Recovery Road	H&TV: Ellen's Design	HISTORY: Billon Dollar Wreck	LIFETIME: Jennifer Lopez	MTV: Teen Mom	NICK: Full House	SPIKE: Cops	SYFY: The Magicians	TBS: Tribeca	TGM: Moulin Rouge	TLC: Dateline on TLC	TNT: Major Crimes	TRAVEL: Bizarre Foods	TV LAND: Raymond	USA: Steve J. Michelle	VH1: Person of Interest	WGN: Person of Interest	HBO: Girl River	MAX: Robert Downey Jr.	SHOW: Billions
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PREM	ABC: Of Kings and Prophets	CBS: Limitless	NBC: Little Big Shots	FOX: Local Programs	ION: Criminal Minds	A&E: Married at First Sight	AMC: Tommy Lee Jones	ANIMAL: Great Barrier Reef	BET: Wendy Williams	BRAVO: Watch What	CARTOON: Reba	CMT: Reba	CNN: Super Tuesday	COMEDY: Not Safe	DISCOVERY: Moonshiners	DISNEY: BUNK'D	EI: El News	ESPN: SportsCenter	ESPN2: BNP Paribas Showdown	FOOD: Chopped	FREEMFORM: The Perfect Man	H&TV: People v. O.J.	HISTORY: Forged in Fire	LIFETIME: Mother/Daughter	MTV: MTV Suspect	NICK: Friends	SPIKE: Ink Master	SYFY: Colony	TBS: Conan	TGM: Olivia de Havilland	TLC: The Little Couple	TNT: Castle	TRAVEL: Bizarre Foods	TV LAND: Queens	USA: Modern	VH1: Why Do Fools Fall in Love	WGN: Outsiders	HBO: Unfinished Business	MAX: Russell Crowe	SHOW: Shooter

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: The Middle	CBS: Survivor	NBC: The Voice	FOX: Rosewood	ION: Law & Order	A&E: Duck Dynasty	AMC: The Italian Job	ANIMAL: Alaska: Last	BET: Housewives	BRAVO: King Hill	CARTOON: Last Man	CMT: Anderson Cooper 360	CNN: South Park	COMEDY: Dual Survival	DISCOVERY: Invisible Sister	DISNEY: M.I. 2	EI: M.I. 2	ESPN: (7:00) NBA Basketball	ESPN2: (7:00) College Bball	FOOD: Restaurant: Impossible	FREEMFORM: Hungry	H&TV: Star Trek	HISTORY: Property Brothers	LIFETIME: Little Women	MTV: Catfish	NICK: Henry	SPIKE: National Treasure	SYFY: Face Off	TBS: Big Bang	TGM: Scouts	TLC: My 600-lb Life	TNT: The Hobbit	TRAVEL: Expedition Unknown	TV LAND: Raymond	USA: Law & Order	VH1: Mob Wives	WGN: (7:00) Fast Five	HBO: Eagle Eye	MAX: (7:05) Ride	SHOW: U-571
CABLE	ABC: Modern	CBS: VS Swim Special	NBC: The Blind Auditions	FOX: Hell's Kitchen	ION: Law & Order	A&E: Wahlburgers	AMC: Alaska: Last	ANIMAL: Backcountry Justice	BET: Housewives	BRAVO: Watch What	CARTOON: The Replacements	CMT: To Be Announced	CNN: South Park	COMEDY: Venom Hunters	DISCOVERY: Best	DISNEY: I Am Cait	EI: I Am Cait	ESPN: NBA Basketball	ESPN2: College Basketball	FOOD: Restaurant: Impossible	FREEMFORM: The 700 Club	H&TV: Star Trek	HISTORY: Property Brothers	LIFETIME: Little Women	MTV: Catfish	NICK: Full House	SPIKE: National Treasure	SYFY: Face Off	TBS: Big Bang	TGM: Walt Disney	TLC: My 600-lb Life	TNT: The Hobbit	TRAVEL: Expedition Unknown	TV LAND: Raymond	USA: Law & Order	VH1: VHI Special	WGN: Underground	HBO: Vinyl	MAX: (7:05) Ride	SHOW: Michael Jackson's Journey
PREM	ABC: American Crime	CBS: CSI	NBC: Local Programs	FOX: Law & Order	ION: Duck	A&E: Duck Dynasty	AMC: Live Free or	ANIMAL: Alaska: Last	BET: Wendy Williams	BRAVO: Watch What	CARTOON: Family Guy	CMT: Reba	CNN: Daily Show	COMEDY: Venom Hunters	DISCOVERY: BUNK'D	DISNEY: El News	EI: El News	ESPN: SportsCenter	ESPN2: College Basketball	FOOD: Restaurant: Impossible	FREEMFORM: The Wedding Date	H&TV: Star Trek	HISTORY: Property Brothers	LIFETIME: Little Women	MTV: Catfish	NICK: Friends	SPIKE: Prince Persia	SYFY: Angels & Demons	TBS: Conan	TGM: The Secrets of Life	TLC: Fat Chance	TNT: CSI: NY	TRAVEL: Expedition Unknown	TV LAND: Queens	USA: Modern	VH1: VHI Special	WGN: Underground	HBO: Fifty Shades of Grey	MAX: (7:05) Ride	SHOW: (3:35) Black Snake Moan

