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Chadbourn

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From left, Columbus County commissioner candidates speaking at Southeastern Community College Tuesday night were JoAnn Bailey, Tim Blackmon, James Prevatte, Buddy Byrd and Perry Dixon.

Candidates agree on economic development, disagree on schools

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

Candidates for the Columbus County board of commissioners agreed at a forum Tuesday night at Southeastern Community College that infrastructure for economic development is a great need in the county but disagreed on both consolidation of schools and merger of the county and city school systems.

The candidate forum was sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and moderated by Justin Smith.

Not all candidates took part, although all were invited. All seats are subject to the March 15 Democratic primary and no Republicans are on the November ballot.

Incumbent District 2 Commissioner James Prevatte and two of his four challengers, JoAnn Bailey and

Tim Blackmon, participated. Chris Smith and Michael "Hunt" Lewis, who also have filed for the seat, did not participate in the forum.

In District 3, incumbent Buddy Byrd and challenger Perry Dixon took part.

Neither District 4 Commissioner Edwin Russ, who is unopposed in the primary and not on the March bal-

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New service tax in effect for state

By NICOLE CARTRETTE
News Editor

Just a few days after new North Carolina taxes on services took effect, Paige Brewer, owner of Southern Tire and Muffler in Whiteville, was considering reducing fees on labor to keep customers happy.

The new sales taxes took effect across North Carolina on Tuesday, adding to the cost of services ranging from car, jewelry and clothing repairs to appliance and cabinet installations.

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

Brewer said the new tax adds an average of about \$5 to each hour of labor. "It may not seem like much," Brewer said, "but it means addi-



Linwood Stewart changes a tire at Southern Tire & Muffler.

tional cost that the store is passing on to customers or will have to eat by lowering their fees."

Brewer said it can be a burden for

some customers.

"They are already complaining, most definitely," she said. "It is just very unfair to the public. More than likely we will try to discount our labor to make up for this tax and also a tax on towing services."

The average customer will pay \$10 in tax for towing services, she said.

Charles Crawford, owner of the Tire Barn in Chadbourn, said it amounts to more expenses for customers and not a cost that most small businesses can absorb by lowering fees.

"We are just going to have to pass it (the tax) along to them," he said.

State lawmakers adopted the new sales taxes last year as part of a plan to lower income taxes and appease non-urban areas wanting more of a share in state sales tax.

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Early voting begins today

By NICOLE CARTRETTE
News Editor

Early voting for North Carolina's March 15 primary begins today, Thursday, March 3 at six sites in Columbus County where voters can cast ballots through March 12. Voting will be held at the Columbus County Board of Elections in Whiteville as well as at satellite locations in Bolton, Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Riegelwood and Tabor City.

Any voter may cast a ballot at any early voting site in the county.

The Democratic and Republican presidential primaries have a long list of candidates.

Candidates for U.S. Senate, state General Assembly, lieutenant governor and other Council of State jobs are also on the ballot.

Voters in two county commissioner districts (2 and 3) will nominate candidates in the Democratic primary.

A proposed \$2 billion bond issue for state buildings and infrastructure that will provide \$6.8 million in funding to Southeastern Community College and more than \$1.2 million to Lake Waccamaw State Park is also on the ballot. Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in either party's primary, but if an unaffiliated ballot is chosen the bond issue will also be on the unaffiliated ballot.

State lawmakers moved the primaries from May to March in hopes of giving the state greater influence in the presidential

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Detective arrested for selling tablets

By BOB HIGH
Staff Writer

Christi Caraballo Heath, 32, a criminal detective with the Sheriff's Office for less than two months, was arrested and immediately fired Monday, Feb. 29, on charges involving the sale of prescription medication.

Heath, who did not work with the Sheriff's Drug Unit, was arrested after an undercover buyer purchased pills from her. Heath, who moved from the Sheriff's Patrol Division to the detective post in January, did not use her department-issued patrol car as a place to keep and sell medication, according to a news release from Sheriff Lewis Hatcher.

She is also charged with possession of medication with intent to sell, and maintaining her private vehicle as a place to keep and

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Heath

News Reporter staff wins awards; General Excellence



The News Reporter staff won six press awards at the North Carolina Press Association Winter Institute held last week on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill, including second place in General Excellence.

General Excellence is announced at the end of the awards ceremony and is given to the paper in each division that is judged to be the best overall. The News Reporter competes in the largest community newspaper category, those with circulations of more than 10,000.

The staff also won third place for "Best Community Coverage," a category that looks at a newspaper's breadth of coverage, and a second place for Use of Photographs.

Clara Cartrette, who has worked at the paper for 54 years, won another award, a third place in feature writing for "Noah Donates Heart."

The judge noted that, "This piece is a fitting tribute to the family and the baby they lost."

Veteran reporter Bob High won a second place for Investigative Reporting on his series, "Glaring



With their awards, editor Les High, staff writer Clara Cartrette and staff writer Bob High.

Problems with New Courthouse Annex."

Regularly contributing photographer Doug Sasser won a first place for best Photo Page. Sasser's photo es-

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Economic development main focus of candidate forum Tuesday at SCC

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer



Lt. Gov. candidate Ron Newton speaks.

Economic development was the overriding focus in three different panel discussions at a candidate forum sponsored by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Tuesday night at Southeastern Community College.

The forum was moderated by Justin Smith of Whiteville. Only one candidate for statewide office attended, although three had committed. Four local legislative candidates participated, none of whom will be on the ballot in March because they face no primary opposition and will square off in the November general election. Five candidates for two county commissioner seats participated.

Gubernatorial candidates Republican Charles Kenneth Moss and Democrat Ken Spaulding had agreed to attend, but were no-shows.

Only Democrat Ronald L. Newton, a candidate for lieutenant governor, participated in the first panel for statewide candidates. The second panel (see separate story) consisted of Democratic incumbent Sen. Jane Smith and her Republican opponent, Danny Britt, and Republican Brenden Jones and Libertarian Tom Howell, who are seeking the House of Representatives seat now occupied by Ken Waddell, who is not seeking re-election. Democrat Tim Benton, a candidate in that race, did not attend.

A third panel (see separate story) consisted of candidates for Columbus County commissioner in the March 15 Democratic primary. Whoever gets the most votes in that race will automatically be the nominee without a runoff due to recent changes in state law that apply in 2016 only.

Incumbent James Prevette in District 2 is challenged by JoAnn Bailey and Tim Blackmon, both of whom took part in the forum, and by Chris Smith and Michael "Hunt" Lewis, who did not participate. In District 3, incumbent Giles E. "Buddy" Byrd faces opposition from Perry Dixon, and both men attended.

District 5 Commissioner Trent Burroughs has no primary opposition and did not participate. Neither did District 4 Commissioner Edwin Russ. Russ has no primary opposition, but Jack Lavern Coleman is seeking through a petition to get on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate to face Russ in November. Neither Russ nor Coleman attended the candidate forum.

In the opening panel discussion, and having the floor for himself, Newton said that if elected lieutenant governor he would support efforts to help rural and economically distressed areas like Columbus County. "I was reading the (local) paper when I came down and I think you have a pretty good economic development plan going right now," he said. "Jobs are the things affecting most areas and it's a process. Sometimes we think we can go out and get companies to come in but it really isn't that easy. You share the same problems as the rest of rural North Carolina, and it's not just jobs but also wages. It's going to take a lot of planning."

Newton said he "very definitely" supports building and film incentives, something else

and set it into reserve," Newton said. "He then committed what I call reverse Robin Hood by skimming \$400 million from our poor people and giving it to rich people by reducing their taxes. The shape of our roads tells me our infrastructure plan is in bad shape. My economic development plan not only deals with that, it deals with fiber optics making sure people have access to the cyber networks and super highways. So there's a lot of things to consider when you start talking about economic development in our rural areas."

In closing, Newton said he sees his primary goal as uniting the Democratic party and Democratic voters. "If we don't, we lose," he said, "because Republicans carry their message better than we do and they have more money." He said his next goal would be to see the Democrats regain the Governor's Mansion and get enough votes in the legislature to "bottle up some of the legislation that's coming out of Raleigh." He listed being elected lieutenant governor as his third goal. "I've done the work and I know the issues. I'm about all of us, and this is about the people. The people still have the power."

Humane Society plans yard sale

The Columbus Humane Society will have a big yard sale Saturday, March 5 from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the corner of Smith and Franklin streets in Whiteville.

There will be all kinds of items, from toys to clothing, housewares, furniture and more.

Proceeds will be used to further the Humane Society efforts to help animals.

The Humane Society is still offering spay and neuter discounts for cats and dogs. Anyone who would like to take advantage of this offer may call 499-1148 for more information.

Bike plan meeting Tuesday

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Local supporters of a plan to bring more bicycle tourism to the county are hopeful that a regional effort will rejuvenate interest here.

The Cape Fear Council of Governments (CFCOG) will hold an open house on the Regional Bicycle Plan Tuesday, March 15 at the Leland Town Hall at 102 Town Hall Dr., Leland. The meeting is open to the public, and is set for 3-7 p.m.

The plan will cover Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties, as well as southern Bladen, western Onslow, and southern Sampson counties.

Steve Smith of the Columbus Trails Initiative said the regional plan could play a role in building and marketing the local network.

"The Columbus Trails Initiative was never really meant to lead a long-term project," he explained. "Our idea was to get something started, and eventually turn it over to other interested groups. You can't really do anything effective with just a few friends meeting over lunch."

The local effort hit several roadblocks over the past year, notably public participation and scheduling. Smith said hopes are high that the restructuring of the Friends of the Lake Waccamaw State Park will be a catalyst for new interest.

"Superintendent Toby Hall has been very supportive," Smith said. "A big part of our plan from the beginning was to tie the county's two state parks, the Lake and Lumber River, together with a series of trails. This would boost eco-tourism and bring visitors to our county."

Hall said Columbus County's place as the unhealthiest county in the state should gain some attention for local trail plans.

"We'd like to see an entire network through the area," he said, "where people don't

have to come all the way to the park to exercise. They could ride or walk just a short distance from their homes, and get outside and enjoy the benefits of exercise and being outdoors. It's as much of a wellness issue with Columbus County as anything else."

A connector between the two local state parks has been discussed for a long time, Hall said. Hall said trail systems such as the Mountains to the Sea and Bluewater Paddling trails prove the concept can work.

"It doesn't have to be as large as some of those," he said. "Of course, it could be—but a connection between the parks would allow visitors as well as locals the ability to enjoy two very diverse parks within a reasonable distance of one another."

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

The COG's plan is aimed at increasing biking opportunities on a broader scale than tourism, promoting bicycling as a means of transportation in some communities as well as an activity for visitors.

While daily commutes to and from work aren't ideal for some Columbus residents, Smith said there are excellent local opportunities for recreation, exercise and increased tourism.

For much of the past year, however, the initiative has had a "wait and see" attitude, he said.

"It's reassuring to see the COG involved," he said. "From the beginning, we've known we needed the assistance of the Council of

Governments to make this a success.

"Last year was just a start—we hope we can build some momentum."

The project is funded by a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.

Drafts of the plan show a network of trails for use by both local travellers and tourists.

The entire study area is already popular with long-distance bicycle competitions as well as tourism groups like Cycle NC, which has named Whiteville and Columbus County one of its favorite destinations for years. Lake Waccamaw has also seen an increase in bicycle-related activities in addition to the Take The Lake events.

Smith said the local effort borrows heavily from the Yadkin Valley (N.C.) Trails Initiative.

"They have an extensive network covering several counties, and it's a big thing for them," Smith said. "But it's not something that happens overnight, nor can it be done on our own. It takes time and working with our neighbors and other shareholders."

Tuesday's COG open house will feature maps and additional information about the early plans for the regional bicycle plan. Visitors will be asked to fill out a survey about their biking habits, and offer suggestions about improving biking opportunities in the area.

To get more information about the plan, use the interactive map, or to take the survey, go to <http://capefearbicycleplan.weebly.com/>.

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The tractor pull always brings a crowd to Farm Days.

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Mike Hollingsworth pins the SCV War Service Medal on Russel Long.

CCSCV honors Vietnam Vet

The Columbus County Volunteers Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (CCSCV) met Feb. 14 at Whiteville Peace Baptist Church. During their meeting, they honored a longtime member and camp chaplain, the Rev. Russel Long, with the SCV War Service Certificate and Medal.

Camp Commander Mike Hollingsworth made the presentation while Chaplain Long's wife Betty and a large number of compatriots watched with admiration. Long's medal was presented for his service in the Vietnam War as a U.S. Air Force non-commissioned officer.

Retired Master Sergeant Russel L. Long from Nakina began his military career in 1967 and was honorably dis-

charged in 1982 during which he served a lengthy tour in the Republic of Vietnam. Among his several awards and medals are the Air Force Commendation Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

The CCSCV and Columbus County community extends personal thanks and sincere appreciation to Master Sergeant Long for the contribution of service to our country. He helped maintain the security of the nation during a critical wartime period. His commitment and dedication to our country and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans has been and continues to be an inspiration to everyone who has the pleasure of knowing him.

Volunteers sought for Farm Days

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

Individuals, families, civic clubs and scout troops are encouraged to lend a hand with the Eighth Annual Southern Farm Days at Lake Waccamaw next month - even if they

"You don't have to know anything about the way things used to be done. You just need a love for old things."

Dinah Elkins
Cape Fear Farm
Heritage Association

don't know a singletree from a longleaf pine.

"We have a lot of tasks, and need a lot of helping hands," said Dinah Elkins, a member of the Cape Fear Farm Heritage Association, which sponsors the event. "It takes a lot of volunteer work to make sure everyone has a good time, and hopefully learns a little more about our farming heritage."

The event is one of the largest festivals in the county, and features displays of old farm equipment, demonstrations of traditional skills, live animals, and the swap meet. The family friendly weekend is set for March 19-20 this year at the Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home arena.

The association strives to preserve antique farming methods and help younger generations gain more appreciation for "the way things used to be done."

"So much of our heritage has been lost," Elkins said. "We're about preserving history, and helping people appreciate the hard work of their ancestors."

Volunteers hope to have the antique sawmill up and running in time for the event. The sawmill will be the centerpiece of a recreated rural homestead on the association's property behind the Boys and Girls Home arena. Proceeds from Farm Days will be used for the recreated farm, which



A blacksmith sharpens a farm implement at Farm Days in 2015.

Elkins said the association hopes will someday become a year-round attraction at the Lake.

In addition to support volunteers, Elkins said, the event needs people who can demonstrate the skills and crafts once needed to keep a family and farm functioning.

"Blacksmithing, woodwork, homemaking skills, reenacting groups - we always welcome anyone who wants to come and show how our grandparents survived," she explained. "There's no charge for people who want to demonstrate or set up a display of how things were once done."

Vendors are subject to a fee, Elkins said, "but if you're just coming to share, there's no cost."

"It's all volunteer," she said,

"but everyone's welcome."

The association is currently recruiting someone to provide traditional music from the "front porch" of the event headquarters throughout the day.

"We don't expect anyone to play all day," Elkins said, "but it would be nice to have someone who can play the fiddle or the banjo, and knows some traditional songs. That always adds a nice touch to the event."

The swap meet is limited to antique farm- and home-related items, Elkins said. Cost for vending space there is \$25.

"The only rules are no flea market stuff, and everything must be at least 30 years old," she said. "Tools, implements, hunting and fishing gear, old horse-related items - if it's rusty or dusty, it's welcome."

The swap meet and fundraising auction grow every year, Elkins said, along with the displays of dozens of antique tractors and farm equipment.

"Everybody comes for the old engines," she said, "and we want to be sure we have the people we need to help everyone have a good time. If someone wants to help, we'll find them a job."

The association is always looking for new members, Elkins said, and the event is a good way "to find out some more about our group."

"You don't have to know anything about the way things used to be done," she said. "You just need a love for old things."

For more information, visit the association's website at www.southernfarmdays.com, or call (910) 619-6166 or (910) 648-2610.

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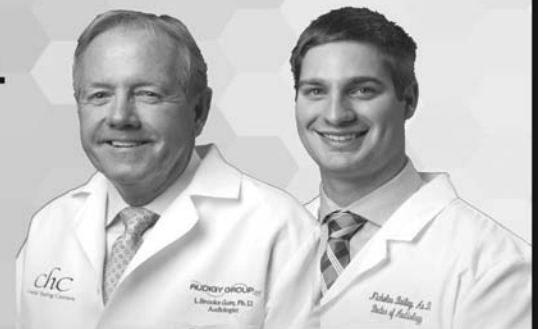
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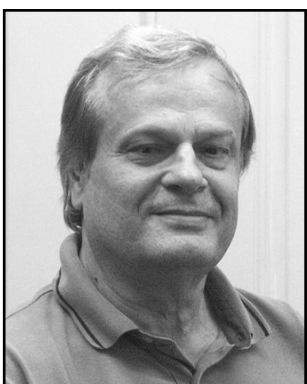
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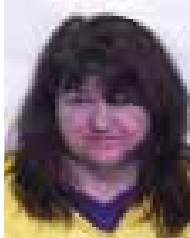
Child

An 8-year-old male student at Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School along Giles Byrd Road, Hallsboro, was cut on one of his arms on Monday, Feb. 29, at the school by an unknown object, according to a sheriff's report by Deputy Steven Moore.

The report was filed at 2:10 p.m., and the suspect in the incident was shown as a 10-year-old male. "The suspect walked by the victim and cut the victim's arm with an unknown object," according to Sheriff's Office spokesperson Michelle Tatum. The report showed a razor may have been the weapon.

Sold

Elisha Keown, 43, of East Railroad Street, Cerro Gordo, has been arrested on a charge of trafficking in the opium derivative found in prescription medication by the sale, to an undercover buyer for the Sheriff's Drug Unit, of between four and 14 grams of opiates on Feb. 29, 2016, according to the warrant obtained by Drug Detective Phillip Herring. The type of medication was not included in the warrant.



Keown

Card

Maranda L. Strickland, 23, of Fresh Branch Road, Cerro Gordo, has been arrested on charges of breaking into a vehicle, stealing a credit card and then committing fraud by using the stolen card to purchase a pack of cigarettes at the Sunco convenience store in Fair Bluff, on Feb. 29.



Strickland

Police Officer Chris Chafin of Fair Bluff obtained the warrants.

Robbery

James Henry Bowles, 28, of West Calhoun Street, Whiteville, has been arrested on a charge of common-law robbery in the theft of cash from a man in June 2015 in Whiteville, according to the warrant by Police Detective Scott Moody.



Bowles

Bowles assaulted Chad Dwight Beasley on June 16 and stole \$50 from him, according

Check

Marty Little Rogers, 50, of the 15000 block of Old Lake Road, Riegelwood, has been arrested on a charge of fraud involving a check to buy \$9,843.19 worth of food while Rogers was operating the "Hwy 55" restaurant in Whiteville.



Rogers

The warrant, obtained by Police Detective Scott Moody, shows the check was paid to Performance Food Service on Nov. 27, 2015, although Rogers knew she didn't have the funds in the firm's bank account to pay for the food.

Pleads to DWI

A Huntersville driver pleaded recently in District Court here in a DWI case.

Cory Michael Skipper, 32, was put on probation for 18 months, and a 60-day jail term was suspended. He had a blood-alcohol level of 0.09 when arrested in 2013. He was ordered to do 24 hours of community service.

A DWI charge against Austin Tyler Singletary, 21, of Nalina, was dismissed by Judge Pauline Hankins when the state's motion to continue the 2015 case was denied. Singletary had a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 when arrested.

Another Bladen man caught selling drugs

Nathaniel Lavette Spivey, 34, of Round Branch Road, Bladenboro, has been arrested by Columbus County Sheriff's drug detectives on several charges involving the sale, delivery, possession and transportation of cocaine and prescription medication on two different dates in October 2015.

Spivey is the fourth Bladenboro resident arrested in Columbus County within the past two weeks on charges involving the sale and/or possession of drugs for sale.

Spivey is charged with offenses on both Oct. 23 and Oct. 27, 2015, including using a silver Mercury car as a place to keep and sell both cocaine and Oxycodone pills.

Four counts of trafficking on Oct. 27 - by sale, delivery, possession and transportation - in the opium derivative found in the pain medication also face Spivey. He's charged with possession of 10 Oxycodone tablets on Oct. 23 with intent to sell, and the sale of cocaine and pills on Oct. 23.

Spivey is on probation for a conviction in October 2015 in Bladen County of possession of cocaine. He served a prison term from February 1997 to February 2008 for second-degree murder in a 1994 case, also in Bladen County, according to state records.

Two break-in arrests

Evans Charles Washington, 43, of Jenkins Road, Whiteville, and Michael Anthony White, 47, of Graham Street, Fair Bluff, have been arrested in separate break-in and theft cases.

Washington is charged with forcing entry to the home of Cassandra Monique Hazel during the period of Jan. 31-Feb. 10, 2016, and stealing two rings, valued at \$710. He's also charged with fraud for pawning them as the owner for \$50 on Feb. 10, according to warrants obtained by Sheriff's

Detective Andrea Olinger.

White is charged with forcing entry to the home of Samantha Williams along Brooks Street in Fair Bluff on March 1, and stealing a stereo unit, computer tablet and Nintendo game console, total value \$850. White is also charged with theft of a firearm for the theft of a .410 shotgun owned by Williams, according to warrants obtained by Fair Bluff Police Chief Chris Chafin.

DWI conviction

William Shane Rhodes, 43, of Manly Smith Road, Nalina, pleaded to driving while impaired (DWI) in Superior Court here last week, and was placed on probation for four years with a year's prison term suspended.

Rhodes appealed his District Court conviction in May 2015 that sent him to prison for 12 months. Rhodes was also fined \$750 last week. He was arrested in the case for both DWI and driving with a revoked license in July 2014. His blood-alcohol level was recorded as 0.14.

Three had heroin

Three individuals, two men and a woman, were arrested on March 1 for possession of heroin on charges brought by Chadbourn Police Officer Jonathan Rawls.

Arrested were: Courtney Cole Scott, 23, of Benjamin Drive, Chadbourn; Jackie Stewart Jordan, 40, of the 7800 block of Old Stake Road, Tabor City; and Alana Michelle Jones, 32, of Green Sea Road, Tabor City.

Batteries stolen

Sixteen batteries from N.C. Department of Transportation equipment were found March 3 to have been stolen from vehicles in the 5900 block of N.C. 904 East, Tabor City.

The Roadmaster batteries are valued at \$1,600, according to a sheriff's report.

Arrests in pill cases

David Len Ward, 26, of Pinckney Street, Whiteville, and Levone McLaurin, 43, of Spears Lane, Hallsboro, have been arrested in separate cases involving



D. Ward



McLaurin

possession and sale of Oxycodone prescription medication in warrants obtained by members of the Sheriff's Drug Unit.

Ward, in warrants brought by Sgt. Kevin Norris, is charged with trafficking in the opium derivative found in Oxycodone pills by both possession and

transportation on Aug. 20, 2015, plus the sale to an undercover buyer of pills the same date.

McLaurin, in warrants brought by Detective Justin Wor-

ley, is charged with the sale and delivery of Oxycodone to an undercover buyer on Nov. 10, 2015, possession with intent to sell the same date, and maintaining an old wood-frame home at 74 Spears Lane, Hallsboro, as a place to keep and illegally sell the pills.

Witness threatened

Omar Dwayne Frink, 34, and Tasha Spaulding Cox, 35, both living at the same address along East Walter Street, Whiteville, were arrested March 1 on identical felony charges of intimidation of a witness, according to warrants obtained by Whiteville Police Detective Sgt. Andre Jackson.

Frink and Cox are each charged with yelling at Carla



Frink

Cox

Meeks that Meeks was "gonna get what you deserve" if she testified in a case against the two suspects.

Assault case dropped

A felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon, inflicting serious injuries, against Christopher Rashane Smith, 25, of Chadbourn, was dismissed in District Court here March 1 when the state's mo-

tion to continue the case was denied by Judge Pauline Hankins. The case from February 2015 was then dropped by the state because the prosecuting witness was not present.

Misdemeanor plea

Johnathan Dwayne Huggins, 24, of Tabor City, pleaded to misdemeanor fleeing to elude arrest in District Court here Tuesday, March 1, and was put on probation for a year with a 45-day jail term suspended. He was arrested last year on a felony fleeing charge. The judgment takes effect on May 9, according to the court's notes.

Prescriptions

Desiree Nicole Price, 32, of Chauncey Town Road, Lake Waccamaw, has been arrested on two fraud charges involving pain medication. According to warrants obtained by Whiteville Police Officer Joseph Atkinson, Price got 90 Oxycodone 15mg pills on Feb. 25, 2016, by fraud, and attempted to get 120 of the same type tablets on Feb. 26 by fraud. Both incidents involved the Walgreen's store.