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THURSDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: Grey's Anatomy	CBS: Big Bang	NBC: Apocalypse	FOX: American Idol	ION: Blue Bloods	A&E: The First 48	AMC: The Bourne Identity	ANIMAL: River Monsters	BET: (7:00) Alex Cross	BRAVO: Top Chef	CARTOON: King Hill	CMT: Last Man	CNN: Anderson Cooper 360	COMEDY: Tosh.0	DISCOVERY: Street Outlaws	DISNEY: Up	EI: Hollywood Medium	ESPN: (7:00) College Bball	ESPN2: Basketball	FOOD: Chopped	FREEMFORM: (15) Grease	H&TV: Flop	HISTORY: Join Die	LIFETIME: Project Runway	MTV: Ridiculousness	NICK: Diary of a Wimpy Kid	SPIKE: Sherlock Holmes	SYFY: The Fifth Element	TBS: 2 Broke	TGM: M(51, NR)	TLC: My 600-lb Life	TNT: NBA Basketball	TRAVEL: Mysteries	TV LAND: Raymond	USA: WWE SmackDown	VH1: Love & Hip Hop	WGN: Elementary	HBO: Spy	MAX: (7:30) Gone Girl	SHOW: Pride
CABLE	ABC: Scandal	CBS: Mom	NBC: The Blacklist	FOX: Local Programs	ION: Blue Bloods	A&E: 60 Days In	AMC: River Monsters	ANIMAL: River Monsters	BET: Mann's World	BRAVO: Top Chef	CARTOON: Cleveland	CMT: Party Down	CNN: To Be Announced	COMEDY: Tosh.0	DISCOVERY: Street Outlaws	DISNEY: Undercover	EI: Hollywood Medium	ESPN: College Basketball	ESPN2: College Basketball	FOOD: Chopped	FREEMFORM: John Travolta	H&TV: Flop	HISTORY: Vikings	LIFETIME: Project Runway	MTV: Ridiculous	NICK: Full House	SPIKE: Lip Sync	SYFY: The Rundown	TBS: Big Bang	TGM: The French Line	TLC: Delirious	TNT: NBA Basketball	TRAVEL: Mysteries	TV LAND: Raymond	USA: The Jacksons	VH1: The Jacksons	WGN: Elementary	HBO: Together	MAX: Children of Men	SHOW: Shameless
PREM	ABC: How to Get Away	CBS: Elementary	NBC: Shades of Blue	FOX: Local Programs	ION: Blue Bloods	A&E: The First 48	AMC: Terminator	ANIMAL: River Monsters	BET: About the Business	BRAVO: Recipe for Deception	CARTOON: Family Guy	CMT: Party Down	CNN: To Be Announced	COMEDY: Daily Show	DISCOVERY: Street Outlaws	DISNEY: BUNK'D	EI: El News	ESPN: SportsCenter	ESPN2: Basketball	FOOD: Beat Bobby	FREEMFORM: The 700 Club	H&TV: Hunters	HISTORY: Night	LIFETIME: Project Runway	MTV: Ridiculous	NICK: Full House	SPIKE: Lip Sync	SYFY: Dwayne Johnson	TBS: Conan	TGM: Jane Russell	TLC: Fat Chance	TNT: NBA Basketball	TRAVEL: Mysteries	TV LAND: Queens	USA: Queens	VH1: Queens	WGN: Queens	HBO: Queens	MAX: Queens	SHOW: Queens

FRIDAY EVENING

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BROADCAST	ABC: Last Man	CBS: Dr. Ken	NBC: The Amazing Race	FOX: Caught On Camera	ION: Sleepy Hollow	A&E: Criminal Minds	AMC: (01) 20/20	ANIMAL: Blue Bloods	BET: Local	BRAVO: Jimmy Kimmel Live	CARTOON: Nightline	CMT: Late Show	CNN: Late Late	COMEDY: Late Night	DISCOVERY: Local Programs	DISNEY: Local Programs	EI: Local Programs	ESPN: Local Programs	ESPN2: Local Programs	FOOD: Local Programs	FREEMFORM: Local Programs	H&TV: Local Programs	HISTORY: Local Programs	LIFETIME: Local Programs	MTV: Local Programs	NICK: Local Programs	SPIKE: Local Programs	SYFY: Local Programs	TBS: Local Programs	TGM: Local Programs	TLC: Local Programs	TNT: Local Programs	TRAVEL: Local Programs	TV LAND: Local Programs	USA: Local Programs	VH1: Local Programs	WGN: Local Programs	HBO: Local Programs	MAX: Local Programs	SHOW: Local Programs
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PREM	ABC: Saving Hope	CBS: Saving Hope	NBC: Saving Hope	FOX: Saving Hope	ION: Saving Hope	A&E: Saving Hope	AMC: Saving Hope	ANIMAL: Saving Hope	BET: Saving Hope	BRAVO: Saving Hope	CARTOON: Saving Hope	CMT: Saving Hope	CNN: Saving Hope	COMEDY: Saving Hope	DISCOVERY: Saving Hope	DISNEY: Saving Hope	EI: Saving Hope	ESPN: Saving Hope	ESPN2: Saving Hope	FOOD: Saving Hope	FREEMFORM: Saving Hope	H&TV: Saving Hope	HISTORY: Saving Hope	LIFETIME: Saving Hope	MTV: Saving Hope	NICK: Saving Hope	SPIKE: Saving Hope	SYFY: Saving Hope	TBS: Saving Hope	TGM: Saving Hope	TLC: Saving Hope	TNT: Saving Hope	TRAVEL: Saving Hope	TV LAND: Saving Hope	USA: Saving Hope	VH1: Saving Hope	WGN: Saving Hope	HBO: Saving Hope	MAX: Saving Hope	SHOW: Saving Hope

SATURDAY EVENING

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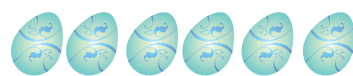
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A full position description and required application for this position can be found on the SCC website at www.sccnc.edu or call 910-642-7141, ext. 310. SCC application, resume, letter of interest addressing the minimum qualifications listed on the official position announcement and educational transcripts must be submitted in order to be considered for this position. Deadline for applications is 5:00 pm on 3/18/2016. Applicants should send all documents and inquiries to the Human Resources Office, Southeastern Community College, P.O. Box 151, Whiteville, NC 28472.

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Southeastern Community College

Director of Institutional Advancement

Minimum Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years of work experience
2. Knowledge of volunteer recruitment, training and retention
3. Knowledge of campaign fundraising including leadership gifts, major gifts and general solicitations
4. Knowledge of special event cultivation and donor recognition strategies

Preferred Requirements

1. Master's degree
2. Experience in fund raising and/or institutional advancement to include, but not limited to, expertise in campaign management, donor research, accounting and reporting, management, donor tracking, and supervisory and administrative responsibilities.

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Notice of Service of Process by Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF BLADEN
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
 SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
 FILE NO: 15 CVS 625

IN RE: ROBERT J. EDWARDS V. DEBBIE M. EDWARDS NOTICE

TO: DEBBIE M. EDWARDS
 TO: DEBBIE M. EDWARDS, last known address 104 Chappin Street, Chadbourne, NC 28431. TAKE NOTICE that a Civil Summons seeking declaratory judgment has been filed against you. You are required to file a written answer to the complaint within forty (40) days following March 7, 2016 which date is the date of the first publication of this Notice; and upon your failure to file answer within the time prescribed, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for an Order to terminate your life time rights to the parcel in the matter.

MANDA LINN THOMAS
 THOMAS LAW FIRM
 ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF
 P O BOX 1734
 ELIZABETHTOWN, NC 28337
 TELEPHONE 910-862-1499
 March 7, 14, 21, 2016.