Break-ins, thefts

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

- March 2 - Charles Edwin Sikes, Flynn Cemetery Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft of medication.
- March 2 - Katrin C. Prince, Savannah Road Extension, Tabor City - theft of Chevrolet Malibu car.
- March 1 - Matthew Thomas Smith, Neil's Eddy Road, Riegelwood - theft of 6-foot-by-15-foot black 2012 Suo/Vst utility trailer.
- Feb. 29 - Brandie Cynee Bell, N.C. 242, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of 42-inch Samsung TV.
- Feb. 29 - Asplundh Tree Company - break-in of two vehicles in 2100 block of N.C. 87, Riegelwood, theft of two Husqvarna chainsaws.
- Feb. 29 - Tammy Annette Nelson, Horace McKee Road, Tabor City - break-in, theft not shown.
- Feb. 28 - Derron McKenzie, Washington Street, Tabor City - break-in, no theft.
- Feb. 28 - James Bartlette Monk, 3000 block of N.C. 410 South - Chadbourn, theft a Jennings .22 pistol.
- Feb. 28 - Paul Jennings Jr., Otto Nance Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of 48-inch Samsung TV.
- Feb. 28 - Barbara Jean Cuomo, Howard Cox Road, Tabor City - break-in, theft of 40-inch Sony TV, second TV, Hewlett-Packard computer, Verizon tablet, two Sony DVD players, medication.
- Feb. 27 - Tam Thien

- Tran, Pine Street, Tabor City - attempted break-in.
- Feb. 27 - Elaine Best, 4800 block of N.C. 11, Riegelwood - break-in, theft of medication, carton of L&M red cigarettes in short boxes, cash, Browning 12-gauge shotgun.
- Feb. 27 - Daniel Mark Smith, Bobbie's Way, Whiteville - break-in, theft of Remington Model 887 pump shotgun, Mossberg Patriot .30-06 rifle.
- Feb. 26 - Kathy White, 14500 block of Old Lake Road, Riegelwood - break-in, theft not reported.
- Feb. 26 - Cypress Branch Pentecostal Church, Small Road, Fair Bluff - break-in, theft of two-burner propane cooker, three propane cylinders, 2-foot by 16-inch stainless steel frying pan, a cast iron frying pan, extensive damage to doors, locks.
- Feb. 26 - Elizabeth Ann Jones, Gaston Sellers Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft of Oldsmobile Cutlass GL car, cash, Verizon Internet jet pack.
- Feb. 25 - James Immanuel Beck, Mill Branch Church Road, Tabor City - theft of Harrington & Richardson Model 930 .22 revolver.
- Feb. 25 - Charlie McKeever Blackwell, Blackwell Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of \$50 in rolled pennies.
- Feb. 25 - Lloyd Dewayne Hinson, Willoughby Road, Tabor City - theft of two aluminum rims, two tires, five car batteries.

Rape

Kelvin Leon Manning Jr., 19, of South Canal Street,



Manning

Whiteville, has been arrested on a charge of statutory rape of a child who was 15 years of age at the time of the incident (Feb. 20-21, 2016), according to a warrant obtained by local police Detective Scott Moody.

- Feb. 25 - Richard Devon Bass, Forest Drive West, Whiteville - break-in, theft of medication.
- Feb. 25 - Cassandra Monique Hazel, Jenkins Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft of ring with large diamond and ring with small diamonds.
- Feb. 23 - Crystal Dawn Watts, Jones Street, Tabor City - break-in, theft of Sony PlayStation game system, two games.
- Feb. 21 - Patrick Troy Mabry, Roosevelt Street, Tabor City - break-in, theft of .32 Derringer, medication, six silver dollars.
- Feb. 20 - Bobby Wayne Martin, Bell Street, Tabor City - break-in, theft of cash.

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District 2 County Commissioner candidates

Jo Ann Bailey



Age: 51
Number of years lived in Columbus County and in what community(ies): 48 years in Columbus County and in Whiteville and North Hallsboro.
Family: A daughter, Ricki Renee Coleman Sasser, a son Gary Christopher Coleman and a lovely daughter-in-law Samantha Martin Coleman. I have four granddaughters and one grandson. A newly acquired husband, whom I love dearly, Albert Watts owner of A&W Plumbing, we were mar-

ried April 3, 2015 at Hallsboro Church of God. We have been in a Christian ministry together for five years singing in rest homes, churches, county fairs and other events.

Occupation, professional experience: I am a stay at home wife devoting my time to our ministry of helping others in whatever God leads. Taught at Fair Bluff Elementary, teaching exceptional children in kindergarten through eighth grade on a temporary basis, former childcare worker and resident counselor/house parent for Evergreen Behavioral and Lake Waccamaw Boys and Girls Home; former income maintenance caseworker at Social Services in the early 1990s.

Educational background: Graduated Whiteville High School in 1982 and from Southeastern Community College in 1991 with an Associate's Degree in Early Child Development. She graduated from UNC-Pembroke in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in sociology.

Community involvement: I love volunteering my time to help others. I always volun-

teered at the school my children and grandchildren attended. I was a Families First runway model for two years to help them raise money. Our ministry, God's Own, volunteers every fourth Tuesday at Liberty Commons. Wherever God opens a door we volunteer. Also I have a Greater Grand-Parents Facebook group. I have been labeled an activist for openly seeking grandparents rights in North Carolina. I was blessed to speak in the Judiciary 111 House Committee meeting last year when House Representative Kenneth Waddell proposed a bill to allow grandparents the right to visitation of their grandchildren. South Carolina has excellent grandparents rights, yet we have nothing.

Political involvement, including elective and appointive public office(s): I have never held or run for a political office before.

What is your primary reason for running for office?

Because I am tired of the corruption and the crime that goes unpunished because of the situation at the Columbus County Courthouse. The police department and the sheriff's department are doing

their job, but the DA and the judges are not doing theirs. I fought in court and was told grandparents have no rights in North Carolina by a judge in a Columbus County court. I am sick of the racial inequality and injustice in Columbus County.

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

We need to stop the corruption and establish racial equality and justice for all. Bring the county back to a safe place to raise our children and grandchildren. Children are our most valuable resource and should be treated as such. Repeat felons should be made to pull time and put them to doing roadwork as well as building houses for the needy and other community needs. Stop the crime by making the penalties harder. And stop failing children ... call CPS when children are endangered by drug trafficking parents; like all the other counties do. Create more jobs.

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

Repair the aging schools if possible and if not replace them.

Do you support the consolidation of schools? Why or why not? No, because I do not support children having to get up earlier to be bused.

How can economic development in Columbus County be improved?

By creating jobs for everyone, not just those at International Paper who are already employed. Use the incentives offered to invest in the average person who may or may not hold a degree. Reopen the sewing plants and bring industry back that put food on tables which, in turn, lessened the need for food stamps and other entitlements.

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

No. I think we should first use the empty buildings we have all over Whiteville and Columbus County. Why be wasteful with tax payers' money? Just look at the mess

with the new courthouse. Too much money was wasted there and it should have been placed nearer the jail, not where it is. I feel this was done to benefit a few who have money and power. If not, why was it not voted on by the majority ... the voters.

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

Yes, I am in favor, but it should be placed near the existing recreation center so it can be used by those most in need. Whiteville already has a country club for the others.

Under what circumstances would you support a tax increase?

If it will benefit the majority by creating jobs for the average person.

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?

All meetings should be open to the public.

James E. Prevatte



Age: 64
Number of years lived in Columbus County and in what community(ies): 44 years (since 1972): Cerro Gordo and the Smyrna community.
Family: Melody (wife), Katrina Davis (daughter), Brian (son-in-law), Brent and Blake (grandsons)
Occupation, professional experience: Retired educator Whiteville City Schools: assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, and director of special programs
 Columbus County Schools: teacher
Educational background: East Carolina University: Ed. S (Educational Specialist in administration and supervision)
 East Carolina University: M.A. Ed. (Masters of Arts in education)
 Pembroke State University: B.S. Elem. Ed. (Bachelor of Science majoring in elementary education)
Community involvement: Current/recent involvement: church member; Columbus County RSVP, supporting various Eagle Scout projects, Relay for Life, American Cancer Society and ordained

deacon.

Former involvement: Cerro Gordo Fire and Rescue Squad, church youth basketball coach, Kiwanis Club of Columbus County, Columbus County Youth Task Force, Good Shepherd Board, and Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Political involvement, including elective and appointive public office(s):

Columbus County Commissioner (elected)
 Southeastern Regional Mental Health and Substance Abuse Board (appointed)
 Eastpointe Management Care Organization Board (appointed)
 Columbus County Health Board (appointed)
 Columbus County Peer Review Board (appointed)
 Columbus County Beaver Committee Board (appointed)
 Columbus County Community Advisory Council (appointed)

What is your primary reason for running for office?

My primary reason for running for the office of county commissioner is, and always has been, to represent the people in an ethical, fair and transparent manner.

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

There is no one "most important" issue. There are many important issues, such as: increasing job availability and economic development; providing for the needs of our schools; expanding our water and sewer systems and natural gas availability; continuing the work on our wellness program and recreation improvements; providing fair

and market compatible salaries for our citizens through job creation; and providing job skills training for our workforce.

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

Many of the schools in our school systems are getting old and outdated. The schools are conducting long-range plans to provide safe and up-to-date facilities for our children and youth. The county must continue to do its part, but to accomplish all of the schools' goals, a state bond is being considered. Other counties are in the same condition. The correct use of the "educational" lottery funds would be another place to find money for improvements.

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

A recent study completed by the Columbus County Schools demonstrated that some schools have lost enrollment and have aging facilities. This might mean building new schools and closing older ones to achieve consolidation. This is something that may not be popular with some communities, because it might mean moving the hub of the community. This was done years ago with some of the county high schools. The decision of consolidation must rest on the shoulders of the Columbus County Board of Education. We must keep in mind that the best decision is the one that addresses the educational and academic needs of our children.

How can economic development in Columbus County be improved?

As Columbus County attracts industry to the county, we should keep our workforce skilled in technology. Our community college has

expressed a willingness to help with this training. You cannot expect to attract industry if we do not have a good infrastructure (roads, water, sewer and technology). We have made great improvements, but, we must continue. As buildings are built, they should be kept within the market range. Companies must be met with open arms and many times incentives are required. When incentives are necessary, we must be sure to get a fair return on our investment. Finally, providing a good picture of Columbus County to the business world through our marketing efforts is a must. We also have to remember the companies can locate in other places.

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

I am unfamiliar with this percentage. My sources have indicated the figures are lower than 80 percent. We do have vacant industrial buildings, but, we may have to work to find some additional space. We currently have assets in Whiteville, Tabor City and on the east end of the county where Brunswick County agreed to join our efforts. There may be a need for other sites. If so, we must keep the infrastructure in mind as we identify locations. Funding

for the construction of a shell building should not be done by the county alone. The last shell building took over 12 years and a loss of revenue before it sold. A partnership between a public and non-profit sources may be the answer, such as the Columbus Jobs Foundation. One way to demonstrate the benefits of locating industry in Columbus County could be through virtual demonstrations rather than building physical structures. Under no circumstances would I agree to give a building to a company that was paid for with taxpayer dollars. I think our tax incentives are enough.

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?

A wellness center would be a good asset for Columbus County. However, it cannot be built and maintained solely by the county. It would have to be a partnership between the county, hospital, community college and other stakeholders. It should be located where the greatest number of people would have accessibility. I think that we should follow the recommendations of the feasibility study conducted several years ago. Wherever it is located, it must be sustainable and efficiently used.

Under what circumstances would you support a tax increase?

I do not, nor have I ever, supported a tax increase. We have and must continue to live within our budget. We must continue to work to increase

our tax base through creation of new businesses and jobs. This strategy means we will not have to have a tax increase.

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?

All government documents and meetings should be open to the public, but there are exceptions.

Those exceptions include: a personnel matter; economic development matters which may jeopardize negotiations or when the identity of a potential industry is confidential, and attorney-client privilege which applies to pending litigation.

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District 2 County Commissioner candidates

Chris Smith



Age: 60
Number of years in Columbus County: I have lived in Columbus County 60 years.

Family: Married to wife Billie for 40 years; One son, Matt and one daughter, Morgan. Two grandchildren.

Occupation, Professional Experience: Self-employed plumber and electrician for 27 years.

Educational Background: Attended Southeastern Community College for two years, a Hallsboro High school graduate

Community Involvement: Former deacon at Western Prong Baptist Church, missionary to South Africa to build a church, chief registrar for the North Whiteville voting precinct for 10 years and chairperson for the Lower Cape Fear Hos-

pice Golf Tournament for 10 years to raise funds to build the hospice house.

Political Involvement, including elective and appointive public office: no prior political offices held

What is your primary reason for running for office?

To better Columbus County's future so my family and grandchildren can survive and work here.

What do you see as the most important issue for the Columbus County Board of Commissioners? Economic development. We need jobs.

What should be done about aging school buildings in Columbus County? They are in terrible shape and have to be fixed.

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

solidation of schools saves money. One school board and one superintendent to start.

How can economic development in Columbus County be improved? Economic development must be improved for our county to survive.

We have to attract business by any means possible.

Developers suggest that 80 percent of industries looking to relocate or start go into an existing building. Columbus County has few vacant industrial buildings. Do you think the county should provide funding for the shell buildings? Why or why not?

Do we need industrial parks? Why or why not?

Shell buildings are good for large square footage. Most companies need this.

I am not in favor of new buildings until we maintain contracts and keep our present buildings occupied.

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 favor a wellness center but it should be as centrally located in the county as possible.

Under what circumstances would you support a tax increase?

I would never support a tax increase unless all other

options are gone.

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

All government documents and meetings should be open to the public because they are paid for by the public and concern the public.

I support private meetings only in case fo an extreme emergency and decisions can't wait.

Editor's Note: District 2 candidates Michael Lewis and Tim Blackmon did not return their questionnaires.

Forum

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lot, nor James Lavern Coleman, who is seeking through petition to get on the ballot in November as an unaffiliated candidate against Russ, participated. District 5 Commissioner Trent Burroughs, with no primary or general election opposition, did not attend.

All candidates agreed that infrastructure development is needed in Columbus County.

Jobs

"We have always had problems in providing jobs for our citizens," said Blackmon. "We need to provide good education, good healthcare. It's just a matter of getting everybody pulling together to be sure we're directing money in the right direction."

Prevatte said, "We don't have one single thing. We have a variety of problems. We need more skills jobs and economic development in this county, and we are working on that. We also need to work at improving how we help fund the schools of Columbus County, not just one school, but all schools. We have to

continue to work on infrastructure."

Bailey said, "Infrastructure is the problem. We need jobs, skilled and unskilled. We've got a lot of crime. Felons are being slapped on the wrist. Put those felons to work on infrastructure. We're leaving our children a mess if they live to survive it."

Dixon called infrastructure the most important problem. "We also need to look at the issue of drainage," he said. "That's another thing companies look at when we're talking about development. We have a water system now, but we also need sewer."

Asked about the single most important issue for the board of commissioners, Bailey, Byrd and Dixon agreed on infrastructure.

Consolidation

Bailey came out against merging county schools. "I'm against children having to get up earlier in the morning to be bused. Children need to be children. Take school buildings already closed and use

them to train workers. Fix the schools that are there. Don't take the children away from their communities."

Prevatte said the consolidation issue rests with the school board, not the county commissioners. "It's not a popular thing, but when you have a school with less than 200 or even 100 students, you have to look at and do what's best for children."

"Columbus is such a big county," Blackmon said. "I'd like to keep the schools as local as we can. I thought the question was about whether to consolidate the county and the city school systems, and I'm not in favor of that."

Byrd said, "That's something we've got to address. We must improve our schools ... we have a lot of buildings that need repair. I'm for merging the two school systems."

Dixon disagreed. "I'm against consolidation of schools because schools should be in the area in which they're placed. That's what builds your community,

schools and places of worship. We need to look at repairing dying schools and open an avenue of creating jobs of those doing the repairs."

Wellness center

Candidates agreed that the county needs a wellness center, but disagreed on the scope and on where.

Prevatte said he favors a wellness center but the county is not in a position to build such a center by itself. He said the location would need to be beneficial to most people. "You can't put it 50 miles away and expect people to drive to it," he said.

Bailey wants to establish a wellness center near the current recreation center.

Blackmon said, "Even if we had a wellness center, you're not going to get a great percentage of the people. If we had one, Southeastern Community College would be a good place to put it."

Dixon said, "You can't build just one wellness center because the county's too large. I'm sure we can find some type

of funding source where it can be resolved by benefiting more than just a few people by locating it in more than one part of the county."

"That's one subject we all totally agree on," said Byrd. "We need a wellness center. We're the 100th unhealthiest county in the state. That doesn't mean we're all sick, but it means we've got a lot of liquor stores and a lot of fast food restaurants and not the ones that feed the healthy food. I think we're going to have to wait on the study that's being done because a wellness center will be very expensive to build, to maintain and to keep up through the years. We all agree we definitely need one."

Public safety

The candidates had mixed opinions on public safety and how safe residents are in the county.

"This one is very personal to me because my sense is we are not safe at all," Bailey said. "Drugs in car and no child endangerment charges

filed. It takes 45 minutes for a sheriff's deputy to go from Bolton to Hallsboro. That's a problem."

Blackmon said departments are doing a decent job. "I know they say Columbus County has lots of murders and other types of crimes but I talk to people from up north and they think Columbus County is pretty safe. I feel safe. I don't worry about going out anywhere," he said.

"I have never seen so many dogs and burglar alarms and people with guns . . ." Prevatte said. "I think it's a play off of what we see nationally. I think our sheriff's department and police departments are doing a good job. I saw where Whiteville crime rate is down 16.9 percent. I feel safe and I have a gun. I'm not going to tell everybody where it is. I'm not afraid, but I think we have to be cautious."

"We feel pretty safe because we started a neighborhood watch," Dixon said. "We have

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Deaths

The News Reporter, Thursday, March 3, 2016 -- 7A

DEATH NOTICE



KENNETH FRANKLIN HAMILTON
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. -- Kenneth Franklin Hamilton, passed away Feb. 28, 2016 at the hospice of Chattanooga facility in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a pastor's kid, and lived all over the southeastern U.S.

He moved to Whiteville, where he met the love of his life Debbie, and raised a family together. He was in the transportation industry that took him all around the country. He really enjoyed singing and playing the piano in church. He loved to make people laugh, and treasured fellowshiping and eating with friends. Generosity was his gift and he delighted in giving to those in need. He loved his family and friends very much and will be greatly missed.

The family will have a private memorial service at a later date. Companion Funeral and Cremation Service and the Cody family are honored to assist the Hamilton family with these arrangements.

Frank is survived by his children, Chris Lundy, Barbie Duggan and Kayla Talley; his sisters, Patricia Clewis and Marion Baker; and 10 grandchildren, Phillip York, Haleigh York, Leah Talley, Malia Breckenridge, Jamie Duggan, Ben York, Collin York, Aidan Lundy, Abbey Talley, and Shelby Talley.

You are invited to share a personal memory of Kenneth or your condolence with his family at his online memorial located at www.companionfunerals.com.

HERMAN MCPHERSON
CHADBOURN -- Herman McPherson, 71, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. Born Feb. 1, 1945 in Columbus County, he was the son of the late Avery McPherson and Emma Edwards McPherson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Odell McPherson, Horace McPherson; two sisters, Edna Cartrette, Alene Worley; and one daughter, Jamie McPherson.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at Beaverdam Original Freewill Baptist Church. Final rites will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 4 at the church. Burial will be in McPherson Cemetery, Chadbourn. Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City is handling the arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ann McPherson of Chadbourn; one son, Herman Lynn McPherson of Chadbourn; one daughter, Cindy Rebecca Anderson of Chadbourn; one brother, Paul McPherson of Chadbourn; one sister, Evelyn Huggins of Chadbourn; and three grandchildren.

Minter's Chapel FBC joy night

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Friday will be Prophetess Teresa McCallum of St. John Church of Chadbourn.

Elder Dennis Hempstead is the pastor.

DEATH NOTICE

DORIS ANN MEARES FOWLER

WHITEVILLE -- Ms. Doris Ann Meares Fowler, 68, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 in her residence. Born June 6, 1947 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late Taft Meares and Allie Ward Meares.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Dale Fowler; and one brother, Earl Meares.

No service will be held. A service of Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City.

She is survived by one son, Bobby Joe Fowler (Cathy) of Whiteville; two brothers, Bob Meares of Evergreen, Jerry Meares of Whiteville; five sisters, Nancy Fowler and Lois Raspberry, both of Whiteville, Eugondia Simmons of Clarendon, Catherine Soles of Chadbourn, Irene Hinson of High Point; and one grandson, Reese Fowler of Nakina.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

A guest register is available at inmanfuneralhome.com.

CARRIE LORENE COX PRINCE

TABOR CITY -- Carrie Lorene Cox Prince, 85, died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016, at Columbus Regional Healthcare in Whiteville. Born July 7, 1930 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late Daniel Cox and Addie Gore Cox and the widow of Jennings Lowell Prince. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers, Dupree Cox, Aubrey Cox, Dalton Cox, Carson Cox, Clement Cox, Lloyd Cox, Leroy Cox; and five sisters, Amanda Cox, Virgie Clubb, Loneta York, Reba Norris, Etta Cox.

Visitation was held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Inman Ward Funeral Home. Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at Sandy Plain Baptist Church. Burial will be in Old Zion Cemetery.

She is survived by three sons, Markyl Prince, Winfred Prince and Terry Leyndon Prince, all of Tabor City; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

WILLIE G. GRAHAM

TABOR CITY -- Willie G. Graham, 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 Bob-night.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 4 in the chapel of Westside Funeral Home. Final rites will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at St. Matthew A.M.E. Church. Burial will be in Singing Union Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Lula R. Butts; one daughter, Hedy Ann Riggs 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.

JAMES W. BUTTS

TABOR CITY -- James W. Butts died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at McLeod Loris Hospital in Loris, S.C.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Westside Funeral Home.

Benefit plate sale for Jacob Moore

A benefit plate sale for Jacob Moore, the two year old son of Joel and Kim Moore, will be held Friday, March 4 at Buckhead Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

The fire department is located at 6810 Old Lake Road, Bolton.

For more information call Tonya Jacobs at 612-1461 or 655-8940

DEATH NOTICE

MIRIAM JOYCE SPITTLER ALEXANDRIA, Va.

Miriam Joyce Spittler died Friday, Feb. 26, 2016. She was the wife of the late Col. USA Ret. Charles R. Spittler. Joyce was the daughter of the late Henry and Ruth Barefoot of Hallsboro.

Visitation was held Wednesday, March 2 at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castleweallan Drive, Alexandria, Va. Final rites will be held at Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel in Arlington, Va. and interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

She is survived by one daughter, Col. USA Ret. Debra L. Spittler and husband, Col. USA Ret. Larry J. Hanson; one son, Terence R. Spittler and his wife, Debbie S. Spittler; and one sister, Kitty Batts of Hallsboro.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to INOVA Heart and Vascular Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church, Va. 22042.

NIJA RONIQUÉ LACEY

WHITEVILLE -- Nija Ronique Lacey, 16, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at her residence.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at the Brunswick-Waccamaw Baptist Headquarters, 600 Pinelag Road, Whiteville. Burial will be in Cherry Grove Cemetery. Viewing was held Thursday, March 3 following the service at the People's Funeral Home headquarters. There will be a wake Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. at Welches Creek Missionary Baptist Church, 1733 Millie-Christine Road, Whiteville.

Surviving are her great-grandmother, Nancy L. Hill of the home; mother, Talisha Rose of Philadelphia, Pa.; father, Howard Lacey of Lumberton; two sisters, Anyia J. Rose of Philadelphia, Pa. and Wizeria L. Lacey of Whiteville; one brother, Semaj H. Lacey of Whiteville; paternal grandparents, Randy and Betty Hill of Philadelphia, Pa.; maternal grandparents, Felicia and Bobby Carter of Baltimore, Md.; paternal grandmother, Debbie Gillespie of Lumberton; great-grandmother, Josie Williams of Whiteville; great-great-grandmother, Edna Williams of Whiteville.

MARILYN MEGGS LEWIS GREENSBORO

Marilyn Meggs Lewis, 82, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016. She was born June 22, 1933 in Clarkton, the daughter of late Walker M. and Hazel Bullard Meggs. She was preceded in death by her husband James E. "Sonny" Lewis.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, at Jamestown Presbyterian Church where she was an active member. The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen Lewis Scott of Raleigh, Kim Lewis Cobb of Jamestown; one sister, Opal Smith of Clarkton; one brother, Norwood Meggs of Clarkton; and two grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Marilyn's memory to Jamestown Presbyterian Church, 1804 Guilford College Road, Jamestown, N.C. 27282.

DEATH NOTICE

CHERYL BARNHILL MCDUFFIE

WHITEVILLE -- Cheryl Barnhill McDuffie, 70, of Whiteville died Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at home. She was born Oct. 27, 1945, the daughter of the late Arthur Wells and Helen Harrelson Barnhill.

She was previously employed at Hill's Grocery Store in Lake Waccamaw and Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina. She was a member of Steel Magnolia Alumni of Hallsboro High School and a member of First Baptist Church of Lake Waccamaw.

Her funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at Lake Waccamaw First Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Lewis officiating. Peacock Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

She is survived by one daughter, Laura Cheryl Long Allen and husband, Marty, of Pawley's Island, S.C.; three sons, Richard "Rich" Glenn Long of Jacksonville, William Christopher "Chris" Long and wife, Madeline, of Greensburg, Pa., Adam Blake Green of Whiteville; one brother, Arthur Larry Barnhill of Hallsboro; and eight grandchildren, Sean Martin, Heidi Martin, Seth Martin, Sarah-Helen Martin, Will Long, Molly Long, Zach Long, Blake Long.

Online condolences may be made at peacockfuneral-home.net.

DOROTHY JEAN POWELL HALLSBORO

Dorothy Jean Powell, 68, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare in Whiteville.

The funeral will be held at noon Saturday, March 5 at Mount Hebron A.M.E. Zion Church, 570 Red Bug Road, Hallsboro. Burial will be in Hallsboro Memorial Park. Viewing will be held from noon-7 p.m. Friday, March 4 at Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville and Saturday, March 5 one hour prior to and following the service at the church. The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. Friday, March 4 in the funeral home chapel.

Surviving are one son, Dedric A. Powell of Pittsboro; one sister, Sandra A. Powell of Hallsboro; and three brothers, Ronald S. Powell of McLeansville, Staccato Powell of Wake Forest and Thaddeus K. Powell of Upper Marlboro, Md.

MILLER 'PETE' EDWARDS

BLADENBORO -- Miller "Pete" Edwards, 77, Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home in Elizabethtown is handling the arrangements.

BRUCE WAYNE THOMPSON

TABOR CITY -- Bruce Wayne Thompkins, 64, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at Duke University Hospital in Durham. Born May 27, 1951, in Horry County, he was the son of the late Oscar Neal Tompkins and Lettie Mae Spivey Tompkins. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by one brother, Roy Lee Tompkins.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 1 at Inman Ward Funeral Home. Final rites were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Emerson Original Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

He is survived by one sister, Shirley Thompkins Watts of Tabor City; and one brother, Eston Thompkins of Tabor City.

DEATH NOTICE

JERRY CARSON CARTRETTE

LAKE WACCAMAW -- Jerry Carson Cartrette, 75, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016. He was the son of the late William Ed Cartrette and Linnie Fowler Cartrette.

Mr. Cartrette was the Produce Supervisor for Hills Food Stores for more than 40 years.

Final rites will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 4 in the chapel of McKenzie Mortuary with Rev. Steuart T. Link officiating. Burial will be in Whiteville Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:30-1:45 p.m. Friday, March 4 prior to the service at the mortuary.

Survivors include his wife, Diantha Fairfax Cartrette of Lake Waccamaw; one daughter, Diantha Joan Cartrette Lee (Allen) of Shallotte; one son, Eddie DeWayne Cartrette (Lisa) of Whiteville; one sister, Hazel C. Hinson of Tabor City; and three grandchildren, Jeremy Delane Bunch, Timothy DeWayne Bunch, Megan Elizabeth Cartrette.

Memorials may be made to Lake Waccamaw Presbyterian Church, 301 Church Street, Lake Waccamaw, N.C. 28450.

LEONA COX FLOYD

GREEN SEA, S.C. -- Leona Cox Floyd, 85, died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at her home. Born April 20, 1930 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late Wayman Cox and Nora Long Cox and the widow of Hoyt E. Floyd. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by one brother, J.C. Cox; and five sisters, Macel Hughes, Edna Mae Livingston, Muriel Graham, Marie Wilcox and Star Finessey.

Final rites will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 3, at Green Sea Baptist Church. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service in the church fellowship hall. Burial will be in Twin City Memorial Gardens in Loris, S.C. Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City is handling the arrangements.

She is survived by one son, Ronald H. Floyd of Green Sea, S.C.; one daughter, Gayle Strickland of Green Sea, S.C.; four sisters, Lillian "Dot" King of Loris, S.C., Sue Callahan of High Point, Barbara Miller of Roanoke, Va., Joan Schuetz of Panama; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, 8216 Devon Court, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29572 or Green Sea Baptist Church Bus Fund, 1241 Green Sea Road, Green Sea, S.C. 29545.

ERVIN HALL

WHITEVILLE -- Ervin Hall, 92, died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by People's Funeral Home.

JAMES GERALD PIGFORD

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

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

EURE THEODORE 'E.T.' HINSON

CLARENDON -- Eure Theodore "E.T." Hinson, 75, died Monday, Feb. 29, 2016, at McLeod Loris Hospital. Born May 25, 1940 in Columbus County, he was the son of the late George Lacy Hinson and Mattie Mae Cribb Hinson. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Doris Mae Worley Hinson; and three brothers, Woodrow Hinson, Elbert Hinson and George "Junior" Hinson.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 1 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City. Final rites were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Beaverdam Freewill Baptist Church in Chadbourn. Burial was in Hinson Cemetery in Clarendon.

He is survived by his wife, Ila Faulk Cribb Hinson of Clarendon; one son, Barry Hinson of Clarendon; one stepson, William Earl Cribb of Tabor City; three stepdaughters, Vickie Edwards of Chadbourn, Dollie Elkins of Clarendon, Yvonne Smith of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; one brother, Gene Roger Hinson of Clarendon; three sisters, Janice Powell, Ruby Hinson and Virgie McPherson, all of Clarendon; two grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 17 step-great-grandchildren.

PATRICIA ANN LANE

SUPPLY -- Patricia Ann Lane, 77, died Mon. Feb. 29, 2016. Born in New Hanover County, July 24, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Avis Louise Hardison Lee.

A memorial service will be conducted at noon Friday, March 4 in the chapel of White Funeral & Cremation Service with Rev. Eddie Hill officiating. The family will receive friends and family Friday, March 4 one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Surviving are her husband of 53 years, Rodney Lane; and one sister, Doris Rich of Wilmington.

Memorials may be made in her name to Sharon United Methodist Church, 2030 Holden Beach Road SW, Supply, N.C. 28462.

WILLIE G. GRAHAM

TABOR CITY -- Willie G. Graham, 80, of the Iron Hill community, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 at Loris Rehab and Nursing Facility in Loris, S.C. Born Jan. 25, 1936 in Lake Swamp, S.C., he was the son of Eddie Nathaniel Graham and Daisy Burnette Graham.

Visitation was held Wednesday, March 2 in the chapel of Westside Funeral Home. Final rites will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3 at Little Iron Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will be in Flag Patch Cemetery in Loris, S.C.

He is survived by two daughters, Wanda Graham Thomas of Tabor City and Mae Etta Graham 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.

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District 3 County Commissioner candidates

Giles 'Buddy' Byrd



Age: 67
Number of years in Columbus County: I have lived my entire life in the county and in my community.

Family: Two sons, two grandsons and one sister.
Occupation, Professional Experience: Farmer, businessman and entrepreneur.
Educational Background: Hallsboro High School graduate.
Community Involvement: I am very community oriented and always willing to get involved with anything in the community.
Political Involvement, including elective and appointive public office: Current chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; member of the Columbus Regional Healthcare System board, the Economic Development Board and in-

terstate rail committee and numerous others.

What is your primary reason for running for office?

I am running for office to try to make a difference for the people of Columbus County by improving their quality of life and their socioeconomic status.

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

Economic development and improvement of our educational facilities seem to be the top two priorities. I am not sure that one is any more important than the other.

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

The county is participating

in a study with the Columbus County School Board to assess their aging facilities. I think we should wait and get the report before taking a stand on what needs to be done with our buildings.

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

Again, I think we should wait for the results of the study to see what they recommend. If they recommend consolidation, then I feel like I will support their recommendation.

How can economic development in Columbus County be improved?

We need to continue to be aggressive in marketing our existing industrial sites. We may need to create a new site on the eastern end of the

county in the Riegelwood area.

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 shell buildings? Why or why not? Do we need industrial parks? Why or why not?

The county needs to look at providing additional buildings and we may be able to fund them with sales tax money or possibly budget for new buildings. I think we need to wait and see what our Economic Development Commission recommends.

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 do favor the establishment of a wellness center. It should be located where it will serve all of the citizens of the county and give it the best chance to be sustainable.

Under what circumstances would you support a tax increase? I do not support a tax increase at this time.

Do you favor keeping government documents and meetings open to the public?

We do follow open meeting laws established by the State of North Carolina which allows us to go into closed session to discuss personnel, attorney-client privileges and economic development.

Perry Dixon



Age: 70
Number of years lived in Columbus County and in what community: I have lived in Columbus County for 63 years in the Sandyfield

Community.

Family: Rebecca G. Dixon, my wife of 52 years, four children and four grandchildren

Occupation, professional experience: I worked with General Motors from 1964 to 1977. I've been self-employed and owner of the Automobile Rebuilding and Accessorizing Shop since 1977 and worked as a longshoreman until 2005. For my professional experience, I am a graduate of the Rural Center's Rural Economic Development Institute (REDI) Program. I serve as the president of NCSTEP BEST with the Rural Center. I've also attended several workshops with the Rural Center and CDBG for grant assistance

and preparation.

Education Background: I am a high school graduate. I received training with General Motors through Fisher Body Institute in Moorestown and Cherry Hill, N.J.

Community Involvement: I served as advisory council chairperson with Columbus County Board of Education for 10 years. In 1970s, I lobbied for small towns like Sandyfield to get their fair share of government subsidies. In the 1980s, I lobbied state and local officials for a rural activity center where I served four years as president of the Ransom Center and am currently a board member. In addition, I am a member of the board of directors for Men and Women United for Youth and Families.

Political Involvement:

In the 1990s, I assisted with the draft of the Sandyfield Town Charter to incorporate the town. Once incorporated, I was appointed as interim mayor of the Town of Sandyfield. During 1999-2003, I served as councilman and mayor pro tem of the town. In 2003, I was elected as the mayor and served until 2009. I was elected to the town council again in 2013.

What is your primary reason for running for office?

To bring voice to the people of Columbus County, hear their concerns and work with other commissioners to find solutions and to carry them out.

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

Economic development,

infrastructure and drainage.

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

We need to find tax dollars or a bond referendum to bring them up to standards.

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

I do not support the consolidation of schools because three schools were built in 1980 or 1990 to avoid consolidation.

How can economic development in Columbus County be improved?

By having proper infrastructure that attracts businesses to the county. Focus on giving incentives to companies that are interested.

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

No, I think they should focus on creating more industrial parks. That would

be more feasible.

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?

Yes, I am in favor because Columbus County is the second least healthy county in the state and it should be located in the center of the county which will be easy access to each end of the county.

Under what circumstances would you support a tax increase?

After a close examination of the county's current tax structure is completed, and if that is the only way to provide the services needed.

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 in keeping the government documents and meetings open to the public because we serve the public and they should know what we are doing at all times.

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open communication and if something looks suspicious we have time to contact law enforcement. That's what other communities need to do because the county is so wide and spread out ... Deal with youth ... be mentors ... talk to them, encourage them," Dixon said.

"I feel very safe myself but we are going to see a continuous rise in crime until we reinstate discipline in the home, prayer in the school and discipline in the schools," Byrd said. "The parents are somewhere they shouldn't be, drinking or drugging or whatever, and the little kid doesn't have a chance. We must continue to educate the children the best we can."

Economic development

"Economic Development in Columbus County has always been the bottom of everything good and on top of everything bad," Blackmon said. "We just need to try harder. We've got good people and a good location. As a county commissioner, I would attempt to put more emphasis on economic development. . . It's a matter of persistence, persistence."

Prevatte said infrastructure was the first place to start and skilled labor, "not \$7.50 an hour" jobs. "We have a good community college that has

promised to provide training for employees for companies to come to our area. Last, we have an excellent incentive plan in place. Their tax liability over 5 years is reduced based on the number of jobs created."

"I agree with Mr. Blackmon. We need to go out and get more jobs," Bailey said. "We need to have better incentives. Make sure everybody feels safe and have great school systems. We just need to go out and get the jobs."

Byrd said the county has worked very hard to reestablish rail service and improve economic development. "We're doing a study on reestablishing rail from Whiteville to the port at Wilmington. In Columbus County we have the only certified food processing site available," Byrd said. He said more emphasis on agriculture is needed. "Many farmers can grow products we can process there. Put the family farm back as a productive element of this county."

"Everybody can't be farmers," Dixon said. "We need other industry that will come in. We need to focus on having the right infrastructure in place to attract these companies. We have plenty of land, so why not get the proper infrastructure in place so our

employment and economic status will increase?"

Sales tax

Candidates had varied opinions on how they might appropriate additional sales tax revenue the county is expecting as a result of new legislation.

Bailey favored use in education. "We need to create jobs but we need the education and jobs together. We can't have one without the other," she said.

"Anytime there's more taxes, especially sales tax, there's a lot of stipulations on how you spend it," Blackmon said adding that education, economic development and law enforcement are important.

"I agree with Mr. Blackmon that a lot of times they tell you how you're going to use it before you get it, and in this case, it's already been spelled out to some degree that it will be spent toward economic development and education," Prevatte said. "We're lacking in both those areas."

"It should be used for both categories," Byrd said.

"We need to focus on economic development. Don't be wasteful with it," Dixon said.

Candidates were asked what they had done to better the county.

"I've run a business in Co-

lumbus County for 40-some years," Blackmon said. "I have provided a livelihood for a lot of people and it's a responsibility. I've also done work on the Whiteville City Council."

"I stood in a classroom and the schoolhouses for 30 years," Prevatte said. "When I retired I decided I'd go into politics and this is my 11th year. When I first got started as a county commissioner, we couldn't borrow much money because we were in debt. By streamlining our budgets, cutting the fat and hiring a good county manager, we've been able to come up with the \$31 million fund balance. How many other people do you know who are used to dealing with \$74 million a year? I'm the only one."

Bailey said she has a background in social work and education and has done numerous hours of volunteer time helping with the elderly and 4-County Community Services and has advocated for grandparents' rights before a state Judiciary Committee. She volunteers at nursing homes.

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Language no barrier to literacy for Valentin

Literacy student-tutor duo to speak at Prayer Breakfast March 5

By SHALON SMITH
Contributing Writer

Literacy Council student Vicky Valentin and tutor Bill Cooper will speak at the annual Literacy Council Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 412 N. Madison Street in Whiteville.

Originally from Puerto Rico, Valentin visited Whiteville a few times before her husband moved here in 2011 and she followed in 2014. Valentin spoke and read English from years of training in school, including required courses in English each year as part of her Master's degree program, but admitted it was different from the English she hears in the Continental U.S. "The (Puerto Rican) teach-

"You don't have to know Spanish to tutor someone who speaks Spanish."

Bill Cooper

ers did their best to teach English but their accents are very different," she said.

In Puerto Rico, Valentin was a production supervisor at a pharmaceutical company and spent time supervising in a medical device company. Part of her job duties also included training others in the company who would become leaders and supervisors.

Cooper said when he learned that Valentin had been a leadership trainer, and taking into account her personality, he knew oral communication and understanding and speaking clearly were very important — if not more than reading and writing — to her.

As he held up what he



Vicky Valentin reads for tutor Bill Cooper

called a "perfect draft" of writing Valentin had prepared to summarize readings they had done, Cooper noted that "reading and writing are not as much an issue as speaking and understanding as she's probably going to end up being a supervisor of some kind."

Since November, Valentin and Cooper have met twice a week for an hour taking turns reading aloud through novels and doing listening drills — which Valentin calls "tormenta" — repeating alternating sentences they have just heard based on the other's reading.

"You don't have to know Spanish to tutor someone who speaks Spanish," Cooper said.

Valentin said the time she has spent working on English with Cooper has helped her lose nervousness she once had when speaking English in public.

As a way to cope with nervousness at the doctor's office, she had usually smiled and laughed when the doctor had asked her questions.

"I remember the doctor said to me, 'Okay, you are doing good. You are talking

and I understand everything — you don't have to be nervous,'" Valentin recalled. "I felt better then."

She is now comfortable speaking English on the phone and is confident when talking—something she said she loves to do.

"I am a person who likes to talk a lot and it is a problem when you cannot express your ideas," Valentin said.

"We may have created a monster," Cooper joked.

Other than tutoring with Cooper, Valentin is preparing herself for work here by taking interview preparation and work readiness classes at SCC. The confidence she has gained through the Literacy Council's program has helped her seek out other assistance that is available to her.

"I feel prepared now to work and I am thankful to many people who have helped me, including the Columbus County Literacy Council in Whiteville, especially Ms. Cris (Council) and Mr. Bill Cooper, because they have helped me with my performance in English. I really appreciate it," Valentin said. "Right now, I feel much bet-

ter and prepared to go to the workforce."

Cooper, a California native and Harvard College (now University) graduate moved to Lake Waccamaw upon retirement with his wife, the former Phyllis Hinson, who is originally from the New Hope community south of Whiteville.

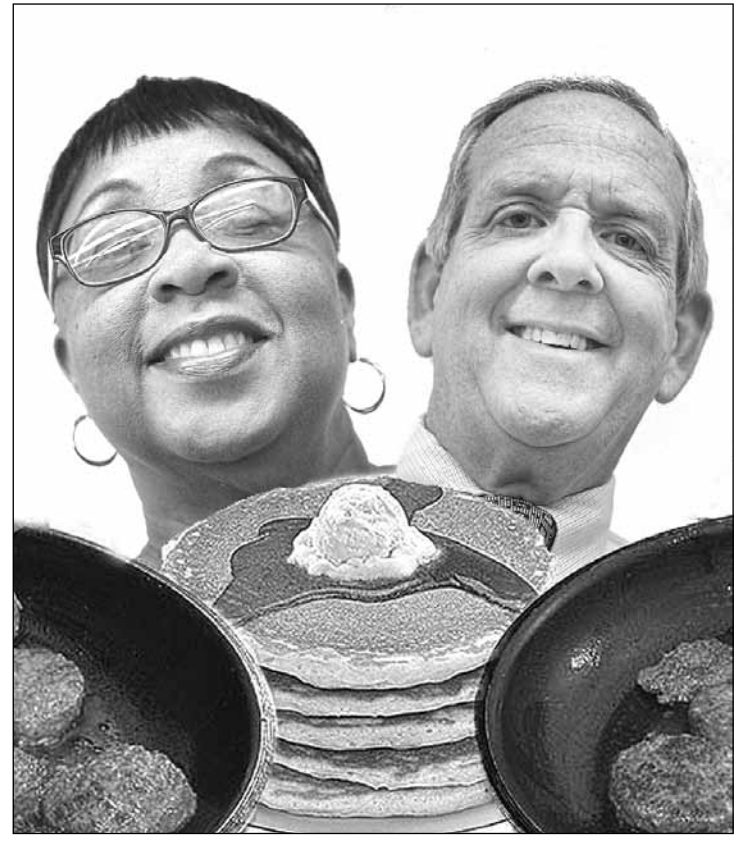
He spent 14 years with the Cape Fear Literacy Council in Wilmington before offering his expertise to the Columbus County Literacy Council.

The former English and literature instructor, who also speaks Latin, Spanish, French, some Swahili, Old English and Middle English, said he enjoys one-on-one time with students and said all of his former experience is available to him when he tutors.

"Whether it's language or history, it has just stuck with me," Cooper said. "Everyone has his thing — language is mine."

Monies raised at Saturday's Prayer Breakfast, which is open to residents from all over the county, will benefit the literacy council.

The cost is \$7 per person. Payments can be made at the door; however, pre-registrations are encouraged so that adequate food may be prepared. Registration forms are available by calling the Columbus County Literacy Council at (910) 642-2442 or the Columbus Baptist Association at (910) 642-2155.



Pancakes anyone?

The appearance in the newspaper of Whiteville Civitan Club President Clara Dunn, left, and longtime Civitan Jackie Steinberg, right, usually means one thing — it's time for a Civitan Pancake Supper. The annual spring supper is Monday, March 7 from 5 until 7:30 p.m. in the Whiteville High School cafeteria. Patrons may eat in or take out. Plates are \$5 each. Children 4 and younger eat free. All proceeds benefit the numerous good works projects undertaken by the club each year.

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"Wherever God sends me, that's what I do," she said.

Dixon said his knowledge and experience as a mentor has bettered the county.

"I've been involved in the county and my community since the 1970s.

"I was raised in a political county. I have always served

and tried to help to improve our county. I never had any intention of living anywhere else. We must keep striving to improve.

It's a wonderful county with great leadership. Mr. Clark is one of the best managers in the state," Byrd said.

Democrats' Jeans and Beans Shark Tank Social

The Columbus County Democratic Party will hold its first "Jeans and Beans 'Shark Tank' Social" at the Columbus County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 5, at 5 p.m.

Chicken bog and beans

will be served.

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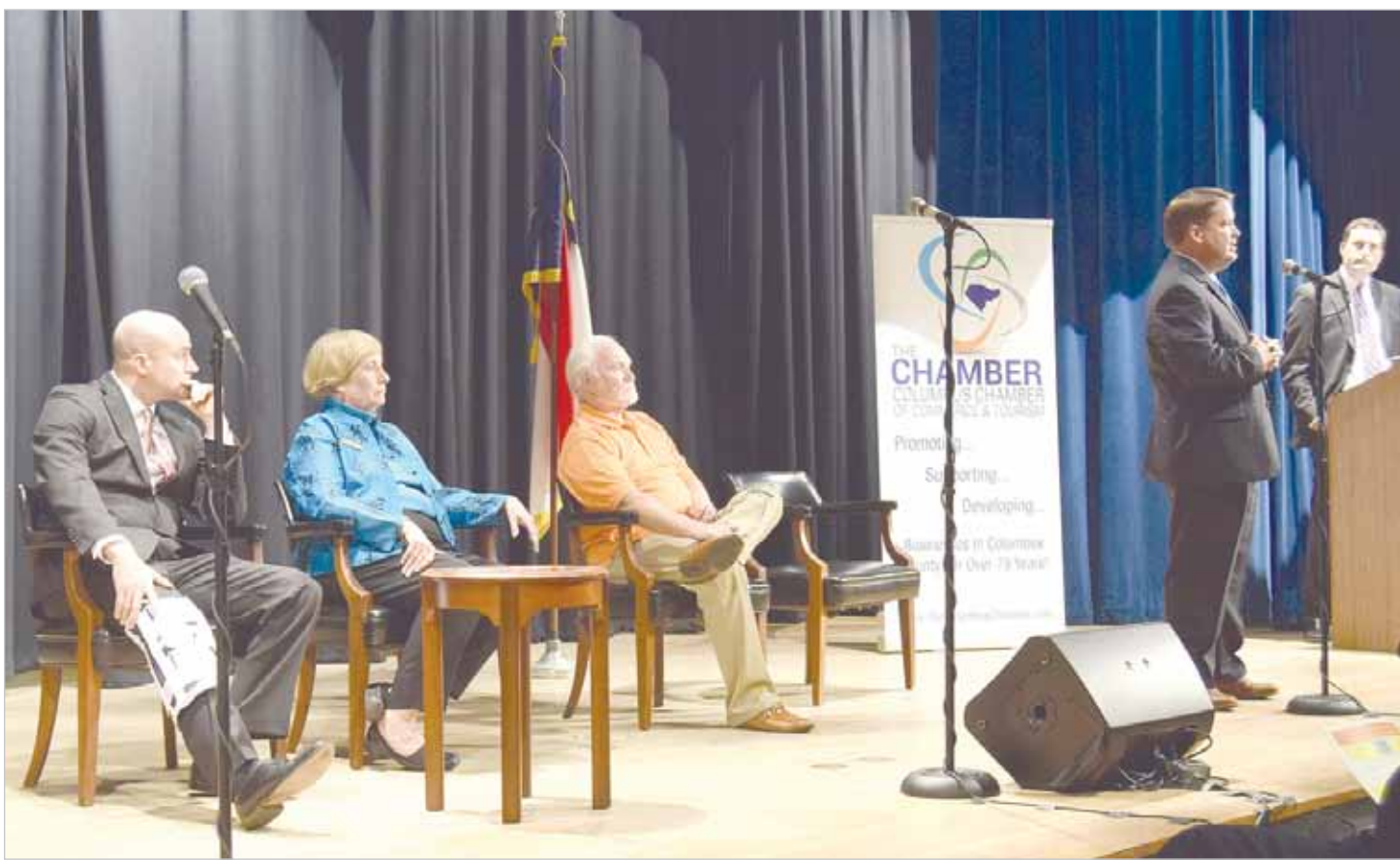
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Candidates for the N.C. General Assembly participating in Tuesday's candidate forum at SCC were, from left, Senate candidates Republican Danny Britt and incumbent Democrat Jane Smith, and House candidates Libertarian Tom Howell and Republican Brenden Jones.