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COLUMBUS COUNTY
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
 DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

16-SP-22
 FOR THE ADOPTION OF: Katelyn Marie Huggins Smith
 BY: Samuel Adam Smith and Essie Faye Smith
 TO: Unknown Father, Respondent
 TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed by Samuel Adam Smith and Essie Faye Smith on the 18th day of February, 2016, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, Whiteville, NC, in the above-entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a female child born on July 20, 2012 in McLeod Loris Seacoast Hospital, Loris, SC. The birth mother's name is Jackie Marie Huggins. The place of conception is Columbus County, NC. TAKE NOTICE that you are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days after the date of the first publication of this notice, exclusive of such date. Upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for relief sought in the Petition. Any parental rights that you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the decree of adoption.
 This the 7th day of March, 2016.
 Tabitha A. Etheridge
 Attorney for Petitioners
 NC Bar #47023
 Post Office Box 1307
 Whiteville, NC 28472
 March 7, 14, 21, 2016

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 pled 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

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 STK # P9578

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2012 Ford F-150 XLT
 STK # 26103B

3.7L, Auto, Ext. Cab, Tilt, Cruise, PW, PS, PL

2015 Dodge Ram 1500 Big Horn
 STK # R4659

5.7L, Automatic, Tilt, Cruise, PW, PL, PS, Cold Air

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 STK # P9551

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Notice of Foreclosure Sale

15 SP 166
NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY
Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by June Hayes Hammond and Francis Neil Hammond to Judith M. Kennedy, Trustee(s), which was dated December 10, 1999 and recorded on December 15, 1999 in Book 608 at Page 418, Columbus County Registry, North Carolina.
Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on March 22, 2016 at 10:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Columbus County, North Carolina, to wit:

Lying and being in Lees Township, Columbus County and State of North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

Bounded on the North by State Road 1006; on the North and Northeast by C. W. Hayes an don the South and Southeast by a ditch; beginning at a concrete monument in the south margin of State Road #1006, said Point being further located South 35 degrees 30 minutes East 30 feet from a nail in the center line of said road and being a common corner with C. W. Hayes; and runs thence South 35 degrees 30 minutes East 205.2 feet to a concrete monument; thence South 51 degrees 33 minutes West 203.0 feet to a concrete marker; thence North 40 degrees 30 minutes West 221.2 feet to a concrete marker in the Southern margin of State Road 1006; thence with the margin of said road North 55 degrees 40 minutes East 223.1 feet to a concrete monument, THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 1.2 acres. Being a small parcel of land described in Deed dated November 30, 1972, recorded in Book 250, Page 715, Columbus County Registry and incorporated herein by reference. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 319 Ervin T Richardson Road, Nakina, NC 28455.

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

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are All Lawful Heirs of June Hayes Hammond a/k/a June Hayes Duncan.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.
If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.
Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC
Substitute Trustee
Brock & Scott, PLLC, Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC

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5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: (910) 392-4988
FAX: (910) 392-8587
File No.: 15-18533-FC01
March 7, 14, 2016

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Robert B. McDuffie and Wanda H. McDuffie (PRESENT RECORD OWNERS: Wanda H. McDuffie), to James O. Buchanan, Trustee, dated April 1, 1980 and recorded in Book 184, Page 559, Columbus County Registry, North Carolina; default having been made in the payment of the Note(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Richard R. Foust, Attorney-at-Law, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, North Carolina, and the holder of the Note(s) evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the Columbus County Courthouse, in the city of Whiteville, North Carolina at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in the County of Columbus, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: 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 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. DUN-

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CAN, 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, CHADBURN, 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.
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 17th day of February, 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
March 7, 14, 2016

Notice of Sale of Real Property

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in that certain Order and Judgment issued by the Superior Court Judge, filed on October 12, 2015, in the above-captioned matter and pursuant to applicable law, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will place for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the Columbus County Courthouse, North Carolina, on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., that certain parcel of land, including

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improvements thereon, situated, lying and being in the County of Columbus, State of North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: BEING ALL OF THAT 0.51 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, DESIGNATED AS LOT NUMBER 3, THE SAME BEING SHOWN ON THAT SURVEY ENTITLED "SURVEY FOR TARA P. BUI AND SANG V. NGUYEN" DATED MARCH 12, 1999, BY SOLES & WALKER, PA, RLS, A COPY OF SAID SURVEY IS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 584 AT PAGE 461 OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY REGISTRY.
AS AN ADDITIONAL REFERENCE, THIS PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS LOT 3, RIDGECREST ACRES, AS IT IS SHOWN IN BOOK 545, PAGE 472, WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED SURVEY, WHICH CAN BE LOCATED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 584 PAGE 461.
THERE IS ALSO HEREBY CONVEYED AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY OVER AND UPON THAT TWENTY FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS KEITH AVENUE AS SHOWN ON THE SAID PLAT REFERRED TO ABOVE. SAID EASEMENT IS NON-EXCLUSIVE AND IS GIVEN FOR THE PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE SAID .51 ACRE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED ABOVE TO U.S. 701 WHICH LIES TO THE EAST OF SAID .51 ACRE TRACT OF LAND.
THIS EASEMENT IS TO INSURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE GRANTEE HEREIN, THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THIS EASEMENT IS TO BE NON-EXCLUSIVE AND SHALL RUN WITH THE LAND AND SHALL BE A BURDEN UPON THE OTHER LANDS RETAINED BY THE GRANTOR IN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 575, PAGE 433 COLUMBUS COUNTY REGISTRY, WHICH SHALL BE SUBSERVIENT TO THE PRIMARY AND DOMINANT EASEMENT CONVEYED HEREBY TO THE GRANTEE, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIVE CONVENANTS AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 416, PAGE 499, COLUMBUS COUNTY REGISTRY.
Tax Parcel ID: 080242
Address of property: 116 Ridgcrest Acres, Whiteville, NC 28472
Present Record Owner: Harry Green, III
The terms of the sale are that the real property hereinbefore described will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to require a cash deposit or a certified check not to exceed the greater of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00). In the event that the Owner and Holder is exempt from paying the same, the successful bidder may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Substitute Trustee's Deed, any Land Transfer Tax, and the tax required by N.C.G.S. Section 7A-308 (a) (1).