Candidates agree on economic development, need for bipartisan redistricting procedure

By ALLEN TURNER
Staff Writer

All four candidates seeking a seat in the North Carolina General Assembly in November's general election agreed at a forum at Southeastern Community College that economic development is a primary consideration for anyone seeking public office and that the process of drawing district lines for Congressional and legislative seats needs to be taken out of the hands of legislators and put instead under a bipartisan commission.

Democrat Jane Smith and Republican Danny Britt are running for the state senate seat currently held by Smith. Neither has opposition in the March primary and they will face each other in the November general election for the seat representing Columbus and Robeson counties.

Republican Brenden Jones, Democrat Tim Benton and Libertarian Tom Howell are seeking the House seat now held by Rep. Ken Waddell, D-Columbus, who chose not to run for re-election. As in the Senate race, none have primary opposition and the three will square off in November for election to the seat that represents all of Columbus County and portions of Bladen and Robeson. Benton did not attend Tuesday's forum.

All four candidates were asked by forum moderator Justin Smith what they would do to help rural and economically-distressed areas of the state like Columbus County.

Smith said, "I worked very hard to help our rural communities and one thing which I worked on started off as a sales tax redistribution but ended up not being a sales tax redistribution but instead we ended up getting \$84.8 million set aside to be divided among 79 counties. Columbus and Robeson each will receive about \$2 million annually, with the possibility of that increas-

ing. There is a huge divide, but our rural communities are important and we can't let them get behind."

Her Republican challenger, Britt, said that Columbus and Robeson counties already have a lot of infrastructure in place, such as Interstate 95, a gas pipeline, rail services, community colleges and UNC-Pembroke. "All of these should be incorporated in any economic development plan," he said. "We need to cut down on some of the regulations we have in attracting businesses and jobs here, and we need to cut taxes."

House candidate Jones said, "We're on the right track, but there's that urban-rural divide and we need to make sure that there's someone at the table that can push the issues for our area. We've got to be deft. When you've got someone at the table talking economic development, you've got to have the right person. As an unelected official, I've worked the last three years to try and get Columbus County on the map. I've been able to work with the rail system and I've been working with them

constantly. We've got a great workforce here, we've got the community college, and we've got the space. North Carolina went from being the 44th worst state to do business to the 16th best under this) Gov. McCrory's administration. The (current Republican) majority (in the General Assembly) has done well in bringing reforms here."

His Libertarian opponent, Howell, said, "Rural counties always have it a lot tougher than the big cities when it comes to attracting business and we need someone who can work with Democrats and Republicans and work on both sides of the aisle. The big thing we have to do is reduce our income taxes for businesses and individuals."

Howell differed from the other three candidates on the stage when he opposed incentives for the film industry or any other targeted industry. "I

do not support incentives that are targeted to an individual industry," he said.

Jones likened incentives to fast food coupons. "If the guy down the street has them, the other restaurants have to have them. North Carolina has to get in the game. States like South Carolina and Texas have been real good with getting business through incentives so, yes, we need them."

Britt said, "A rising tide floats all ships. There's a place for incentives, but you have to weigh the cost against what you're going to get back. You've got to be prudent and ensure that you're getting more than you're giving."

Smith said she supports incentives and said that North Carolina lost film projects in Wilmington when incentives

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Tent revival opens at 6 p.m. Sunday

A four-day old-fashion tent revival, featuring seating for 990, opens Sunday, March 6, at 6 p.m. instead of the 7 p.m. hour reported in Monday's newspaper.

The revival begins Monday through Wednesday, March 7-9, at 7 p.m.

A hot-dog meal Sunday begins at 4:30 p.m. at the location in the large field between the

Living Word and Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness churches along Business U.S. 74-76 on the east side of Chadbourn.

Free pizza is offered to the county's youth of all denominations on Wednesday, March 9, prior to the service, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Columbus Baptist Association at 642-2155.

February rains set record for month

By RAY WYCHE
Staff Writer

Last month gave us an extra day. It also gave us the heaviest total rainfall of any February since record keeping began in 1954.

The Border Belt Tobacco Research Station northwest of Whiteville reported that rainfall for February totaled 8.61 inches. No rain fell on Feb. 29. The second heaviest rain

event for February came in 1998 when the research station measured 7.98 inches.

Last month had 13 days of below freezing weather. The coldest February thermometer reading came in 1985 when the station's instruments recorded 1 degree.

Rain fell on nine days during the month, with the heaviest rainfall coming on Feb. 4 when 2.30 inches were measured.

The average maximum temperature for the month was 57.66 degrees, about average for February, while the average low reading was 35.35 degrees, again about average for the month.

Heavier rainfalls than normal in late summer and fall months had filled the swamps with water to the extent that feral hog hunters were kept out of their favorite shooting spots in places. The wild hogs are not considered game animals by the state Wildlife Commission, meaning there are no laws regulating the killing of the crop-destroying pests.

Farmers are taking a hard look at the rainwater accumulations in their fields as plowing and planting seasons get nearer. Extension Service Row Crop Agent for Columbus County Michael Shaw said, "It depends on how much rain we get from now until time to plow" as for the suitability of the soil to be plowed.

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Part of the additional sales tax revenue will go to more economically distressed counties such as Columbus County, which will gain more than \$1 million, based on state projections.

A debate over a proposal to give a greater distribution of existing sales taxes to poorer counties contributed to the delay in the state passing a budget in 2015. Metro areas would have been required to shift millions to mostly rural areas.

Roughly \$84 million in additional revenue is expected to come from the services taxes statewide. Supporters say the new taxes will be offset by income tax cuts. The sales tax rate in Columbus County is 6.75 percent.

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March 3, 2016

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One bid for town-owned property

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

can't be sure what the market is going to do."

The Town of Chadbourn obtained ownership last summer when the former owners, the Lennon Family Limited Partnership of Raleigh, gave it to the town. Plans had been made for the West Columbus ABC Board, which operates the Chadbourn liquor store, to lease the property.

Currently, the ABC store is located in a storefront recently purchased from Worley. The ABC board did pay Worley \$785 a month for leasing the Worley property until paying \$50,000 down on a \$250,000 purchase price.

After the plan to lease the Kangaroo fell through, the town council voted in November to sell the store as surplus property. Town tax records show the land and structure is valued at \$102,500.

The \$50,000 bid was the sole

offer received for the store, Town Attorney Butch Pope told the council Tuesday.

"This was the only bid we received," Pope said.

"Nobody else made an offer?" Councilman James Green asked.

"Not even a phone call," said Town Manager Bob Jones.

The Nov. 10 motion to surplus the building was one of the last made by former councilman Brian Edwards. A downtown business owner, Edwards was a frequent critic of the problems around the store, and supported efforts by police to crack down on crime in the area. He was also an opponent of the town leasing out the property.

At the Nov. 10 meeting, Edwards, with a second by Green, asked that the resolution to surplus the property include a minimum bid requirement of \$75,000.

Pope said that the bid opening at his office was held Feb. 23. He emphasized to the board that the council can reject any bids up until the deal is made.

Under the terms of the sale, the bidder is required to post a deposit of 5 percent of the bid. The town will re-advertise the property for upset bids for 10 days, Pope explained, and if an upset bid is received, "the whole process starts over again."

"You can continue to accept responsible offers or reject them and go a different route," Pope said. "The town can also withdraw the property from sale at any time, if you decide to wait and see if the real estate market improves."

After the 10-day upset bid period, the town council will make a decision on the bid at the next regular board meeting in April.

Responsibility for burying horse is not county's

By JEFFERSON WEAVER
Staff Writer

State law requires the owner of property to dispose of dead livestock in a timely and sanitary manner.

Prince said he has sent a letter to the landowner, but had not received a response as of Friday.

Sandra Carter, who lives nearby, said neighbors were working with the owners of a nearby gravel pit to cover the horse, which was tied at a spot often used as an illegal trash dump.

"That poor gelding has been through enough," Carter said.

"He doesn't deserve to lay out there and be eaten by the buzzards and maggots. If we don't do anything else, we're going to get him buried."

Prince said that if an arrest is made in the case, the courts could order the defendant to pay the cost of burying the horse.

"We just had a similar judgment in a case we were working with the city of Whiteville," he said. "It's not likely we'll be able to recover the money, but it's a moral victory."

Prince emphasized that people who need assistance with their animals "need to contact us before it gets like this."

"There are rescue groups who can and will help," he said.

"If someone contacts us in a time of need, they won't get in trouble."

"If they let an animal die because they are too embarrassed to ask for help – that's a crime."

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call Animal Control at 641-3945.

Officials are investigating a possible link between a horse found dead in Columbus County and a similar case in Robeson.

"We don't have anything concrete right now, but we're trying to find out more," said Joey Prince, Columbus County Animal Control supervisor.

According to the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, Animal Cruelty Investigator Kathryn Floyd was working on a case and did not return telephone calls about the case Friday.

Columbus deputies were called to a private road off Old Lumberton Road Feb. 19 after someone reported a horse found tied to a tree near the county line.

Prince said it was not apparent if the horse had died from a broken neck, strangulation or starvation, but the horse appeared to have been without food or water for several days.

A week later, the elderly male brown horse had not been buried, and was attracting scavengers.

Neighbors reported seeing a white, homemade trailer leaving the road where the body was found several days earlier.

Prince said that despite broadcast media reports to the contrary, "Animal Control is not responsible for burying livestock."

"We don't have the time, the manpower, the equipment or the budget," he said.

"The first time we buried a horse for someone, we'd end up doing that all the time."

Taxes

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were cut by the legislature. "I don't know that anybody likes incentives, but unless everybody else gets rid of incentives, you're not in the game at all without them. North Carolina always has been smart about incentives. Too many states around us are beating us in economic development because of incentives that they offer."

All four legislative candidates agreed that the state lottery needs adjusting so that more proceeds go to education.

"I agree with the state lottery. It's a good system," said Britt, "but we need to use those monies for education. We should have everyone bear the burden of education by paying taxes. We need a better way, and the lottery's the better way to do it."

Smith said, "The lottery is in effect and it does provide funds for education, but the legislature took some of

that lottery money to use for other purposes and I do not agree with that.

"The lottery funds should be for extra, not already budgeted, money for education."

Jones said, "Tax is bad. The lottery is good. I do not believe in raising taxes. The lottery is there and it's working. It does need to be tweaked. I know families that have benefited from it."

Howell said, "Whether it's good or not, we have it here and it's probably here to stay. Maybe we need to look at how we're going to use the money. Lower taxes for everybody across the board and get the government out of things they don't need to be in."

All legislative candidates agreed that better solutions are needed for funding highway needs in the state.

Without offering any specific answers, Britt said, "We've got to seek money

from other places. We've got to fund our highways. I don't think raising taxes would be the solution, but there are ways to do it."

"I believe I can work with people in Raleigh to come up with a good plan."

Smith expressed disappointment that a bond issue for transportation was not put on the ballot.

"The good point about a bond issue is that interest rates are so low right now."

"As it is, we're putting aside more money in reserves for transportation, and that's more expensive. A bond issue would be great."

Howell said that people traveling do what he does: buy gas in South Carolina and Virginia to avoid North Carolina's higher gas taxes. "Yes, the highway infrastructure needs to be upgraded, but if we lower our gas taxes, people will stop and buy gas here and that will

make more money available for our highways."

Jones said that North Carolina has some of the best roads in the nation and that Gov. Pat McCrory has a 25-year plan to take care of those roads.

"By paying off our big deficit, as we have done, we'll have money to take care of our road needs," Jones said.

All four legislative candidates agreed that redistricting needs to be taken out of the hands of the legislature and turned over to a nonpartisan commission.

All agreed that when Democrats controlled the legislature, the Democrats drew legislative districts to benefit themselves, and all agreed that Republicans have done the same thing since attaining legislative majorities.

Smith, Britt, Jones and Howell also voiced approval of McCrory's signing into law a bill banning sanctuary cities.

And while they all agreed on solving the problem of North Carolina being 42nd nationally in teacher pay, none offered suggestions for rectifying that.

In closing statements, Republican Senate candidate Britt said his main goal is to close the urban-rural gap and to bring jobs to the area. Democrat incumbent Smith said her goal always has been to help the citizens of Columbus and Robeson counties. "I try to build relationships with both sides so that when I need something for my counties, I can get it."

Jones said he already has the relationships to which Smith referred.

"I've got them. I can get us on the map. I can make things happen for our county."

Howell said, "I ran because I want to offer you an option. If you're pleased with the money the Democrats and Republicans have been taking from you in taxes, vote for them. If not, vote Libertarian."

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Editorials

The News Reporter, Thursday, March 3, 2016

Guest editorial SCC will receive \$6.8 million with bond passage

By Dr TONY CLARKE

President, Southeastern Community College

I hope that you have heard about the Connect NC Bond that will be on the March 15 ballot. The Connect NC Bond is a \$2 billion statewide bond that funds a number of needed improvements to colleges and universities, state parks, National Guard facilities, water and sewer infrastructure and agricultural research.

For Southeastern Community College, the bond provides \$6,861,620

in funding for the repair and renovation of existing facilities or new construction. Given all the needs in Columbus County, we are not pursuing new construction. We are pursuing key renovations and repairs that will greatly increase the college's ability to be an effective partner in economic development and improving educational attainment in Columbus County.

What does that mean for you? It means that SCC will be more able to help create jobs and a better quality of life in Columbus County. The college will be a more effective partner with our county commissioners and economic development organizations to expand existing businesses and attract new employers to Columbus County.

How will SCC do this? SCC is committing the \$6.8 million to pursue three areas. First, we will renovate existing space to create three technical training centers: Advanced Manufacturing & Technologies, Electrical & Energy Technologies, and Construction Trades.

When deciding to expand or create new jobs, employers want to know about our workforce. Inevitably, the conversation turns to education and training and SCC. We cannot attract companies by promising to build advanced training facilities. We must have the facilities and equipment in place so that employers can see our commitment to providing an educated and trained workforce. That is what this bond will do.

Second, we will increase our instructional space for health careers and renovate our student services area to provide better customer service for our students.

Third, we will improve our instructional space for college transfer instruction, particularly in the science area.

I want to emphasize that the bond is being financed without any new taxes – no new taxes. North Carolina has paid down its debt such that this bond can be financed within the current funding levels.

I also want to highlight that our goal is to impact SCC's role in improving the economic and educational status within Columbus County for years to come. The last statewide bond was in 2000, more than 15 years ago. We can't use this opportunity to repave roads on campus or fix a building's heating system, although those maintenance items are needed. We'll work with the county to fund our maintenance needs, but we'll use the bond to dramatically impact SCC and Columbus County.

Finally, unaffiliated voters can vote on March 15, and early voting starts today. The bond will be on the ballot for Democrat, Republican and unaffiliated voters.

The NC Connect Bond offers the citizens of Columbus County the opportunity to support funding that will dramatically increase our ability to grow economically and better educate our citizens. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Thumbs up

• When asked about the problem of gerrymandered voting districts by the party in power in the legislature, all four candidates for the state House and Senate at Tuesday night's candidates' forum went on record to support a non-partisan redistricting commission. Similar commissions are in place in many other states, taking



politics out of the process. The opportunity for a non-partisan commission to enact sensible redistricting, which would seek to group counties together as one entity, plus separate to the degree possible areas of rural versus urban interests, won't happen until after the 2020 elections, but advocating for a commission has already started and should be supported by whoever represents Columbus County in Raleigh.



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Ramblin' with Ann

By ANN WORTHINGTON

I have never seen so many vehicles on the road these days. It seems like one third of them passes by my house and some of them at top speed.

I think about the difference in our way of travel that we use today and it takes me back in time.

I remember when I was a child, my grandparents would often drive over to visit with us at our home.

That was a thrill for all of us to get to sit in his car and pretend we were driving; however, I remember how different his way of travel was than ours today.

On a cold morning, I can stand inside my home, hit a few buttons, and my car cranks.

When I'm ready for take off, the inside is warm and cozy – not true for my grandfather.

When he was ready to leave our house, he would have to walk outside, wet or dry, hot or cold, reach into the back, and retrieve a long metal rod.

He would walk to the front of his car, and bending low, he would stick the rod into a hole up front and begin to turn it a few turns.

The old car usually sputtered a few times, then cranked up. This rod was called a car crank. My grandfather had to be very careful when turning the crank, because if he wasn't, the crank could spin around and break an arm.

Even though my car might have tons of special features, one might say a "smart aleck" of a vehicle, a few episodes with it recently had me thinking if I should trade vehicles.

For instance, I recently made a quick trip to the hospital for some tests.

As always, I'm very careful to lock my car; however, on this cold day, when I returned to my car the doors were unlocked and the two front windows down.

I drove home, got out of the car, locked the doors and, unexpectedly, down rolled the two front windows.

I'm not sure if this monster is haunted or if it's something else, but much more of this and this vehicle has to go.

In some ways, I'm not so sure my grandfather had it so bad after all.

My friends, I wish for all of you blessings in abundance. As always, until next time, don't forget God loves you and so do I.

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Public opinion

Support bond

As a private, not-for-profit, economic development agency serving 28 counties in eastern North Carolina, we are dedicated to improving the capacity of our region to sustain and attract companies that will create quality jobs for our residents.

Several months ago, our board of directors approved a resolution in support of the ConnectNC bond referendum. We revisited this decision recently, after the legislature approved a \$2 billion bond issue that did not include funds for transportation projects; our board unanimously endorsed the action of our legislature to move forward with a bond issue supporting critically needed investments in higher education, clean water systems, and our state parks system.

The legislature's decision to reduce the magnitude of the bond issue, eliminating the transportation component, was a result of their action to end the practice of transferring money from the Highway Trust Fund to the general fund, freeing an additional \$216 million each year (that's more than \$2 billion over the next decade); a huge step toward improving our connectivity.

We have lost many jobs over the past decade as a result of global shifts in manufacturing, but we are experiencing significant growth in STEM-related manufacturing jobs such as aerospace, life sciences, motor vehicle parts, value-added agriculture (food, wood products) as well as health care and financial services.

The life science sector, for example, includes several biopharmaceutical companies located east of Raleigh that announced expansions totaling over \$2 billion in the past two years that will result in nearly 2,000 new jobs.

Many of our major employers also have an aging workforce that will be retiring over the next five or so years. Our community colleges and universities play an oversized role in providing the technical talent needed by these employers, not only in educating the next generation, but in retraining adults that have lost jobs and need to improve their knowledge and skills to qualify for new economy jobs.

The \$200-plus million of bond proceeds slated for eastern North Carolina universities and community colleges will allow these institutions to build, renovate and equip new science and other facilities needed to meet current student needs.

We urge voters in our region to support our businesses and the ConnectNC bond package by voting 'yes' on March 15 in recognition that this as an investment in our people and our future success.

John D. Chaffee
President and CEO
NCEast Alliance

Frank Gault

"I've been thinking ..."

These were the first words I'd hear every time I opened my front door to find either Frank Gault or the long-time-inseparable entity Frank-n-Johnny (McNeill). These two men were always buzzing with ideas. And they thrived on enlisting accomplices. One of the greatest honors of my life is that I was often an enlistee.

I admit I shed more than a few tears when I heard about Frank's passing this past Saturday morning. I smiled a lot, too. As I approach my 30th year at Lake Waccamaw, I delight in the countless memories I have of Frank, his ideas and how he shared them. From the plywood yellow ribbons to honor local service-folk involved in war; to the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria silhouettes in Lake Waccamaw; to how freely he let our priest(s) know when it was time to 'get on with it'; to joining forces with Frank to market his carvings of kauri wood (for charity, of course); to how I'd always prepare a special serving for Frank when providing coffee hour treats at church (since he was the self-proclaimed taster/reviewer); to, well, there's too many to list.

As sad as I am for myself and even more for Gean Claire, Charlie, all of Frank's family and beloveds, it's impossible for me to think of Frank Gault without smiling. He lived his life. He lived and loved his way – always thinking.

Thanks for the memories and legacy, Frank.

Lisa Richey
Lake Waccamaw

Iconic figure

Over the generations, communities experience the passing of iconic figures. Frank Gault was just that to the people of Lake Waccamaw. For decades, Frank personified all the good and unique things about this magical place in eastern Columbus County. He was ever-present at nearly every community event, and in the background of just that many more. His recent graveside service on the hillside overlooking beautiful Lake Waccamaw was like a chapter out of Thornton Wilder's famous play, "Our Town." Probably everyone there had a fond story or memory about Frank Gault. My favorite is of Frank's persistence when he was around 80 years old, deciding to walk around the lake (pre-"Take the Lake"). In addition to his age, Frank was suffering greatly from a bad knee, but was determined to finish. I was so moved and impressed with his tenacity, that I could not let him walk alone. Even though we finished dead last, after five hours, it was a half-day that I'll never forget. Additionally, many of us still cherish our customized carved walking sticks (with eyes!) gifted by Frank to the walk finishers.

Thanks, Frank for that lesson in persistence, tenacity and staying young.

Steve Smith
Whiteville

Registered yet?

More than 13 million professing Christians were unregistered and of course, could not vote even if they wanted to in the last general election.

What a shame and disgrace upon those whom are called by His name, (Christians)! Mark Twain said, "If voting made a difference, they wouldn't let us do it."

I disagree.

As Americans and especially Christians, we should thank God for His many blessings and for this late great nation. He gave His son that we might be free (John 8:32; 10:10), and for the millions of brave veterans who have died for the freedom that we so often take for granted (John 15:15).

All have a sacred duty, especially Christians to vote, and when we vote, to vote our convictions, our beliefs and our values. Jesus commanded us to be the salt and light and did not give us the option not to be involved with "worldly concerns," and sit back and wait on His return (Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 13) ... that would be a very selfish person! We are commanded to be involved in the civic process. Why did I say, "late great" nation? Well, if we are not dead and beyond remedy, then we will be after the next election if the socialist and liberals get elected! God made a conditional promise that He would hear from Heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land, if only His people, Christians (not the pagans) would humble themselves, pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways (2 Chronicles 7:14) ... it's up to us, and I cannot see this happening in this wicked and perverse generation, but there's hope.

As Americans, we have duties and responsibility, and of course consequences for being slothful! Are you registered to vote?

The deadline for registering is fast approaching, and so is the judgment of God.

Carl A. Hinson
Whiteville

Too many dismissals

In reference to the article in *The News Reporter*, Feb. 22 edition, concerning dismissed DWI cases.

The dismissal of DWI cases is very disturbing. It is common knowledge that attorneys who represent apparently guilty clients delay trials until the charging officers or the "right judge" are not in court.

This is done regardless of reason or the times that the officers have appeared and the cases been "continued."

It appears to me that the "professionals" (lawyers) are under oath to protect the guilty. I believe that it is a disgraceful tactic in our judicial system and our enforcement officers.

Emory Worley
Whiteville

People, Places and Things

... There's a war going on

By **RAY WYCHE**
Staff Writer

Few are the citizens of Columbus County born before the 1930s who don't have some memories of World War II.

Life in the United States underwent a transformation in 1942 that touched every citizen of the nation. Wartime rationing came to the land, limiting citizens as to the amounts of a broad variety of items they could purchase.

Factories that had catered to the public for years were now tied up with producing weapons and other necessities for the military forces, restricting the items available for civilians.

Rationing brought with it a different way of living. Meal planning took on a new life; your vehicle may have been fitted with deteriorated tires that a few months earlier would have been discarded as worn out and unsafe. Your sightseeing drives were things of the past.

We in Columbus County fared better with the inconveniences of the rationing system than did many citizens in other places. Being mostly a rural area, most residents, farmers and non-farmers alike, for years had raised most of their own food, including meat.

Despite being mostly self-sufficient in growing foodstuffs, the head of the household soon learned that the new rationing system could be burdensome. If he were a farmer needing a new tire for his tractor, the old tire was inspected by a committee to make sure the need was genuine. If it was, he got permission to buy the tire — if his dealer was able to find the right size.

Each family was required to register for ration books, a book for each resident in the household. Volunteers han-

dled the paperwork involved in "signing up" at more than 8,000 locations in the nation.

Signing up for ration books presented some laughable moments. One man, the head of a large family, gave the names of six of his children but was unable to remember the name of the youngest. He asked the volunteer who was handling the registration for permission to step outside the building. "I can think better outside than in a building," he reportedly said.

Another applicant had trouble understanding that he still had to pay for the rationed items he was buying. He assumed the government was giving away food whenever he presented his "book" at a food store. Several grocery shopping trips ended with the grocer patiently explaining that the "book" the customer kept referring to was to limit the amount of certain items he could buy.

World War II rationing touched some aspects of life some residents found hard to reconcile to the war effort. Examples: women's dresses could not have hems over two inches in width (to save cloth). Toothpaste in metal "squeeze" tubes was no longer available. (The tubes were made with metal containing tin, a very scarce item.) Nylon hose, developed by du Pont in 1940 and an immediate success with women, had a short civilian life as a miracle fabric: nylon was also an excellent parachute canopy material.

Even familiar colors on some items felt the sting of rationing. Lucky Strike cigarettes from their beginning were packaged in a deep green pack; during the war they were sold in a white container, giving the brand a new slogan in their advertising: "Lucky Strike Green Has Gone to War." (Some doubters say the color of a cigarette pack had

nothing to offer the war effort, and that Lucky Strike was merely seeking a new slogan extolling their contribution to the U.S. war effort.

People working in stores that sold rationed items, particularly foodstuffs, noticed that some regular customers bought to the limit on rationed items. When sugar went on the ration list in November 1942, one country storekeeper said several regular customers upped the amount of sugar they purchased to the limit set by the ration people.

When coffee was removed from the ration list in July 1943, sales of the beverage went down.

There was method in the madness of buying all the sugar one could legally purchase; a favorite sideline (and a good profit maker) practiced by some residents of the area was making illegal moonshine whiskey, a business that required far more sugar than the ration book allowed. Enterprising distillers visited neighbors they knew would keep their mouths closed, offering to purchase their surplus sugar at an inflated price.

Rationing of several items was intermittent as production increased enough to meet the military demands, sending food items to beleaguered England, which for years had depended heavily on imported foodstuffs, and allow limited amounts for civilians. One such commodity was tobacco.

The crop year of 1943 saw a very poor tobacco yield. The Office of Price Administration (OPA), in charge of rationing,

decided that cigarettes should be rationed to ensure that smokers would be available for military personnel.

The 1944 tobacco harvest was a very good one, so cigarettes had a short stay on the rationed list before being re-classified as ration-free.

Incidentally, the military hierarchy in WWII could be said to have urged the troops to light up. K-rations, a boxed collection of canned meat, fruit, crackers, cheese, instant coffee, chewing gum and candy designed for use under combat conditions, also contained five cigarettes and a 10-match book of matches.

Immediately after the shooting war ended in Europe in the spring of 1945, Army post exchanges sold cigarettes, to service personnel only, for 55 cents per carton.

Automobiles and their operation and upkeep presented wartime problems for owners. From 1942 to 1945, no new civilian cars were made. All automobile factories were going full-bore making military vehicles and airplanes. If your car needed a new part, you or your mechanic toured junkyards until you found your part.

Vehicle tires were one of the first things to go on the ration list, since at that time all tires were made from natural rubber from the Far East. Early-war conquests by the Japanese closed completely this source of natural rubber; until the end of hostilities in 1945, civilian motorists drove on tires made of synthetic rubber, or pre-war manufactured

tires. As the war and rationing wore on, more vehicles ran on "bald" tires, tires on which the treads had long-since worn away.

At times during the war, the state speed limit was 35 miles per hour, a move designed mainly to save wear on tires. Highway traffic was reduced by a significant amount during the conflict, and as a result, auto accidents decreased considerably. One high school acquaintance bragged that during the war he had ridden his bicycle from Hallsboro to Lake Waccamaw — four miles — without deviating more than 6 inches from the highway's center line, so light was highway traffic.

Many automobile owners gave up on fighting restrictions and ceased driving their cars. One source estimates that by the end of 1943, half of the cars operating in 1940 were no longer being used.

One local car dealer, whenever a would-be customer would ask for a new or almost new car, was fond of telling the hopeful buyer, "If you want to drive something new, I suggest you join the Army and maybe they will make a Jeep driver out of you."

The OPA, given the daunting task of deciding what items were likely to be soon rationed, at the war's beginning depended on slogans and appeals to the nation's patriotism to conserve all items likely to be scarce, such as gasoline and tires. Above all, the appeals read, don't hoard. It didn't work.

People began stocking up on things they thought would soon be in short supply, such as sugar, coffee, tires, tools and bicycles. An unofficial OPA program was set in motion known as "the idle tire program;" a vehicle owner who for whatever reason had a set of good tires stashed away could be required to use the

tires or let the OPA buy them. As can be imagined, scarcity of some items resulted in a brisk black market that fared well during most of the war: There was always an individual around who seemed to be able to sell you any rationed item without ration stamps.

The ration system involved paper stamp-like tokens in a book, with each stamp assigned a point value. The users were not allowed to remove individual stamps from their books; that duty was assigned to the seller.

Each rationed item was assigned a point value, a system that invited fraud in some items, mainly meats. Naturally, steaks required more points than did baloney. What was to keep the butcher from putting the baloney ration stamp value on steaks, especially if the customer had greased the butcher's palm?

Home heating oil and other fuels were on the rationed list. Those who heated their homes with petroleum-based fuel were allowed to buy only up to the amount they used in 1941.

One fuel item on the rationed list that brought forth laughs from many Columbus County citizens was firewood. In an area where trees outnumbered people, to tell a firewood burner (who probably owned acres of trees) that he was limited as to the amount of firewood he could burn was government at its worst.

Merchants of any rationed item made many friends during the war, without breaking any laws. Cigarettes, particularly the more popular brands, an on-and-off rationed item, in some cases were kept under the store counter and sold only to favored customers and friends. The same method worked for alcoholic beverages. The favorite brands were not available, the store keeper said — except to fa-

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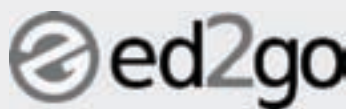
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T 8am-8pm

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3/14-4/25 M 6-9pm SCC, T-124

To pre-register or for more information contact, Columbus County NCWorks Career Center at (910) 642-7141, ext. 261 or visit our office located in A Building at SCC.

Voting

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primaries.

New voter ID laws are in effect.

People who don't have a photo ID, but have a reasonable impediment will still be able to vote a provisional ballot but will be required to provide more information to make their vote count.

A late court ruling requiring the state's U.S. House districts be redrawn means those races will be on the ballot, but voters' choices won't count. Several candidates who are running for office in November won't be on the ballot at all

because they are not opposed in the primary.

Brenden Jones, a Tabor City Republican seeking the N.C. House District 46 seat, which includes all of Columbus and portions of Bladen and Robeson counties, has no opposition. Sen. Jane Smith, a Lumberton Democrat, seeking re-election to District 13 (Columbus and Robeson) faces no opposition in the primary, but will face a Republican challenger, Danny Britt in November.

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.

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Hours 1 to 8 p.m.
weekdays

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Bolton Town Hall
221 9th street

Chadbourn

Chadbourn Municipal Annex, 201 E. 1st Ave.

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Fair Bluff Fire and Rescue, 653 Railroad St.

Riegelwood

East Columbus Senior Center
2696 General Howe Hwy.

Tabor City

The Ritz Center,
213 Hickman Rd.

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more than four years ago, learner's permits and provisional licenses.

- An unexpired U.S. passport or passport card.
- A veterans U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs identification card.
- A U.S. military identification card.
- A tribal enrollment card issued by a federally recognized tribe.
- A driver's license or non-driver identification issued by another state if the voter registered to vote within 90 days of the primary.

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say was on Lake Waccamaw, which prompted the judge to say, "Beautiful. I want to live on Lake Waccamaw!"

The 143-year-old North Carolina Press Association is composed of community and daily papers large and small from across the state.

NCPA holds one of the largest contests in the country, with more than 4,000 entries.

Publisher Jim High, Editor Les High and the late Leslie S. Thompson are past presidents of NCPA.

War

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vored customers in a *sub rosa* transaction.

The nation's armed forces totaled about 10 percent of the country's population for most of the war, but 30 percent of the cigarettes manufactured in the United States were reserved for military servicemen.

Beer was on the ration rolls in 1944, and almost immediately, law enforcement officials noted an upswing in reports of hijacked trucks carrying beer.

Some items were removed from the rationed list while others were added during the war, depending on need and availability at the time. While not rationed, liquor store whiskey remained a scarce item. One substitute, usually sold in a bottle with a label falsely stating that the contents were a favorite, bottled-in-bond brand, was dangerous to the drinkers' health. Used liquor bottles had a cash value as a second-life bottle when filled with a homemade mixture that even one two-fisted moonshine drinker labeled as "poison with horns on it." The concoction was one-half whiskey and one-quarter each of orange juice and antifreeze.

Tie-in sales were popular at some liquor stores. To get

a scarce, high end brand you had to buy two or three bottles of a cheaper, less desirable whiskey.

Canned beer soon after the outbreak of hostilities was not to be found. The beer itself was not the problem, but metal cans used valuable materials that could be better utilized for other things in the war effort.

Gasoline rationing began in the fall of 1942, one of the first items to go on the ration list.

Each registered passenger car automatically got an "A" decal, which entitled that car to four gallons of gas per week.

Trucks got more fuel, as did physicians and others whose jobs demanded travel deemed necessary.

Residents, particularly those in rural areas, were able to get by with the rationing system throughout its existence. Probably the most burdensome parts of the system for people living in isolated locations were the restrictions on gasoline and tires. To visit relatives, shop, go to a doctor or any other activity that required driving some distance called for prioritizing the activities.

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Sports

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Soccer opener

Whiteville High School soccer player Logan Schultz (center, in white) goes for the ball along with two South Brunswick players in Tuesday's season-opening match at the WHS field. In background right is WHS player Mia Shelley.

Staff photo by Les High

Vikes open with shutout over Bucs

WILMINGTON - Trey Benton began his senior mound season for the West Columbus Vikings with a bang on Tuesday.

The Viking righthander yielded two hits while striking out nine batters in a 4.1-inning start as West Columbus shut out the 4A Laney Buccaneers 4-0.

C.J. Coleman pitched 1.2 innings and Cody Batten pitched the final frame to wrap up the big baseball victory.

"Our pitchers did a good job and it was a total team effort," said Viking head coach Jeff Lamb, whose squad took a 2-0 lead in the first inning while adding single runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

Gage Hammonds had two of the visiting Vikings' four hits for the day, including a double, and Ozzly Johnson stroked a single that produced two runs.

The Vikings are hoping to build on last year's success that came when they overcame a mediocre regular season to come alive in the state playoffs, recording four

straight wins and then going against arch-rival Whiteville in the best-of-three Eastern N.C. Regional championship series. Whiteville won the regional championship in two excitement-filled games and went on to claim its second consecutive state championship.

With Trey Benton returning as the Vikings' "go-to" pitcher for the fourth straight season and much of the rest of the Viking line-up returning, it figures to be a whale of a race in the Three Rivers Conference with teams like West Columbus, Whiteville, Fairmont and South Columbus heading the list.

On Saturday, West Columbus will play host to South Stanly and Wallace-Rose Hill in a three-team round-robin event.

West Columbus and 2015 state 1A runnerup South Stanly will meet at noon, followed by a 2:30 match-up between South Stanly and Wallace-Rose Hill. West Columbus and Wallace-Rose Hill are scheduled to clash at 5.



Photo by Grant Merritt

East Columbus baseball player Travin Squires strides into a pitch in Monday's season opener with South Brunswick at the ECHS field. South Brunswick won the game 14-7. On Tuesday, the Gators fell to North Brunswick 15-7.

Cougars trip East Columbus 14-7

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

LAKE WACCAMAW - It was a game of many facets, some good, some not.

South Brunswick was able to make more positive plays and came away with a 14-7 win over East Columbus in the Gators' home opener on Monday. The three-hour plus contest featured a combined 20 hits, 20 walks, 16 strikeouts, nine stolen bases, six wild pitches and eight pitchers.

The Cougars took a 1-0 lead in the first on a walk, stolen base and RBI ground out. The Gators tied it up in the bottom of the frame. Singles by Bray McKeithan, Cade Andrews and Brad Olsen produce a run. South retook the lead in the second. A throwing error, two walks and a passed ball resulted in a run. The Cougars extended the lead to 7-1 in the third. A bases-loaded double scored two runs, followed by a two-run single that plated two more scores. A wild pitch allowed the seventh run.

East battled back in the bottom of the third. Hunter Reeves singled, Andrews walked,

Travin Squires walked, Thomas Yates drove in two runs with a double. Squires scored on a wild pitch. Harrison Malpass provided an RBI single.

Chase Lewis' double scored Malpass, but Lewis was retired when he tried to advance when the throw to the plate to nab Malpass was wild. South Brunswick came right back with four more runs in the fourth. Two singles, two errors, two wild pitches and a sacrifice fly gave South Brunswick a 10-6 lead.

The Gators could not take advantage of scoring opportunities in the fourth or fifth innings. They did manage a run in the sixth when Malpass's bases-loaded walk scored Andrews, who also had walked.

Three errors, two hits and a walk gave South Brunswick four insurance runs in the seventh. East Columbus threatened again in the seventh, but could not cut into the final 14-7 margin.

East Columbus outthit South Brunswick 12 to 8, but they also led in the unfavorable

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Girls soccer outlook

Whiteville has fielded girls soccer teams since 1998. They have experienced a great deal of success, especially in the last four seasons. Starting in 2012, the Wolfpack has advanced to at least the third round and played for the Eastern championship in 2014 and 2015. Columbus County Schools implemented soccer more recently (2010). East Columbus owns the only playoff win, 3-1, over Lakewood in 2010. However, many feel this can be the best girls soccer season for all four schools since 2010. We asked the coaches to provide some insight into their 2016 teams.

EAST COLUMBUS

Coach Justin Furlow (1st year)

Asst. coaches: Sean Lamora, Stephanie VanVekoven
2015 record: 1-14-1 overall, 1-13-1 conference

Key returnees: Seniors: Adriana Gonzalez, Shanitra Simpson, Tanaya Daniels, Teresa Hernandez. Junior: Courtney Johnson

Goals: Win more matches, be competitive in conference, establish/rebuild a positive soccer culture.

The coach was asked to complete this statement: To be successful, we must... "Play sound defense, be efficient on offense and stay healthy."

SOUTH COLUMBUS

Coach Andrew Rice (2nd year)

2015 record: 11-6 overall, 10-5 conference.

Key players lost: Lauryn Ray, Adrianna Williams, Jayda Shaw, Yanira Martinez

Key returnees: Senior Elizabeth Long, Junior Mary Katherine Zokal

Goals: "Despite losing a large part of our offense and keeper, we want to push our limits, compete and build on efforts from our best season ever in 2015.

"I think this team has potential. I have grown as a coach and the players are accustomed to my style of coaching. If we stay strong as a team, we have a chance to compete at a high level."

The coach was asked to complete this statement: To be successful, we must... "Play physically fit, including eating properly. Compete for every ball and finish when we have opportunities in the box."

WEST COLUMBUS

Coach Marc Edge (3rd year)

2015 record: 11-8-1 overall, 10-5 conference

Key players lost: Chelsea Britt, Emma Burroughs, Sara Housend.

Key returnees: Seniors Mary Allen Waddell (striker), Julianna Evatt (striker/midfielder) Juniors Peyton Sasser (goalkeeper), Toniesha Williams (midfielder).

Goals: "To be more fit and have endurance. This should lead to more victories."

Coach Edge: "The dedication, smarts and drive to win is present. We hope this emphasis on fitness gives us an edge over some of our opponents."

The coach was asked to complete this statement: To be successful, we must... "Play smart, clean and physical soccer with solid defensive play. If we can defend our half of the field, scoring opportunities will come."

WHITEVILLE

Coach Ronnie Todd (8th year)

Asst. coaches: Jami Hinson, Matt Gore

2015 record: 22-2-1 overall, 15-0 conference

Key players lost: Madison Creech, Margaret High, Carly Lewis, Shae Cokley, Charis Kasitati.

Key returnees: Seniors Madison Hinson (mid-center), Abigail Owens (outside-mid), Mia Shelley (forward), Ashley Carter (defensive-mid), Virginia Savage (defender).

Goals: Win seventh consecutive conference championship, advance deep into the playoffs.

The coach was asked to complete this statement: To be successful, we must... "Work hard to get in game shape and work as a team."

All four county squads fell in their non conference openers. On Monday, Trask defeated East Columbus 4-1. West Columbus fell to Purnell Swett 3-1. Madison Arnold scored the Vikings' lone goal. Tuesday saw South Brunswick shut out Whiteville 6-0 and West Brunswick defeated South Columbus 9-0. Whiteville and East Columbus were both scheduled to play Wednesday. Visit whiteville.com/sports to see those results.



NWOSU photo

Jacob Long

Doin' fine in Oklahoma

ALVA, Okla. - Jacob Long, former baseball standout at Whiteville High School and Southeastern Community College, had a huge showing at the plate for the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rangers baseball team in last weekend's three-game sweep of visiting East Central Oklahoma.

The junior rightfielder/designated hitter for the Rangers had seven hits in 13 at-bats, including two home runs and two doubles in the three-game series. He drove in five runs and scored seven times in the Great American Conference (NCAA Division II) games as the Rangers won by scores of 8-6, 15-14 and 6-4.

Long's performance earned him a nomination for GAC Player of the Week honors for the second time this season. He currently leads Coach Sam Carel's Northwestern Oklahoma team in five offensive categories, including a team-high .333 batting average.

The three wins put the Ranger season record at 6-8 (4-2 in the GAC).

While at Whiteville High School, Long was a starting outfielder-third baseman for the Wolfpack's 2012 state 2A championship team that swept Randleman for the title. He earned All-Waccamaw Conference and All-Columbus County baseball honors while playing for Coach Brett Harwood's Wolfpack. He also played quarterback on the WHS football team.

During his two-year stint with Coach Scott Johnson's Southeastern Community College baseball team, Long earned NJCAA Division II Third Team All-American honors.

He is one of two North Carolina natives of the Ranger squad. The other is senior centerfielder Thomas Bess of Cherryville.

Lady Gators open season with victory

LAKE WACCAMAW - Olivia Kissam and Valerie Carter had key hits in a big fourth inning as the East Columbus High School softball team pulled out a 7-5 victory over visiting North Brunswick Tuesday night.

North Brunswick battled back from a 7-1 deficit in the final innings to draw to within two runs before ECHS recorded the final out.

Carter was the winning pitcher while Kaleigh Patrick picked up the save.

ECHS

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categories of errors, strikeouts, batters walked and wild pitches.

Thomas Yates and Chase Lewis each had three hits for the Gators. Harrison Malpass contributed a single and two runs batted in.

Cade Andrews reached base four out of five plate appearance with a hit and three walks. Brad Olsen started on the mound for East. Also pitching for the Gators were Andrews, Squires and Lewis. Squires shut out the Cougars in his two innings of work.

The Gators varsity softball, jayvee softball and baseball did not play Monday due to a scheduling snafu.



Photo by Grant Merritt

Gator charge

East Columbus High School soccer player Sharda Baldwin (1) quickly advances the ball upfield in Monday's season-opening soccer match against visiting Heide Trask. The Trask squad won the match 4-1 with Baldwin scoring the lone goal for East Columbus.

Softball opener

Lady Pack slams Laney

WILMINGTON - Junior Laura Thompson drilled four hits, including a pair of doubles, and senior Eden Brown ripped a grand slam home run Monday as the Whiteville High softball team opened its 2016 season with a 13-1 thumping of Laney.

Sophomore Ivy Hayes pitched a five-hitter and struck out five batters in recording the pitching victory.

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

Coach Olivia Scott's Whiteville team had a total of 15 hits, including the four by Thompson, three by Sage McLelland and two each by

Brown, Kourtney Grainger and Raeganne Sholar.

McLelland smashed a two-run homer and finished with four runs batted in. Whiteville led 4-0 after two innings and tallied five runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth.

Laney got its lone run in the fifth inning.

This past weekend, the WHS team took part in a multi-team scrimmage in Kinston, taking wins over South Central, North Lenoir and Topsail.

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Stallions top Lake View, fall to West Brunswick

The South Columbus Stallions rallied for four runs in the fifth and sixth innings to defeat visiting Lake View, S.C. Monday in a season-opening high school baseball game.

Mike Byars, Landon Stocks and Robby Spencer had key hits in the comeback victory. Mason Benton was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Devin Penny.

Coach Bradley Strickland's Stallions had a total of 13 hits, including two each by Spencer, Byars, Stocks, Jay Wright and Garrett Wilson.

The Stallions were shut out by West Brunswick 3-0 after being held to one hit and not moving a runner past first base.

Garrett Wilson and Evan Pickell pitched the Stallions, combining to allow two hits. Landon Stocks had the only hit for South Columbus.

In season-opening softball action on Monday, South Columbus powered past Scotland County 10-0.

On Tuesday, Coach Scott Johnson's SCHS squad dropped a 3-2 heart-breaker to host West Brunswick after leading most of the way.

On Tuesday at Shallotte,

Scorpions romp past Gators Tuesday

By FRANKLIN DAVIS
Sports Writer

There is a saying in baseball, "There is no defense for a walk." East Columbus coach Brad Smith may be having nightmares about base on balls. Gator pitching walked a dozen batters in North Brunswick's 15-7 win at "The Swamp" Tuesday night. The Gators walked 11 South Brunswick batters in Monday's loss.

East Columbus led 2-1 entering the third inning. A walk by Harrison Malpass and consecutive singles by Hunter Reeves, Cade Andrews and Brad Olsen provided two first-inning runs for East.

The roof fell in on the Gators in the top of the third. Nine of the first ten Scorpion batters reached base, five on walks. Mix in three hits and two errors, and eight runs crossed the plate to give North Brunswick a 9-2 lead.

Reeves and Andrews singled and Olsen doubled to cut the lead to 9-3 after three innings. A hit batter, two walks and a single gave the Scorpions an 11-3 lead after four frames.

North Brunswick moved ahead 14-3 in the fifth. East Columbus kept the game alive with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Reeves' third hit of the game, two wild pitches, a walk, balk and throwing error made the score 14-5.

Each team added a run in sixth without benefit of a base hit. Trey Wilkins scored on a passed ball in the seventh for East to make the final score 15-7.

Hunter Reeves paced the Gators with three hits. Cade Andrews and Brad Olsen contributed two hits each. Trenton Chasteen and Jayln Perkins had two hits apiece for North Brunswick. Alex Moore was the starting pitcher for the Gators, pitching two and one-third innings. Bray McKethan and Brad Olsen pitched in relief.

East Columbus will travel to Trask Friday to take on the Titans in a nonconference tilt beginning at 7 p.m.



Photo by Grant Merritt

East Columbus High School pitcher Cade Andrews makes a delivery to home plate in the Gators' season-opening baseball game Monday with visiting South Brunswick. South Brunswick won 14-7.

Wildlife Commission approves huntint season dates for 2016-17

The Wildlife Resources Commission recently approved the hunting seasons for the upcoming 2016-17 season.

The dates still must be approved by the General Assembly, and the proposed expansion of the bear seasons in Columbus and B7 season are gray squirrels, Oct. 17-Feb. 28, with fox squirrels where legal through Dec. 31; Raccoon and Opossum, Oct. 17-Feb. 28; rabbit and quail, Nov. 19-Feb. 28; and bobcat, Oct. 17-Feb. 28. Fox seasons are set by county ordinance, and available at www.ncwildlife.org.

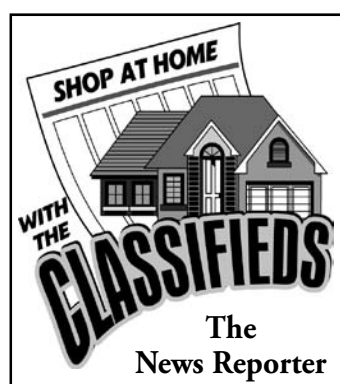
Trapping season for most species is Nov. 1-Feb. 28, except for beaver, which lasts until April 1, 2017. Landowners with documented damage may trap beaver all year.

Changes are anticipated for the bear seasons in Columbus next year, but if a proposal to open the season sooner does not pass, bears over 75 pounds may be hunted from Dec. 5-24.

Columbus County is in the eastern deer area, with the maximum either sex season. For the 2016-17 season, archery may be used from Sept. 10-30; black powder weapons from Oct. 1-14 (archery also

permitted during this season) and the conventional season runs from Oct. 15-Jan. 1.

For harvest limits, more information and licensing, go to www.ncwildlife.org.