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The real property hereinabove described is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be sold subject to all superior liens, unpaid taxes, and special assessments. Other conditions will be announced at the sale. The sale will be held open for ten (10) days for upset bids as by law required. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Substitute Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the Substitute Trustee, in his sole discretion, if he believes the challenge to have merit, may declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.
Additional Notice Where the Real Property is Residential With Less Than 15 Rental Units:

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517360-04947
Goddard & Peterson, PLLC
Substitute Trustee
3803-B Computer Drive, Suite 103
Raleigh, NC 27609-6507
T.: 919-755-3400
March 7, 14, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



RESOLUTION SUPPORT CONNECT NC BOND ACT

WHEREAS, Columbus County has a mutual desire to improve and enhance the quality of life for all of our citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, Columbus County is in need of new and renovated facilities to educate and prepare students and workers for the 21st century for the purpose of enhancing the economic attractiveness of the County; **and**

WHEREAS, clean water and sewer systems are essential to attract new and strengthen existing industry and to provide for the needs of the County and its growing population; **and**

WHEREAS, having parks and public facilities accessible to children and veterans with disabilities is essential to improving the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens; **and**

WHEREAS, financing these costs through a bond is the most economical and affordable way to address these infrastructure needs; **and**

WHEREAS, the Connect NC Bond Act will provide funding for many critical needs facing Columbus County that will improve and enhance the quality of life in our county, as follows:

- \$6,861,620 Improvements st Southeastern Community College;
- \$1,506,000 Lake Waccamaw State Park; **and**
- \$2,628,750 Improving Lumber River State Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners that it does hereby express its support for the Connect NC Bond Act; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to all 100 counties with encouragement for each county to adopt a similar resolution; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are transmitted to the members of the General Assembly and to Governor Pat McCrory to let them know of our support for this issue.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 1st day of February, 2016 by the Columbus County Board of Commissioners.

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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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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To be considered, your firm must meet the qualifications and satisfy requirements as set forth in the RFP. To receive information, contact Bobbie Faircloth, Columbus County Finance Director, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, NC 28472. The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Completed proposals must be received at that address by 1:00 P.M. on April 4, 2016. Direct all communications to Bobbie Faircloth, Finance Director, in writing at the above address or by calling (910) 640-6611.
Bobbie Faircloth
County Finance Director
March 7, 2016

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make immediate payment to the undersigned Co-Executors. This the 25th day of February, 2016.
DAVID L. BORDEAUX
Co-Executor
PO Box 212
Delco, NC 28436
SYLVIA B. SKIPPER
Co-Executrix
PO Box 6560
Delco, NC 28436
c/o J. Coburn Powell
Powell & Powell Attorneys
PO Box 428
Whiteville, NC 28472
Telephone: (910) 642-2728
Feb. 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified on the 14th day of May, 2015, as Executrix of the Estate of JOSEPH MICHAEL WILLIAMS, Deceased, late of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Executrix, Mary C. Williams, of 810 Ann 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.

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This 10th day of February, 2016. /s/ MARY C. WILLIAMS, EXEC.
Attorney for the Estate
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA
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NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY
The undersigned, DAVID L. BORDEAUX and SYLVIA B. SKIPPER, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of SYLVIA DEW BORDEAUX, deceased, late of Columbus County, NC, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned Co-Executors on or before June 2, 2016 at Powell & Powell Attorneys, PO Box 428, Whiteville, NC 28472, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please



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