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Whiteville soccer player Abigail Owens (right) battles a South Brunswick player for possession of the ball in Tuesday's match at the WHS field. South Brunswick won 6-0.

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Whiteville High School



Laura Thompson
Softball

Opening the season with four hits, including two doubles, was not really what the junior outfielder expected from herself when the Lady Wolfpack softball squad traveled to Wilmington Monday to take on Laney's staunch 4A team. But it turned out to be a big day for Thompson and the rest of the Lady Pack as they bounced the Laney squad 13-1. Thompson's plate effort paced a 15-hit WHS attack. "I've been trying to stay more focused at the plate and things turned out okay," said the daughter of Angela and John Thompson. "We all went to the plate to swing the bats." Thompson has been a starter since her freshman season and she feels the Lady Wolfpack could have its best season yet this spring if it continues to work and remain positive. In 2014, Coach Olivia Scott's WHS team made it to the state 1A finals, and last season, it advanced to the Eastern Regional finals. Thompson said she would like to play softball in college and would like to become a travel nurse.

East Columbus High School



Thomas Yates
Baseball

The senior Gator outfielder drove three hits, including a two-run double, in East Columbus' season-opening loss to visiting South Brunswick on Monday. Yates is in his second season as starting rightfielder for Coach Brad Smith's Gator squad. Yates, who has also played as a defensive back on the ECHS football team, said that baseball has always been his favorite sport and that he has worked hard during the past off-season, especially on conditioning. "I've put on 15 pounds since last season, and I'm in much better shape this year." Yates is also a member of the ECHS band and said that English has been his favorite class. The son of Chantain and Michael Lennon said he would like to play baseball at the college level.

West Columbus High School



Brandon Merritt
Baseball

Merritt is the son of Kelly Graham and Frank Merritt. The senior outfielder says "to be the best in baseball, you've got to work hard, practice hard and never quit." He goes back into baseball history saying that Jackie Robinson is his biggest baseball influence. His biggest thrill was last year's Viking playoff run to the Eastern finals. Merritt hopes to play college baseball and would like to major in sports management. His favorite pro athlete is Tom Brady. His favorite food is steak and his favorite class at West Columbus is English. Merritt describes himself as "a hard worker, smart, funny and fun to be around."

South Columbus High School



Elizabeth Long
Soccer

Long enjoys soccer because she gets to meet new people, learn more about the game and learn the life lessons soccer teaches. Her biggest thrill was a goal she scored last season as a defender. Long gives her aunt credit for teaching her how to play soccer. Long, a senior, plans on going to nursing school and earning a Bachelor's degree. She currently is an EMT, a CNA and a junior volunteer at Whiteville Rescue. Naturally, Allied Health is her favorite class at SCHS. Long is working on her Gold Award in Girl Scouts. In her spare time, Long enjoys water sports on the lake and going to the beach. She is also a Stallion cheerleader. Long describes herself as "outgoing, lovable and I never give up on my goals."

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NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Universal Uclick

Johnson ties Earnhardt Sr. on Sprint Cup all-time win list

Jimmie Johnson never got to race against the late Dale Earnhardt, but after Johnson won last Sunday's Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, they have plenty in common. Johnson is now tied with Earnhardt on the Sprint Cup career win list, with 76 victories -- seventh all-time in career victories. Johnson, who leads all active drivers in wins at AMS with five, said tying Earnhardt, who tops the all-time AMS list with nine victories, is an accomplishment that has special meaning to him. "I entered the sport just hoping I could win a race and keep a job for a few years, and to have 76 and tie Dale Earnhardt Sr. is something I'm very, very proud of," Johnson said. "There's been a big void in my mind about not having that chance to race against him, and it was literally a handful of

months away from having that opportunity. So to tie him it's a little bit of attachment to the great Dale Earnhardt and something I'm very proud of." The finish of the race also made the moment more special, as Dale Earnhardt Jr., the son of the late Intimidator and a teammate of Johnson's, surged from fifth place on the final restart to finish second in a milestone event he said was overdue. "I'm glad if [Johnson's] going to win and tie that record, I'm certainly glad that I got to run second," said Junior, who said before the start of the season that he was surprised it hadn't come sooner, given Johnson's abilities. Earnhardt Jr. said that his dad and Johnson had their own driving styles, and although they're not similar, they both produce big results.

"Dad was real rough and pushing people around," Earnhardt Jr. said, adding that from Johnson's earliest days driving off-road trucks, he's won races by having tremendous car control. "[Johnson] drives that style that you see those guys run those trucks out West. You never hear Jimmie complaining about his car not that thing loose, and he just hangs on and makes it work." Rick Hendrick, Johnson's car owner, agreed that Earnhardt Sr. and Johnson had greatly different styles. "Dale was more aggressive," Hendrick said. "He didn't get that Intimidator title by being nice to everybody. Jimmie doesn't put a fender on anybody. He races them clean." Sunday's win at AMS was typical of many of Johnson's victories over the years. His No. 48 team, led by crew chief Chad Knaus, worked on his car all day

and put him in position to outrun Kevin Harvick, who led the most laps and appeared to have the fastest car. As the laps wound down, Knaus called Johnson to pit road earlier than usual -- he made his stop seven laps sooner than Harvick and the rest of the leaders. As a result, when that round



Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 Chevrolet cross the finish line at Atlanta Motor Speedway in the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500. It was his fifth victory at AMS.

of green-flag stops was over, Johnson had cycled into a lead of more than 13 seconds over Harvick. It appeared that he would be able to maintain that lead to the finish in a race that had

seen just one caution flag up to that point. But a blown tire and a spin by Ryan Newman with three scheduled laps remaining set up an overtime finish. All of the eight drivers on the lead lap stopped for four fresh tires, and Johnson left pit road with the lead. He held the lead for the final lap, while Earnhardt Jr. earned the runner-up spot over pole-sitter Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch and Carl Edwards. For drivers in the race, the new lower-downforce aero package that will be used at most

tracks this season was a welcome change. "It was kind of like old-school racing," Earnhardt said. "You had to take care of your tires and be smart about how you drove the car and driving the car straight, not really swinging the car around or getting sideways. And when you get around another car or a lapped car, you had to be careful to drive the car straight when you got around them. "Then on old tires, if you got lucky to race somebody, it was a blast. Everybody just wasn't hooked up and hauling tail. You had to drive the cars. The cars were a real challenge." Earnhardt Jr. went on to say that he's excited about the rest of the year, as the package is run at other tracks. "It was fun for the drivers. We're just going to keep learning and trying to improve our setups and what works with this package, but should see some great racing on in the rest of the year," he said.

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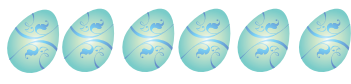
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You can apply online at www.boysandgirlshomes.org, by email at tesa.bush@bgfhnc.org, or fax to 910-646-3609 and/or mail applications to Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Inc - P. O. Box 127, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 - Attn: Tesa Bush, Human Resources Manager. For questions, please call Tesa Bush at 910-646-3083 ext 205.

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8 am - 12 Noon
State Farm Insurance
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Rain Date: April 2, 2016

Southeastern Community College

Southeastern Community College is seeking qualified individuals for the following position:
English Instructor

Minimum Requirements:

- A Master's Degree in English or Master's Degree with eighteen (18) graduate semester hours in English. Degree and coursework must be from a regionally accredited institution.
- Ability to teach courses offered in the English area at the developmental and introductory college level (i.e. writing foundations, composition strategies, applied communications, expository writing, professional research and reporting, literature-based research.

For a Southeastern Community College application and full description of this position, visit www.sccnc.edu or call (910) 642-7141, ext. 310.

A completed Southeastern Community College application, resume, letter of interest addressing the position requirements and educational transcripts must be submitted to the college Human Resources Office in order for applicants to be considered for this position. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 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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Classifieds Contest

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Correctly count the Easter eggs published in the classified section of The News Reporter between Feb. 25th and March 21st, 2016.

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OR

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EMPLOYMENT

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3. Knowledge of information systems.
4. Ability to use computerized instruction.
5. Willingness to teach in a correctional institution

Preferred Requirements

1. Associates degree in computer science or business related fields.
2. Teaching and/or training experience in Microsoft computer applications.
3. Experience teaching/working in a prison institution.
4. Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certifications.

Excellent references from previous employers must be furnished upon request. Position should be filled no later than March 29, 2016.

For a required Southeastern Community College application, visit www.scnc.edu or call (910) 642-7141, ext. 310.

A completed SCC application, resume, and college transcript(s) (unofficial copies of transcripts will be sufficient for the screening process, but official copies must be submitted prior to employment) must be submitted to the college Human Resources Office in order for applicants to be considered for this position. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. Applications received after this date may not be considered.

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

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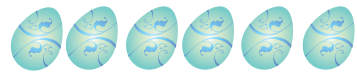
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Amended Notice of Foreclosure Sale

NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 15 SP 170 IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JAMES P. TEDDER TO LINDA H. GANEY, TRUSTEE FOR RIEGELWOOD FEDERAL CREDIT UNION DATED MAY 28, 2009 AND RECORDED JUNE 2, 2009 IN BOOK RB 961 AT***PAGE 912, COLUMBUS COUNTY REGISTRY See Book RB 1116 at Page 655 for instrument appointing John C. Wessell, III Substitute Trustee Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above Deed of Trust, the property secured by the above Deed of Trust being presently owned by the heir(s) of James Phillip Tedder, and by virtue of an Order of the Clerk of Superior Court of Columbus County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and the Deed of Trust being by its terms subject to foreclosure, the Substitute Trustee will offer for sale the lands conveyed in the Deed of Trust, together with the garage apartment and other improvements situated thereon, but not the mobile home situated thereon, to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Columbus County Courthouse in Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina, on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 11:00 a.m., the lands lying and being in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a nail in the centerline of NC Highway 11, said nail being located North 75 degrees 06 minutes West 53.2 feet from an old iron in the East margin of NC Highway 11, said old iron being in the Western corner of the Joseph L. Rogers Lot (old reference Deed of Trust Book 56, Page 49); thence with the centerline of NC Highway 11 North 15 degrees 12 minutes East 507.05 feet to another nail in the centerline; thence North 63 degrees 46 minutes East 245.02 feet to an iron, thence North 68 degrees 46 minutes East

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185.06 feet to another iron, thence North 63 degrees 37 minutes East 148.15 feet to another iron; thence North 72 degrees 16 minutes 106.01 feet to an old iron, thence with the N.A.Lane line South 14 degrees 00 minutes West 1066.3 feet to an old iron, thence North 74 degrees 55 minutes West 216.3 feet to an old iron in the Rogers Line, thence North 12 degrees 35 minutes East 132.85 feet to another old iron in Rogers corner; thence with Rogers line North 75 degrees 06 minutes West 333.0 feet to a nail in the centerline, THE POINT AND PLACE OF BEGINNING containing 9.17 acres more or less, as shown on a "Survey for Maude H. Tedder" dated 9/28/77, prepared Lloyd R. Walker, RLS, and recorded in Plat Book 35, Page 3, Columbus County Registry, to which reference is made. For back title see Book 427, Page 236, Columbus County Registry, Book 247, Page 167, Columbus County Registry and Book 264, Page 500, Columbus County Registry. Property Address: 1890 General Howe Hwy, Riegelwood, NC 28456 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 N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1) and may also be required to pay revenue stamps on the Substitute Trustee's Deed. The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and con-

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Notice of Foreclosure Sale

16 SP 3
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Thomas W. Watson to John W. Gaffney and Joan C. Cox, Trustee(s), dated the 17th day of April, 2013, and recorded in Book RB 1057, Page 147, in Columbus County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. 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 evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 1:30 PM on March 8, 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: BEING Lot #59 of Timber Cove, a 1.3445 tract, as shown on a plat of Timber Cove prepared by John A. Benson, Jr., Registered Land Surveyor, which is recorded in Plat Book 40, page 81 of the Columbus County Registry. Reference is hereby made to said plat for more particularity of description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 20 Hemlock Drive, Whiteville, North Carolina. The above lot is subject to that certain Declaration of Restrictions dated February 28, 1985, said Declaration being recorded in Deed Book 364, page 200 of the Columbus County Registry. For chain of title see Book 545, page 183 of the Columbus County Registry. See also Deed recorded in Book 689, Page 527 Columbus County Registry. Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in NCGS §45-21.23. Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by NCGS §7A-308(a)(1). The property to

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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 representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, 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 and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable Federal and State laws. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. 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. Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.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 foreclosure 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 not more than 90

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days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. 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. **SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC.**
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
c/o Hutchens Law Firm
P.O. Box 1028
4317 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311
Phone No: 910-864-3068
https://sales.hutchenslawfirm.com
Case No: 1171810 (FC.FAY)
February 25, March 3, 2016

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 16-E-45
Having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF MARGARET T. BREWER of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the ESTATE OF MARGARET T. BREWER to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of May, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This 1st day of February, 2016.
George Franklin Brewer, Executor,
102 McArthur St.,
Tabor City, NC 28463
James Allen Lee,
HELMS ROBISON & LEE, P.A.
P. O. Drawer 99
(314 N. Hayne St., 28112),
Monroe, NC 28111-0099
February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

15 SP 75
NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY
Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Robert L. Collum and Teal R. Collum to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Trustee(s), which was dated July 3, 2013 and recorded on July 16, 2013 in Book RB 1064 at Page 69, Columbus County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee

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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 17, 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:
All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Bogue Township, Columbus County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:
Tract One: Beginning at an iron set located in the southern margin of the right-of-way line of S.R. 1967, the Northeast corner of Lot Number 290 of Block D, Waccamaw Shores Subdivision as shown on map recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 65, running thence with said Eastern line of Lot Number 290, South 24 degrees 05 minutes west, 150.00 feet to a point in the canal; thence a line having a length of 74.78 feet, a chord distance of 74.72 feet and a chord bearing of north 61 degrees 54 minutes 02 seconds west to an iron; thence North 24 degrees 05 minutes East, 152.08 feet to an iron set in the southern margin of the right-of-way of S.R. 1967; thence with the curve of the right-of-way with a length of 75.01 feet with a chord distance of 74.89 feet and chord bearing being South 60 degrees 18 minutes 34 seconds East, to the point and place of beginning; and being all of lot 290 and 291 and a portion of Lot Number 292 of Block D of Waccamaw Shores Subdivision, containing .26 acres as shown on the plat referred to above. Together with all right, title and interest of the grantors in and to lake access as contained in that deed conveying subject property to them by lake Waccamaw Development Corp., as shown in Deed Book 433, Page 42, Columbus County Registry.
Tract Two: beginning at an iron set located in the southern margin of the right-of-way of S.R. 1967 (Waccamaw Shores Drive), said iron also being the Northwest corner of Lot Number 292 of Block D of Waccamaw Shores Subdivision as shown in map recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 65 of the Columbus County Registry, and running thence a new line South 24 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West 105 .00

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feet to an iron set; thence continuing South 24 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds West, 47.08 feet to a point in a canal; thence a line with an arc length of 25 .00 feet a chord distance of 25.00 feet and a chord bearing of North 56 degrees 32 minutes 08 seconds West to a point in said canal; thence a new line North 24 degrees 12 minutes 03 seconds East, 153.67 feet to an iron in the southern margin of the right-of-way of S.R. 1967 the Northwest corner of Lot Number 293 of said Block D as referred to above; thence with the southern margin of the right-of-way of S.R. 1967 an arc length of 25.00 feet with a chord distance of 25.00 feet with a chord bearing being South 52 degrees 49 minutes 29 seconds East to the point and place of beginning; and being a tract of land containing .09 acres and carved from Lots Number 292 and 293 of said subdivision as referred to above. Together with all right, title and interest of the grantors in and to lake access as contained in that deed conveying subject property to them by Lake Waccamaw Development Corp., as shown in Deed Book 433, Page 42, Columbus County Registry. That the two tracts constitute Lots 290, 291, 292 and 293 of Block D of Waccamaw Shores Subdivision as shown on map in Plat Book 11, Page 65, together with all right title and interest of the grantor in the lake access lot described in Deed Book 433, Page 42, Columbus County Registry. Being the same premises that was conveyed unto Robert I. Collum and Teal R. Collum, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties, by deed from Robert I. Collum, who took title as Robert Leroy Collum, Jr. and Teal R. Collum, who took title as Teal Collum, husband and wife, dated May 21st, 2013, and recorded May 21st, 2013 at Deed Book RB1059 and Deed Page 678 in the records of the Columbus County Recorder's Office, State of North Carolina. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as 144 Waccamaw Shores Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450. 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 Robert L. Collum and wife, Teal R. Collum. 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

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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
5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200
Wilmington, NC 28403
PHONE: (910) 392-4988
FAX: (910) 392-8587
File No.: 15-02340-FC01
March 3, 10, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing Whiteville Planning Board

The Whiteville Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing as follows:
Date: March 7, 2016
Time: 12:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the agenda will allow
Meeting Location: Whiteville City Hall, 24 Hill Plaza
Conditional Use Permit: Request from Charles G. McClure, III for a conditional use permit for a solar energy system, large scale (solar farm) at 4159 James B White Highway South (tax parcel #4974).
Zoning Map Amendment: Request from David Carter to rezone the property located at 123 East Columbus Street (tax parcel # 2129) from R-6 (Residential District) to O&I (Office & Institutional District).
Zoning Text Amendment: Add the following to the Definitions & Table of Permitted Uses for the B-1 District (Downtown) brew pub, microbrewery, and specialty beer and wine shops with accessory onsite consumption.
Citizens interested in the proposal are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. Changes may be made in the above proposal as a result of debate, objection, or discussion.
Hiram J. Marziano, II
City of Whiteville
Planning Director
910-640-1380
February 25, March 3, 2016

Notice of Public Hearing Columbus County Planning Board

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Columbus County Land Use Regulation Ordinance, that the Columbus County Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 starting at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners Chambers located in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex at 112 W. Smith Street in Whiteville, NC. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive oral and written comments from the public regarding the following application for a Special Use permit:
The planned installation of a four (4) MW solar farm to be constructed on a tract of land that is bordered by James B. White Hwy South, Hunt Road and Princess Place Road in Whiteville, NC. The property is owned by North Fork Habitat, LLC. The application is submitted by submitted by ESA Renewable Energy, LLC.
All interested citizens are invited to attend these hearings to present oral and written comments. Contact the Columbus County Planning Department at 910-640-6608 regarding questions.
NOTE: The Regular Scheduled Planning Board Meeting for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016.
February 22, March 3, 2016

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Public Involvement Meeting: Columbus County Public Transportation Issues

Do you have an interest in public transportation needs in Columbus County?

Columbus County Transportation is preparing a Locally Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan to help address transportation needs for the local transportation users. To help identify the needs and possible solutions a meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 8th, 2016
Time: 2 pm to 4 pm
Place: Columbus County Partnership for Children Building, 109 W. Main St, Whiteville

Be a part of the solution. Public involvement is encouraged.

More info: Charles Patton, (910) 641-3929
cpatton@columbusco.org

City of Whiteville, North Carolina
PO Box 607, 24 Hill Plaza
Whiteville, NC 28472
Request for Qualifications
February 29, 2016

The City of Whiteville is seeking qualified firms to provide general architectural/engineering consultation and design for the Horace B. Whitley Municipal Building, otherwise known as City Hall, located at 317 S. Madison Street in Whiteville, N.C. The City anticipates selecting one firm to provide architectural/engineering services for possible renovations of City Hall and/or recommendations to City Council on the potential of demolition and new construction of a new facility. The City will use a variety of factors in the selection of qualified architectural/engineering firm including, but not limited to, specific municipal/governmental experience, references and other details about the firm's abilities.

The City of Whiteville reserves the right to hire additional firms if the selected firm cannot provide the expertise for the specific project. Key points of interest to the City are: 1) quality of work for past similar clients; 2) Ability to be selected within 4 hours in most cases; 3) Track record in assisting clients with completing projects in a timely manner as well as working within the budgetary requirements.

Deadline:
Please return 5 copies of the general information requested and 5 copies of the requested examples of the firm's work no later than March 31, 2016 at 3pm. Please mail all materials to City of Whiteville, Attention: City Clerk, P. O. Box 607 Whiteville, NC 28472. For overnight deliveries or in person deliveries, please send to street address: 24 Hill Plaza Whiteville, NC 28472.

Contact information:
For additional information regarding this RFQ please contact: City Manager Darren Currie or Carey White, Building Inspector. Office Phone (910) 642-8046

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LEGAL NOTICES**Notice of Public Hearing of the Columbus County Board of Health**

Public notice is hereby given that the Columbus County Board of Health will conduct a public hearing at 6:00pm on the 16th day of March, 2016 at the W.E. Miller building, 304 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472 on the proposed rules and regulations governing the location of Individual Home Burial Sites, Church and Family Cemeteries in Columbus County, proposed effective date May 2, 2016.

At the time and place fixed for the said public hearing, all who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or in opposition to the proposed said rules and regulations governing the location of Individual Home Burial Sites, Church and Family Cemeteries in Columbus County. Copies of the proposed rules and regulations can be obtained at the Columbus County Health Department at the above address or the Columbus County Clerk's Office, Columbus County Administrative Building, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, N.C., during normal business hours (9:00am-5:00pm). Prior to the public hearing, written comments may be submitted to Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director located at the W.E. Miller Building, 304 Jefferson Street, Whiteville, N.C. 28472. All those who wish to speak at the public hearing must register at the door of the room prior to the public hearing. The rules governing the presentation of information, comments and data will be announced immediately prior to the commencement of the public hearing by the presiding member on the Board of Health. Submitted this the 29th day of February, 2016.

Kimberly L. Smith, Health Director.
March 3, 2016

Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COLUMBUS COUNTY 15SP182

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY JEFFREY KIM BARNES AND LINDA GAIL BARNES DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2003 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 759 AT PAGE 817 IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 10:30AM on March 15, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situated in Williams Township, Columbus County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron and located in the centerline of S.R. 1327, said point of beginning being located south 18 degrees 06 minutes west a distance of 591.07 feet from A.P.K. nail which is located in the intersection point of the centerline S.R. 1324 and the extension of the centerline of S.R. 1327, thence 272.58 feet to another iron located in the centerline of S.R. 1327; thence along an agreed line recorded in Book 335 at Page 528, north 70 degrees 17 minutes west a distance of 397.31 feet to an iron located in the run of Cedar Branch; thence with the run of Cedar Branch north 43 degrees 04 minutes 30 seconds east a distance of 122.84 feet to an iron; thence north 82 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds east a distance of 70.07 feet to an iron; thence north 45 degrees 06 minutes east a distance of 89.79 feet to an iron; thence south 80 degrees 46 minutes east a distance of 40.01 feet to an iron; thence north 12 degrees 40 minutes east a distance of 39.02 feet to an iron; thence south 70 degrees 17 minutes east a distance of 203.34 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.89 acres more or less and being shown on a plat entitled "PLAT FOR GREGORY AND JORANNE C. MCPHERSON" bearing date of 12 October, 1981 by Bill M. Duncan, registered land surveyor.

By fee simple deed from Gregory McPherson and wife, Joanne C. McPherson as set forth in Book 385, Page 961 dated 08/10/1987 and recorded 08/28/1987, Columbus County Records, State of North Carolina.

And Being more commonly known as: 140 Old Cartrette Rd, Clarendon, NC 28432

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Linda Gail Barnes.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS

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IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is February 23, 2016.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee
10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400
Charlotte, NC 28216
704-333-8107
http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/15-074916
March 3, 10, 2016

Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COLUMBUS COUNTY 15SP208

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY RHONDA ELLIOTT DATED JULY 21, 2014 AND RECORDED IN BOOK RB 1090 AT PAGE 72 IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 10:00AM on March 10, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN TATUM TOWNSHIP, COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST TRACT:
LYING AND BEING IN TATUM TOWNSHIP, COLUMBUS COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, ABOUT 2.6 MILES EAST OF BOARDMAN, NORTH OF AND ADJOINING PAVED SECONDARY ROAD 1506 AND BOUND-ED BY OTHER LANDS OF THE ORIGINAL TRACT ON ALL OTHER SIDES. BEGINNING AT A NAIL IN CENTER OF SECONDARY ROAD NO. 1506, SAID NAIL BEING S. 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES W. 180.0 FEET FROM SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ORIGINAL TRACT AND W.D. BROOKS, JR. SOUTHWEST CORNER AND RUNS AS SAID ROAD S. 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES W. 150.0 FEET TO A NAIL; THENCE WITH SAID ROAD, N. 88 DEGREES 42 MINUTES W. 115.0 FEET TO A NAIL; THENCE N. 1 DEGREE 18 MINUTES E. 340.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE S. 7 DEGREES 00 MINUTES W. 340.0 FEET TO THE BEGINNING CONTAINING 2.20 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

And Being more commonly known as: 4269 Old Boardman Rd, Evergreen, NC 28438

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Rhonda Elliott.

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered

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for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is February 18, 2016.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee
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Charlotte, NC 28216
(704) 333-8107
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February 25, March 3, 2016

Notice of Sale

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION COLUMBUS COUNTY 15SP90

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY DANNY P. LATHAM AND ETHEL MAE LATHAM DATED AUGUST 31, 2000 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 629 AT PAGE 287 RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2000 IN BOOK 636, PAGE 158 IN THE COLUMBUS COUNTY PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at 10:00AM on March 10, 2016 the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of Lot No. Thirty (30) of Old Farms Estates, as shown on Plat recorded in Map Book 52 at Page 74 in the Columbus County Registry, to which reference is hereby made for a more full and complete description by metes and bounds.

And Being more commonly known as: 113 Pretty Branch Ln, Riegelwood, NC 28456

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Danny P. Latham and wife, Ethel Mae Latham. The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed. This sale is made subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, and unpaid taxes and assessments including but not limited to any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. A deposit

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of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale. This sale will be held open ten days for upset bids as required by law. Following the expiration of the statutory upset period, all remaining amounts are IMMEDIATELY DUE AND OWING. Failure to remit funds in a timely manner will result in a Declaration of Default and any deposit will be frozen pending the outcome of any re-sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Substitute Trustee or the attorney of any of the foregoing.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR LEASEHOLD TENANTS: If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement upon written notice to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time notice of termination is provided. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. The date of this Notice is January 21, 2016.

Grady I. Ingle or Elizabeth B. Ells Substitute Trustee

10130 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 400

Charlotte, NC 28216

704-333-8107

http://shapiroattorneys.com/nc/15-070746

February 25, March 3, 2016

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 15SP128

FOR THE ADOPTION OF: Genesis Omega Jahkai Spain
BY: William Spann Jr. and Vera Mae Spann

TO: Unknown Father, Respondent
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption was filed by William Spann Jr. and Vera Mae Spann on the 19th of August, 2015, with the Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, Whiteville, NC, in the above-entitled special proceeding. The Petition relates to a male child born on September 24, 2008 in Columbus Regional Healthcare System Hospital, Whiteville, NC. The birth mother's name is Roberta Latoya Spain. 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 18th day of February, 2016.

Tabitha A. Etheridge
Attorney for Petitioners
NC Bar #47023
Post Office Box 1307
Whiteville, NC 28472
February 18, 25, March 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BURNICE CRAWFORD DECEASED

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF COLUMBUS IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK 14-E-364

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BURNICE CRAWFORD
The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Burnice Crawford, deceased, late of Columbus County, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to Burnice Crawford, Executrix, 201 Church Street, on or before the 30th day of May, 2016 or barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are asked to please make immediate payment to:
Wanda McFadden
201 Church Street
Chadbourn, NC 28431
William L. Davis, III
Attorney at Law
PO Box 1363
Lumberton, NC 28359
Telephone: 910-738-7776
Fax: 910-671-9039
Email: mdavis11745@aol.com
February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Dorothy L. Williams, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of February, 2016.

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Ursla F. Williams, Administratrix of the estate of Dorothy L. Williams
3207 Silverspoon Road
Whiteville, NC 28472
February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Edna W. Bateman, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 18th day of February, 2016.

David F. Smith, Executor of the estate of Edna W. Bateman
134 River Oaks Dr
Wilmington, NC 28412
February 18, 25, March 3, 10, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Roger Pittman Worley, deceased, of Columbus County, State of North Carolina, the undersigned does pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 28A-14-1 hereby notify all persons, firms, associations or corporations having claims against the estate of the said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 2016, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, associations or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make payment immediately. This the 5th day of February, 2016.

Edward D. Worley
Executor of the Estate of
Roger Pittman Worley
James E. Hill, Jr., PLLC
Attorney at Law
109 Courthouse Square
Whiteville, NC 28472
Telephone: (910) 642-8136
Facsimile: (910) 640-2101
Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY
The undersigned, Theodore Leonard Shaw, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lois Dixon Shaw, deceased, late of Columbus County, NC, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned Administrator on or before May 15, 2016, at Powell & Powell, Attorneys, PO Box 428, Whiteville, NC 28472, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator. This the 8th day of February, 2016.
Theodore Leonard Shaw
Administrator
2911 General Howe Rd.

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Riegelwood, NC 28456
c/o J. Coburn Powell
Powell & Powell, Attorneys
PO Box 428
Whiteville, NC 28472
Telephone: (910) 642-2728
Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 3, 2016

Time Warner Cable

Time Warner Cable's agreements with programmers and broadcasters to carry their services and stations routinely expire from time to time. We are usually able to obtain renewals or extensions of such agreements, but in order to comply with applicable regulations, we must inform you when an agreement is about to expire. The following agreements are due to expire soon, and we may be required to cease carriage of one or more of these services/stations in the near future: WRDC, WFLF, Azteca America, Youtoo, RFD HD, Pivot, HBO (SD & HD), HBO West (SD & HD), HBO2 (SD & HD), HBO2 West, HBO Signature (SD & HD), HBO Signature West, HBO Family (SD & HD), HBO Family West, HBO Comedy (SD & HD), HBO Comedy West, HBO Zone (SD & HD), HBO Zone West, HBO Latino (SD & HD), HBO On Demand, Cinemax (SD & HD), Cinemax West (SD & HD), ThrillerMAX West, OuterMAX (SD & HD), MaxLatino (SD & HD), 5StarMAX (SD & HD), MovieMAX (SD & HD), Cinemax On Demand, TV One (SD & HD), ShopHQ/EVINE Live (SD & HD), POP/TVGN (SD & HD), Music Choice On Demand and Music Choice (channels 1900-1950), DW Amerika, Outdoor Channel (SD & HD), Al Jazeera (SD & HD).

In addition, from time to time we make certain changes in the services that we offer in order to better serve our customers. The following changes are planned:

WGN America may be repositioned from Starter TV to Standard TV on or after March 23, 2016.

A free preview of STARZ will be provided to all TV customers with a Digital Set-Top Box April 8-10, and may contain PG, PG-13, TV-14, TV-MA and R rated programs. To block this preview and for Parental Control information, visit twc.com or call 1-800-TWCABLE. Restrictions may apply.

The new services listed below cannot be accessed on CableCARD-equipped Unidirectional Digital Cable Products purchased at retail without additional, two-way capable equipment: None at the time.

For more information about your local channel line-up, visit www.twc.com/programmingnotices.
March 3, 2016



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"A Community Conversation"

with

Carla Parker Hollis, CEO

Join us at one of the locations below to hear about the exciting activities and plans underway at *YOUR* hospital!

Tuesday, March 1	6:30 pm	Boys & Girls Home Fellowship Hall Lake Waccamaw, NC
Thursday, March 3	6:30pm	Fair Bluff Baptist Church Fair Bluff, NC
Monday, March 7,	6:30pm	Vineland Station Depot Whiteville, NC



Photograph from the LESLIE BALDWIN COLLECTION

This is how Black's Tire Service looked in the mid-1950s. That's Madison Street (two lanes at the time) in front. This view was from what is today the front of the San Jose Mexican Restaurant.



The Standard Gasoline station in the 1920s/1930s on the northwest corner of Madison and Walter streets.



On May 5, 1951, this new Esso station opened across from the Whiteville Post Office on the southeast corner of Madison and Columbus streets.



Esso station manager William Turner, left, stands with the two unidentified men who won his top grand opening prizes – tires and a Maytag ironing machine. Turner, who died about 10 years later, was the first husband of Freddie Turner Stell and the father of their seven children – Billy, Bobby, Dickie, Andy, Jean, Michelle and Craig. During that first week, anyone purchasing five or more gallons of gas received a free set of six tea glasses.



This new Pure Oil Station opened in October 1950 on the northwest corner of Madison and Virgil streets. Today, this building houses 72 Degrees Heating and Cooling.



The Pure Oil manager, possibly E.L. Garrell, right, congratulates the winner of station's grand-opening prize – a refrigerator.

There was no such thing as 'self-service'

Prior to the 1970s, all gas stations were full service. That's why they were called "service stations." The thought of someone pumping their own gas was unheard of.

Service station attendants came to the car windows and asked the drivers what they wanted. They pumped gas, checked water and oil, and cleaned the windshields.

Some would bring an ice cold six-ounce Coke.

Today, Barnes Exxon may be one of just a handful of stations with a set of "full-service" pumps.

In 1941, the Whiteville phone book listed the following service stations: Gulf Pride at 417 S. Madison St.; Baldwin Esso, South Madison; Black's Service Station, South Madison; Butler's Service Station, South Madison; Cricket Service Station, Jefferson Street; Fletcher's Esso Station, Courthouse Square; Sedo Miles Service Station, Commerce Street; Roadway Service Station, South Whiteville; C.B. Smith's Service Station, Jefferson Street; Texaco Service Co., South Madison; Thompson's Service Station, South Whiteville and E. Lawson Watts Service Station.

In 1952, the list included: Blacks Tire Service, South

Whiteville; Caswell's Service Station, Chadbourn Road; Madison Amoco Service, 501 S. Madison; Center Esso Service, 900 South Madison; E.F. Collins Service Station Smyrna Road; Cricket Service Station, Duncan's Oil Service, South Madison; Fletcher's Esso; E.L. Garell's Pure Oil Service; Hine's Shell Service, 415 S. Madison; Jordan's Esso, South Madison; Memory Twins Service Station, Courthouse Square; Newsome Texaco Service, South Madison; Traveler's Oil, North Madison and Turbeville's Esso, 401 South Madison.

By 1962, the phone book had added J.D. Beasley's American Station, U.S. 701-ByPass; Etna Service Station on North Madison; Goodwin's Sinclair Service Station on U.S. 701; Joe's Grocery and Service Station on N.C. 130; Lee's Service Station on U.S. 74 East; Madison Gulf Service; Matthew's Shell Service at 415 S. Madison; Mayes Texaco Service at the Courthouse Square; Saw-Way Service Station, South Whiteville; and Wright's Guld Service, Courthouse Square.

At one time, there were about 20 places within the Whiteville city limits to refuel a car.

Today, there are 10.



Long before it was a Christian Book store (across from J.S. Mann's) this building was a Texaco Station (circa 1935) with a drive-through pump.



A Shell station on the northeast corner of Madison and Virgil streets. Across Virgil Street was an Amoco Station. One block south on Madison was an Esso. Across Madison Street was a Pure Oil station. One block north was another Esso station.



A Pure Oil Station in the late 1940s owned by Samuel L. Fuller on the corner of Madison and College streets. The house in the background belongs today to Helen and Jerry Holden.

Religion

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SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Central MBC sets pastoral appreciation

A celebration honoring Pastor Rev. David A. Flowers Sr. 41st pastoral anniversary will be held Sunday, March 6 with two services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The guest speakers will be Rev. Richard Williams Jr., pastor of Bristol Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Dothan at 11 a.m. followed by Rev. Mack Hines, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church of Mullins, S.C. at 4 p.m.

The church is located at 443 W. Virgil Street.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets at First Presbyterian Church, 511 N. Thompson St., Whiteville on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday nights at 8 p.m. A guest speaker will be at the meeting on the last Thursday of each month. The



Rev. David A. Flowers Sr.

church is located on Thompson Street in Whiteville.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at Highest Praise Church, 109 N. Madison St., Whiteville on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant AME Zion Church, 15956 Old Lake Road, Riegelwood on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Al-anon meets at **First Presbyterian Church**, 511 N. Thompson St., Whiteville on Mondays at 8 p.m.

Diabetes Support Group meets at Columbus Regional Healthcare, Education Center, Classroom 2 the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information call Shauna Nobles at 642-9458 or 641-8208.

Brain Injury Support Group meets at Columbus Regional Healthcare, Education Center, Room 1A the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information call Shauna Nobles or Sonja Green at 642-8011 ext. 9458.

Compassionate Friends Support Group (Grief group for parents who have lost children to death) meets at Grace Episcopal Church, 105 S. Madison St., Whiteville the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 647-8401.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #962 of Columbus County meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 1028 S. Madison St., Whiteville.

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

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

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

at 1028 S. Madison St. Whiteville.

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

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

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

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

A Community Garden is available at **Chadbourne United Methodist Church**. Persons are invited to come and plant in the raised bed plots. For more information call 654-5250 or 654-4069 and leave message, name and number.

Ordination service for Freeman March 13

Apostle Tanty A. Freeman, pastor of Community Prayer House, will hold the ordination service of Minister Betty Freeman Sunday, March 13 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Lula Webb of New Townsend Temple Ministries of Bolton.

The church is located on Sam Potts Hwy., Bolton.

HomeCare MC sets disabilities support group

A social support group for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities for ages 17 years old and older will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at HomeCare Management Corporation.

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

For more information call Tammy Creech-Whitlow at 640-1153.

Lee's Chapel AMEZ revival March 2-4

Lee's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will hold its revival Wednesday, March 2-Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. nightly.

The speaker will be Elder Lester Jacobs, presiding elder of the Washington District, Eastern N.C. Episcopal District and a native of Bolton.

The church is located at 42 Blacksmith Road, Bolton.

Rev. Thomasina Brailford is the pastor.

108th Army Reserve retirees dinner meeting

The 108th Division Army Reserve retirees will hold their quarterly dinner meeting Friday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at Dales Seafood Restaurant in Whiteville.

All members of the group and wives are invited as well as anyone who served in the 108th Division.

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Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
35	136	79	80	84	85	86

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Blood pressure checks March 1, 8, 15

A free reversing high blood pressure naturally is set for Whiteville Seventh-Day Adventist Church Tuesdays, March 1, 8 and 15.

A soup and salad supper will be served with an instructional video at 7 p.m. by board certified internal medicine specialist.

There will be group discussion and blood pressure checks by trained medical professionals.

Pre-register by calling 754-5597.

The church is located at 1002 N. Franklin Street.

Celebrate Recovery every Monday

Celebrate Recovery is held every Monday at Living Word Church. Dinner is from 6-7 p.m. with main meeting from 7-8 p.m. Small groups meet from 8-9 p.m. and Joel's Place at 9 p.m.

This is a 12-step Christ-centered recovery with freedom from physical abuse, grief, financial difficulty, drugs, alcohol, depression, anxiety, gossip, love and relationships, sexual addiction, food addiction and anger.

For more information call Pastor Ron at 918-5355, Becki at 642-4461 or Darren at 770-0511.

The church is located at 6374 Chadbourn Hwy.

HomeCare MC sets special Olympics meeting

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

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

For more information call Jennifer Moore at 640-1153.

Cornerstone OFWBC youth pork chop dinner

Cornerstone Original Free-will Baptist Church youth league will hold a grilled pork chop dinner Thursday, March 31 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Plates are \$7 and include two pork chops, corn, green beans, roll and dessert.

All orders need to be placed by Monday, March 21 by calling Tammy at 642-5783 or by calling the church at 642-0129.

The church is located at 8428 Hallsboro Road, South.

Chadbourn COG Holy Ghost revival

Chadbourn Church of God 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.



Roy Freeman

Freeman to speak at Victory SDA

Brother Roy Freeman Jr. will be speaking Saturday, March 12 at Victory Seventh Day Adventist Church in Riegelwood.

A meal will be served following the service.

The church is located on Oscar Blanks Road, Riegelwood.

Steven L. Gates is the pastor.

Hallsboro BC presents live Easter presentation

Hallsboro Baptist Church will present a live Easter presentation entitled "For God so loved" on the grounds of the church on Friday and Saturday nights, March 25 and 26, from 6-8 p.m. This play is a drive-through or walk-through presentation. It will feature members of the church and community. There is no charge.

The church is located at 551 Hallsboro Road South. Rev. Scott Lewis is the pastor.

Antioch True Deliverance HC women's conference

Antioch True Deliverance Holiness Church will host its women's conference Thursday, March 3 and Friday, March 4 at 7 p.m. nightly in Whiteville and Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Marion, S.C. at Holy Ground Temple Holiness Church.

The speakers are Thursday, March 3 Evangelist Kessy Moody of Shekiah Community Church in Conway, S.C.

Friday, March 4 Assistant Pastor Margaret McMillan of Antioch True Deliverance Holiness Church of Whiteville.

Saturday, March 5 Pastor Lakisha Wilson of Throne of God Ministries of Marion S.C.

Pireway OFWBC revival March 6-12

Pireway Original Free-will Baptist Church will hold its revival Sunday, March 6-Saturday, March 12. Sunday service will be held at 6 p.m. and Monday-Saturday will be 7:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Rev. Kenny Woolwine. There will be special singing each night.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY *For Columbus County and Surrounding Areas*

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version. We'll include your church name, address, phone number, pastor's name, service times and web address. You'll also have an expanded church profile, including church photos, run in the directory sometime during the six month period. We encourage you to help make this directory complete by having your church information included.



White Marsh Baptist Church

341 White Hall Rd.
Whiteville, NC 28472
910-770-5487
Reverend Ray Yow

White Marsh Baptist Church, located in the Welches Creek Township in Columbus County, was organized around 1765. It is the oldest church in the Columbus Baptist Association.

White Marsh was recognized in November 1976 by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention with a plaque honoring it as one of the 25 oldest Baptist churches in the state.

During the 250th Anniversary Celebration and Homecoming Service on Sunday, October 11, 2015, the church was also recognized with plaques from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Columbus Baptist Association for 250 years of faithful service to the community. We invite everyone to come and join our worship services.

Services:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

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

AFRICAN-METHODIST EPISCOPAL

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

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

AFRICAN-METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION

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

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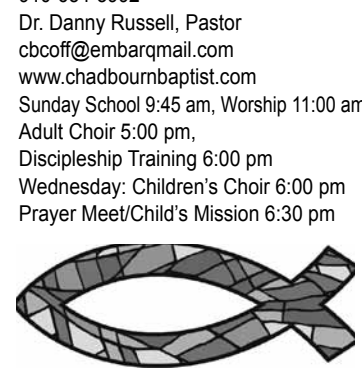
Abundant Life Assembly of God
5384 James B. White Hwy. S., Whiteville
Pastor Jerry J. Spivey • 910-642-5003
pastorspivey@embarqmail.com
Sunday 10:00 am, 10:45 am, 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:30 pm

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

BAPTIST

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

FREEWILL BAPTIST

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

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

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

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

CATHOLIC

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
302 N. Lee St., Whiteville
Rev. Marco Antonio Gonzalez-Hernandez
fr.marco.gonzalez@raldios.org
www.bccatholics.org • 910-642-3895
Eucharist/Santa Misa
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 English Mass
Domingo 12:30 pm Spanish Mass
Martes (Tues.) Spanish 7 pm Misa de la tarde
Thursday (Jueves) English 6 pm English Mass
Holy Day of Obligation 7:30 pm Bilingual Mass
Tuesday/Martes 6-7 pm Confessions
Thursday/Jueves 5-6 pm Confessions

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY

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

EPISCOPAL/LUTHERAN

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

HOLINESS

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

METHODIST-UNITED

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

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

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Glory Tabernacle Church
4513 Pleasant Plains Church Rd, Whiteville
Pastor Clark Whittington
910-640-2991
www.gtconnect.org
Sunday 10:30 am and 6:00 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm

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

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

PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

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Tabor City Happenings and Events

By Dianne Nobles Ward
Promotions Director, Town of Tabor City

Plans for the 2016 N.C. Yam Festival are set and in motion. The board met in February with new President, Rev. Billy Roy at the helm and Festival Manager Maria Cartrette by his side. New ideas and activities are already being discussed proving that this year's festival will be one that you definitely will want to attend. We are always looking for volunteers and committee chairs so if interested in working on this year's festival contact Roy at 499-1069 or Cartrette at 843-602-4207.

An Intergovernmental meeting was held Monday, Feb. 22 at Southeastern Community College. The main topic of the evening was the upcoming statewide Bond Referendum. The legislature has put this package of improvements on the ballot for the voters to determine. This Bond Referendum would allow the state to borrow hundreds of millions of dollars to improve college campuses, our state parks, water and sewer systems and other improvements. It has been determined that the loan repayments will not require an increase in the tax rate of our state. If this is voted in, many improvements will be made at SCC as well as the Lake Waccamaw State Park.

The Greater Tabor City Chamber of Commerce will hold its Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 19 at Lake Tabor. The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. If you would like to get additional information call Cynthia Nelson at 377-3012. Another exciting event that is currently being planned by the Chamber is "Train Day" celebrating the arrival of R.J. Corman Railroad. Details for this event will be coming shortly.

It's never too early to begin planning your Easter or summer vacation so head on down to the Tabor City Visitor Center where our hostesses can help plan a get away. We have added 75 new brochures and visitors guides for destinations such as the beach, mountains as well as the piedmont. N.C. has so many beautiful places to see and explore.

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

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

Living Hope offers free prenatal vitamins

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

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

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

The provision of free prenatal vitamins is the newest service of Living Hope, which is celebrating 25 years of service to Columbus County. Other services include free pregnancy tests and estimated due dates necessary for applying

Lake Waccamaw Food ministry to distribute food

Lake Waccamaw food ministry will distribute food to those in need.

The distribution days will be the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of each month, from 9-10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Sam Potts Hwy. Lake Waccamaw.

Food recipients need only a photo ID to receive free food.

The partnering churches are Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church, Lake Waccamaw Presbyterian Church, Little Wheel of Hope Church and First Baptist Church of Lake Waccamaw.

For more information call 646-3727.

Bethel UMC fried chicken fundraiser

Bethel United Methodist Church will hold its famous fried chicken supper fundraiser Saturday, March 5 from 4-7:30 p.m.

Plates are \$8 and include chicken, potato salad, green beans, biscuit, dessert and beverage. Plates are eat in or take out. Delivery is available for 10 or more plates by calling 640-0200.

The church is located at 2733 M.M. Ray Road, Clarendon.

Whiteville United MC to hold Lenten

Whiteville United Methodist Church will hold its Lenten service Wednesday, March 9 at noon. The guest speaker will be Rev. Andy Anderson.

He is the pastor of Overflow Fellowship Church in Little River, S.C.



Andy Anderson

Applications for S'Berry pageant

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

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

Greater Restoration food distribution

Greater Restoration Enrichment Center in Whiteville has TEFAP and commodity food distributions every second Saturday and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at 10 a.m. for Columbus County residents.

For more information call 641-0800.

GREC is located at 3490 James B. White Hwy. South.

Liberty Hospice needs volunteers

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

The hospice is located at 44 McNeill Plaza.

Columbus County Leadership committee meets Tuesdays

The Columbus County Leadership Council Steering Committee meets each second Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Bogue Community Park, Hallsboro.

This non-partisan, non-profit advocacy group encourages participation of citizens willing to collaborate to effect powerful, positive changes on the local, state and federal levels.

Group goals, bylaws, membership information and applications may be secured via email request at www.columbuscountyleadershipcouncil.weebly.com or send written request to Columbus County Leadership Council, P.O. Box 57, Hallsboro, N.C. 28442

For more information call Loris McClellan at 207-6574 or Bridget Stephens at 646-1164.

Sandhill MBC church announcements

Sandhill Missionary Baptist Church church announcements for March are:

Saturday, March 12 The Sandhill Male Chorus will celebrate its anniversary at 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 20 the deacons of Sandhill will hold its Family and Friends Day during the 11 a.m. worship service. The guest speaker will be Pastor Ollie Mosby and the congregation of Greater Robinson Temple of Elizabethtown.

Wednesday, March 23 will be Passion Week from March 20-25. Wednesday night Sandhill will take the mid-week program at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Darryl Hardy of St. John Baptist Church.

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

Donald L. Thompson is the pastor.

We're On The Web:
www.whiteville.com



Conditioning your pet

Do you have one of those pets that just loves to beat you to the door, partially knocking you down? I'm sure you'd love to just say, "Go and never come back!" but would you mean it? Sometimes I have but gave in. Being a pet owner since forever, over the years I've had a few of those scenes myself with both dogs and cats, and even horses, but that's a story by itself.

Of course it's a much simpler solution when you have a fenced-in yard, that is if you did indeed intend to let the dog out. However I'm talking about when you don't want to let the dog out. Now what.

Believe it or not, there is a basic issue here and it's called conditioning. That means that your pet is being conditioned by your behavior pattern, and the simplest thing to do is change the pattern. In other words, if you do like most of us do, routinely put on your shoes, grab your car keys or purse, and walk to the door, well doggie isn't dumb, he knows you're going out and so is he.

So how do you change this behavior, this conditioning? Fool him. Get ready to go out but instead of opening the door, turn around, go sit on a chair, remove the shoes if you'd like, and then repeat the routine again.

Do this a few times and you've totally confused the dog (or cat). So how many times must one do this to confuse or recondition the dog (cats are smarter)? Your dog will be quick to respond to this pattern because now you are conditioning him or her to the fact that you don't know what you're doing and therefore he/she will just give up and lay down forgetting what started this in the first place. Then and only then you can tell them the magic words, "Let's go." Now you are in control, which makes for a happier pet family.

Charlene High is the former publisher and editor of Natural Pet magazine, and has been involved with breeding horses, dogs and cats for more than 30 years. Do you have a question on our topic today? Then email yourpetrxtopics@gmail.com or write "yourpetrx" care of this newspaper.

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

Sandy Plain has new pastor Turner

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

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

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

Methodists set Lenten services

The Chadbourn and Evergreen United Methodist churches have planned Lenten services for Ash Wednesday and the six Sunday nights preceding Easter.

Services are at 7 p.m. with light refreshments and special music.

Services are scheduled as follows:

Evergreen UMC:
Feb. 28 - Rev. Bob Bauman.

Chadbourn UMC
March 6 - Rev. C.F. McDowell III.

March 13 - Pam Muse.

March 20 - Dr. Sharon Edwards.

Beaverdam OFWBC sets revival

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

Saturday, March 5 the River-town Boys of Conway, S.C. will be on the program.

Rev. Buddy Seay is the pastor.

First Baptist MC family/friends day

First Baptist Missionary Church will hold its 4th annual Family and Friends Day Sunday, March 13 at 11:15 a.m. The theme will be "We are family." The speaker will be Elder Robert Williams, pastor of House of Miracles. Lunch will be served.

The church is located at 304 W. 6th Street, Tabor City.

Rodney Gore is the pastor.

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Dandelion Root Tea as a remedy for reflux



By JOE AND TERESA GRAEDON

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Q. Dandelion root tea has helped me a lot with my acid reflux. I have used a PPI for just 14 days with a combination of apple-cider vinegar diluted in warm water for immediate relief.

Decreasing my alcohol

consumption and eliminating coffee made a difference, as these are huge triggers for me. But dandelion root tea seems to rid me of any heartburn issues, so I've stopped all other remedies.

A. The recent news about serious side effects from long-term use of proton-pump inhibitors (PPIs) such as esomeprazole (Nexium) and lansoprazole (Prevacid) makes nondrug alternatives appealing. Dandelion root has a reputation as benefiting digestive problems, though there is not much clinical research. The root of *Taraxacum officinale* (dandelion) does contain

effective antimicrobial compounds (Phytotherapy Research, April 2015).

Dandelion root has prebiotic properties that encourage the growth of beneficial gut bacteria (Fitoterapia, December 2004).

We are unsure whether these activities explain the good results you experience, however.

Q. I read your recent column about the aroma in soap being the secret cure for leg cramps. It dawned on me that I haven't been experiencing leg cramps or foot cramps at night for the past six weeks. This coincides with my recent purchase of an aromatherapy mister that I use at night in the bedroom with essential oils, e.g., lavender, tea leaf, lemon grass, eucalyptus and sweet orange. I used to get cramps almost every night so painful that they woke me

with severe, excruciating pain.

I got the mister because I like the smell, but maybe it's the reason the leg and foot cramps have abated. If so, that's a great benefit. I'll try the bar of soap when I travel and don't have the mister with me.

A. Thanks for sharing your secret. Other people with nighttime leg cramps might want to try it.

We offer many other recommendations, from pre-bedtime stretches to mineral supplements, in our Guide to Leg Pain. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (71 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons' People's Pharmacy, No. RLS-5, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027. It also can be downloaded for \$2 from our website: www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Responses to cramp

The News Reporter, Thursday, March 3 2016 -- 5C realize they are under too much stress.

A. Thanks for pointing out the relationship between psychological stress and psoriasis (Dermatology Research and Practice online, Oct. 15, 2015).

Q. You recently ran a story about someone who suffered with psoriasis until she went to Hawaii on vacation. I, too, suffered with psoriasis for years, using creams, ointments, light treatments, etc., and have always loved sun and salt water. My psoriasis always improved after a little sun and salt water, but it went away completely after I retired. Stress gone, psoriasis gone.

The person who wrote about the sun helping so much also had remarried and was no longer working two jobs to support herself and her children. I believe stress is a major component to psoriasis. Many people may not

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Write to them in care of this newspaper or email them via their Web site: www.PeoplesPharmacy.com. Their newest book is "Top Screwups Doctors Make and How to Avoid Them."

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WMU Prayer breakfast March 5

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

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

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

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

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

Riegelwood AA meets Wednesdays

The Riegelwood group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at the USW Local 9-738, 102 Old Stage Hwy. (87) at Riegelwood.

Pregnant? Need a crib or car seat?

Living Hope Pregnancy Support Services, a life-affirming Christian ministry, offers an Earn While You Learn program for pregnant women in Columbus County. This program is open all pregnant women, regardless of age, income, or marital status. Upon enrolling in the program, the expectant mother is paired with a client advocate. The advocate meets with the client for a series of eight one-on-one classes, selected to match the interests and needs of the client. The client earns "baby bucks" by completing her classes and homework assignments. At the completion of the classes, the expectant mom can trade her "baby bucks" for an Evenflo infant car seat or a BabySuite portable play yard plus a basket filled with clothing and supplies for her baby.

The center is located at 116 Premiere Plaza, behind Waffle

Make-A-Wish needs volunteers

Wish Granting Volunteers are needed for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina.

Wish Granters visit the family and help determine the wish of the child while explaining wish procedures and using their creative side to make the wish truly magical.

Wish Granters see firsthand the impact a wish can make on a child with a life-threatening medical condition.

For more information, contact Lisa at 919-821-7111 or lbrinkerhoff@eastncwish.org.

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Cypress Branch PWFB BBQ fundraiser

Cypress Branch Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church will hold its BBQ fundraiser Friday, March 11. Plates are \$7 and include BBQ, slaw, baked beans, roll and a slice of cake. Delivery is available for 5 or more plates.

BBQ will also be sold by the pound for \$7.

There will also be a cake bake sale to benefit the youth on a trip to the mountains. Call Nancy Stanley at 843-516-1502 to order.

The church is located at 1067 Small Road, Fair Bluff.

For more information call Debbie Batten at 910-770-2684, Larry Stanley at 843-421-5267 or Jason Jordan at 843-385-3491.

Services set at American Legion Post

Pastor Robert D. Williams Sr. and his congregation will hold services at the American Legion Post Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. until further notice.

JCPC meetings

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

Columbus County Bible College enrolling

Columbus County Bible College is now enrolling students for the spring semester 2016.

Day classes are also available.

The college is offering certificates in biblical studies, associate bachelor, master and doctorate degrees. This is an accredited Bible college.

For more information contact Dr. Tanty A. Freeman, dean of Columbus County Bible College at 619-7111 or 655-8971.

The college is housed in Community Prayer House, 17362 Sam Potts Hwy., Bolton.

Weight Express meets Mondays in Chadbourn

People who want to lose weight and learn to eat healthier are invited to join "Weight Express" each Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Chadbourn Masonic Lodge at 417 E. Strawberry Blvd. Everyone is invited and there are no fees involved, although donations are accepted. For more information call George Baysden at 654-3911 or Rosa Watkins at 840-4904.

Daniel Plan held at Western Prong BC

Western Prong Baptist Church will hold a six-week series called The Daniel Plan-40 days to a healthier life, centered on five essentials that will guarantee success: faith, food, fitness, focus and friends.

There will be Bible study and healthy food tastings. The series will begin Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

To sign up email aman-datedder@yahoo.com.

Global School of Ministry enrolling students

Global School of Ministry is now enrolling students.

Global School of Ministry is being offered free of charge through love offerings and donations.

Individuals interested in learning how to receive biblical training and education without paying the high cost of tuition are invited to contact Minister Patrina Wright at 234-3092.

Tatum's 14th annual gospel sing anniversary

Tatum's 14th annual gospel sing anniversary is set for Saturday, March 19 at 6 p.m. at New Life Church. On the program will be the Beaverdam Boys from Beaverdam, Nadine and Stevie from Bolton and Joyful Sounds of Galivants, S.C. with a special appearance by T.J. Tatum.

Door prizes will be given away. Refreshments will be available.

The church is located at 107 S. Mauldsby Street.

For more information call Johnny Tatum at 625-8816.

Praying for Revival

To every child of God consider this as your personal open invitation to attend a monthly prayer meeting to pray for revival in the local community.

This call goes beyond denomination, race and/or size of the building where you worship as a church family.

The location will change from month to month as other churches choose to host, but it will always occur on the First Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

For more information call Franklin Spaulding at 641-2377.

By His Grace church announcement

By His Grace Ministries will hold church every Saturday at 5 p.m.

The minister of music is Torey Bessent.

The event will be held at the Waccamaw Community building, 5585 Waccamaw School Road, Ash.

Overseer Elgin Blake is the pastor.

FUNDRAISERS

First Presbyterian Church women have cookbooks for sale for \$5 each. The cookbooks are available at the church located at 511 N. Thompson St., Whiteville. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-2:30 p.m.

Whiteville United Methodist Church women have prints of the church steeple, by the late Martha Burns, for sale \$40 each. The print size is 17 x 23. Call the church office Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for purchase at 642-3376.

Cancer Support Group meets

The Cancer Support Group of Donayre Cancer Care Center of Columbus Regional Healthcare meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9-10 a.m. in the CRHS education department. The programs are free.

For more information and to register call 641-8220.

Sportsman's Banquet set at Sandy Plain

Sandy Plain Baptist Church will hold its third annual Sportsman's Banquet Saturday, March 5. Supper will begin at 5 p.m. in the church fellowship hall followed by a gospel sing in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. featuring Nadine and Stevie. The banquet and sing are free. Donations will be accepted. Other activities will include archery and marksmanship tournaments at 11 a.m. and a turkey shoot from 2-4:30 p.m. Awards and door prizes will be given.

The church is located at 6824 Swamp Fox Hwy. East in Tabor City.

For more information call Pastor Chris at 843-254-7918 or Linwood Ward at 653-3686.

Heaven's Gate & Hell's Flames set March 13

Peace Baptist Church will hold Heaven's Gate & Hell's Flames Sunday, March 13 through Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. nightly.

Heaven's Gate & Hell's Flames is a live drama presentation. Where will you be when reality strikes?

There will be free parking and child care for ages birth-fifth grade.

The church is located at 653 Love Mill Road. For more information call 642-0251.

Baldwin Branch MBC clothes closet reopens

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Clothes Closet has reopened. The regular operation is each fourth Saturday at 8 a.m.

Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 N.C. 242 Hwy. South in Elizabethtown.

Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

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Next Week:
Meet Hattie Caraway

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When News Is Bad



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Over the past year or so, Americans and people around the world have heard a lot of scary news. Listening to news reports about tragic events can make us feel afraid for our own safety.

The Mini Page spoke with an expert to find out how kids can manage their feelings about safety and security when the news is bad.

What is terrorism?

We hear about terrorism, but we may not be sure exactly what it means. **Terrorism** is the use of violent or destructive acts to frighten people. Terrorists usually have a goal — to show their power, to get revenge, or to make a statement about how they think people should act.

For instance, in the attacks in Paris last November, a group calling itself the Islamic State was seeking revenge for military action by the French in Syria and Iraq.

But not all bad news is considered to be terrorism. We can also be upset by tragic accidents or natural disasters.

How we react

News of events like those in Paris can be overwhelming. We may have many questions about what happened. Kids may want to know:

1. Why would someone do this?
2. Do I have to worry about something like this happening to me?
3. Could I have done anything to prevent this event?

The answers to these questions can be

really complicated. We can't always figure out why a person or group would terrorize other people. Even if we can find a reason, it may not make sense to us.

Especially when something bad happens in a kid's life, he may wonder if it's his fault. Younger kids may come up with an explanation that helps them feel safer. For example, if a small school bus is involved in a bad crash, a child may feel safe only if she rides a big school bus, even though in reality that may not be any safer.

How can we feel safe?

After a frightening event, kids may start to worry about something similar happening in their community. If you're worried, it's important to share your fears with your family or teachers. For example, you might want to discuss:

1. What's being done to keep you safe? For instance, your school doors may be locked.
2. Talk about your specific fears. Sometimes the things that scare us are based on our misunderstanding of what has happened.
3. How can you manage your feelings? You might feel better if you can help others in your school or community. Watching the news with your family, then talking about it, may help. Sometimes, a hug from Mom or Dad or a favorite teacher is just the thing you need.

Mini Fact:

Even though we hear a lot about terrorism, the chances of you being a victim of a terrorist attack are very small.

Looking out for danger

Kids should also be comfortable telling an adult if they see or hear something that seems dangerous. But experts say we shouldn't label a certain type of person as dangerous. Signs of danger should be based on **behavior**, or how a person acts — not on how he or she looks or is dressed.

For example, if someone is acting angrily or seems to be hiding something, it could be time to alert an adult.

Keep talking

Remember, if you're worried or upset about tragic events in the news, it's important to talk with others. Bad feelings are like a fungus — if we don't treat them, they'll just keep growing. Don't be afraid to tell a friend, family member or teacher that you're concerned about what you've heard.



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Resources



On the Web:

- For parents and teachers: bit.ly/1neQoI8

At the library:

- "My Book About War and Terrorism: A Guided Activity Workbook for Children, Families and Teachers to Encourage Healthy Expression, Learning and Coping" by Gilbert Kliman, M.D., and Harriet Wolfe, M.D.
- "Malala Yousafzai: Warrior With Words" by Malala Yousafzai

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of events in the news are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ACCIDENT, BEHAVIOR, DESTRUCTIVE, DISASTER, EVENTS, FRIGHTEN, NATURAL, NEWS, PARENTS, REPORTS, SAFETY, SECURITY, SHARE, TALK, TEACHERS, TERRORISM, TRAGIC, VIOLENT, WORLD, WORRY.

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Cook's Corner

Veggie Blossom

You'll need:

- 1 round cucumber slice
- 7 to 9 round carrot slices
- 1/2 celery stalk

- 1 tablespoon cream cheese or peanut butter
- 2 spinach leaves



What to do:

1. Wash all vegetables; peel and slice.
2. Place cucumber slice in middle of plate.
3. Position carrot slices around the cucumber to form petals.
4. Spread peanut butter or cream cheese on celery stalk. Place stalk on lower part of cucumber slice to form a stem.
5. Arrange spinach leaves on either side of the celery stalk. Makes 1 blossom.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. gift (7) _____
2. not raw (6) _____
3. pig sound (4) _____
4. plastic toy bricks (5) _____
5. what you smell with (4) _____
6. 10-cent coin (4) _____
7. head of a school (9) _____

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Answers: present, cooked, oink, Legos, nose, dime, principal.

Mini Jokes



Harry: What is a tree's favorite drink?
Heidi: Root beer!

Eco Note



Lunchtime trash is the second-largest source of waste in U.S. schools. Take a no-garbage lunch to school. Rinse and reuse plastic bags and carry milk in a Thermos.

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Thank You



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Teachers:

For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: bbs.amuniversal.com/teaching_guides.html

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Education

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Science Fair winners on the county level were, left to right, Bayley Stewart, third place; Ronald Hester, second place; and Payton Fowler, first place. All are fifth graders.



Winners in the Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School's annual science fair were, front row, left to right: Makayla Carter and Noel White; back row: Brantley Jacobs, Cainan Patrick, Ronald Hester, Brayden Jacobs, Harmony Sommerville and Ashton Hammonds.

HAES, county Science Fair winners

Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary School held its annual Science Fair Jan. 6. Fourth and fifth graders entered their science projects in categories such as earth science, physical science, technology and engineering.

Fourth grade winners were Makayla Carter, first place; Brayden Jacobs, second place; Ashton Hammonds, third place; and Cainan Patrick, honorable mention.

Fifth grade winners were Noel White, first place; Ronald Hester, second place; Harmony Somerville, third

place; and Brantley Jacobs, honorable mention.

Students with first, second, third and honorable mention science projects received ribbons, certificates and Walmart gift cards. The fifth grade winners advanced to the Columbus County Schools Science Fair.

At the Columbus County Schools Science Fair on Feb. 2, Ronald Hester's project, "Got Tires?" won second place of the fifth grade projects. He, along with the other county winners, will advance to the regional science fair at UNC-Pembroke on Saturday, Feb. 20.



Breakfast at CMS

Patricia Slater enjoys breakfast with her daughter Brooklyn during the appreciation breakfast for moms and dads at Central Middle School. This is a special treat for Patricia, as she is a school nutrition employee and is usually one of the ones serving the meals at Central Middle.

Whiteville City schools menu

Menus are subject to change. Assorted milk is served with each meal. Served daily: Fruit or Fruit Juice at breakfast and Chef Salad or PB&J Sandwich at lunch.

MONDAY, MARCH 7: - Breakfast - Cereal Bar, Graham Crackers, Apple, Orange Juice. Lunch - Chick Filet/Bun or BBQ Rib/Bun, Steamed Corn, Cuke Dippers, Orange Wedges.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8: - Breakfast - Super Donut, Raisins, Apple Juice. Lunch - Baked Spaghetti/Bread Stick or Pizza Quesadilla, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9: - Breakfast - Blueberry Muffin, Orange Wedges, Fruit Juice. Lunch - Dominoes Pizza or Cheeseburger/Bun, Pinto Beans, Lettuce Leaves, Sliced Tomato, Jelly w/Fruit Cocktail.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10: - Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit, Banana, Apple Juice. Lunch - Meatloaf or Pork Chop Patty, Brown Rice, Steamed Tomatoes, Baked Sweet Potato, Pear.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11: - Breakfast - Pop Tart, Dried Mixed Fruit, Orange Juice. Lunch - Pizza or Turkey/Bun, Tater Tots, Broccoli Dippers, Pineapple Tidbits.

Columbus County schools menu

Menus are subject to change. Assorted milk is served with each meal. Students may select one meat, bread and milk, and a choice of two fruits and/or vegetables.

MONDAY, MARCH 7: - Breakfast - Nutri Grain Bar, Raisins, Juice, Lunch - Lasagna or Corn Dog, Peaches, Baby Limas, Corn, Roll.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8: - Breakfast - Pop Tart, Apple. Lunch - Cheeseburger or Sloppy Joe, Mixed Fruit, Oven Fries, Side Salad.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9: - Breakfast - Sausage Biscuit, Applesauce, Juice. Lunch - Catfish/Roll or Taco, Peaches, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Fries.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10: - Breakfast - Mini Waffles, Orange, Craisins. Lunch - Chicken & Noodles or Cheeseburger, Apple, Oven Fries, Broccoli, Cinnamon Bun

FRIDAY, MARCH 11: - Breakfast - Cinnamon Roll, Raisins, Juice. Lunch - Pizza or Hamburger, Marinara Sauce, Side Salad, Pears.



Hardy

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Harrelson



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PACK winners

PACK (Perfect Attendance Creates Knowledge) is a new program started during the 2015-2016 school year to encourage better attendance. Each school submits names of students who have perfect attendance for the nine-week grading period and a drawing is held from those names by each school's principal at the next school board meeting. Winners receive a certificate and a \$50 gift card. At the end of the school year, a drawing will be held from students with perfect attendance for the entire school year and the winner will receive a \$250 gift card. Winners from the drawing at the February board meeting, left to right, were Janasia Hardy, Whiteville Primary - Grade K; Bella Moore, Edgewood Elementary - Grade 3; Iliyan Harrelson, Central Middle - Grade 7; Britney Nguyen, Whiteville High - Grade 11 and Nekema Haley, North Whiteville Academy - Grade 12. Sponsors for the 2015-2016 school year are Columbus Regional Healthcare, Duke Energy, Whiteville Rotary and NC State Employees Credit Union.

Scholarship season here for N.C. Community Foundation

The North Carolina Community Foundation announces the opening of scholarship season, according to Leslie Ann Jackson, NCCF director of grants and scholarships.

NCCF administers more than 150 scholarships for students throughout the state. Eligibility criteria and deadlines are specific and vary widely by scholarship and location. Deadlines vary but typically range from March to May. To determine if you or your student qualifies, visit NCCF's website at nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships.

Jackson said that scholarships provide a good opportunity for North Carolina students to further their education.

"Our aim is to raise awareness throughout the state about opportunities offered through scholarships held with the North Carolina Community Foundation," she said "We're proud to facilitate scholarships on behalf of our fund holders who invest in the next generation of North Carolinians."

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation serving North Carolina and has made \$101 million in grants since its inception in 1988. With more than \$237 million in assets, NCCF sustains 1,200 endowments established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, non-profit organizations, institutions and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 60 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 67 counties across the state. An important component of NCCF's mission is to ensure that rural philanthropy has a voice at local, regional and national levels.

For more information, visit nccommunityfoundation.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF.

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CMS King and Queen

Tyjuan Moss and Kiyah Gause, eighth graders at Central Middle School, have been chosen by the student body as homecoming king and queen. They were crowned at a basketball game because the homecoming football game kept getting rained out.

WCHS Class of '06 planning reunion

The West Columbus High School Class of 2006 is planning its 10-year class reunion.

If interested in participating in activities or taking part in planning contact Phylisa Collier at msp.collier@gmail.com or call Amber Lee at 336-493-9808 or join the class group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wchsclassof2006.

WHS '96 class plans reunion

Whiteville High School Class of 1996 is planning a 20th year reunion, which will be held the weekend of Oct. 15, 2016.

For more information email Blake Biser Brookshire at jbakebrookshire@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/whsclassof96.

Hallsboro/Artesia pre-spring dance

A pre-spring dance is set for Friday, March, 4 from 7-10 p.m. at Hallsboro/Artesia Elementary School. Admission is \$5 and tickets for games are .25 each.

Food will be sold. Security will be enforced.

Caswell Center scholarships are available

The Caswell Center Foundation Inc. has announced the availability of three \$1,000 scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic school year. To qualify, applicants must be a rising college senior or working toward a graduate degree with an allied health, education or psychology major in one of the following areas: occupational therapy, physical therapy, recreation therapy, psychology, nursing, speech-language pathology or social work and intend to serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities after graduation.

The scholarships will be available to qualified applicants residing in one of the 38 counties, which includes Columbus County.

To learn more about eligibility requirements or to receive an application, contact Danielle Howell, executive director, at (252) 208-3790 or danielle.howell@dhhs.nc.gov or visit www.caswellcenterfoundation.com. The scholarship application deadline is April 1.

Established in 1999, the Caswell Center Foundation Inc. is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that enhances the quality of life for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in eastern North Carolina.

WCHS 50th reunion in May

The Class of 1966, the first graduating class of West Columbus High School is planning its 50th year reunion for May 14. All graduates include Chadbourn, Cerro Gordo, Evergreen and Fair Bluff.

Anyone who would like to help or attend the reunion should contact one of the committee members to provide contact information: Gary Bass, 840-3611 or colbass1@gmail.com, Nancy Yates Dove at ndovecc@hotmail.com or Ann Nobles Lanier at ealanier@yahoo.com.

Chadbourn Middle sets March 4 dinner

Chadbourn Middle School will host a catfish filet/grilled pork chop dinner sale Friday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 and the menu includes grilled pork chop or catfish fillet, baked beans, slaw, roll and dessert.

Deliveries will be made on orders of five or more. Call 654-4300 or fax orders to 654-6809.

WCHS Alumni Prom March 25

Celebrating 50 years the West Columbus High School Alumni Prom will be held Friday, March 25 from 7-12 p.m. All graduates of WCHS, class of 1966 through 2015, are invited to attend. The cost per person is \$15 and couples are \$25. Make checks out to WCHS and mail to: West Columbus High School, Attn: Shellie Britt, P.O. Box 130, Cerro Gordo, N.C. 28430.

Memo: Alumni Prom and guest names.

For more information call 654-6111 ext. 38013.

Credit Union scholarships total \$4 million

State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) members are continuing their investment in the educational future of North Carolina students through the renewal of SECU Foundation's "People Helping People" high school and community college scholarship programs. Both programs represent the allocation of more than \$4 million in scholarships annually, providing students with the resources to help pursue their dream of attaining a college education.

The 2016 grant renewal now brings the Foundation's collective financial commitment to more than \$50 million since its inception in 2004.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY

Bone drug leads to severe fractures



By JOE AND TERESA GRAEDON

King Features Syndicate

Q. I have had problems with Reclast. Last June, I broke my right femur, and then five weeks later my left femur fractured.

The doctors said this was because of Reclast, which had been given as an annual infusion over a five-year period of time.

Three weeks ago, I had to have the screw from my femur implant removed, since my right femur was not healing completely. I believe this problem also was due to Reclast.

What is being done to let the public know about the dangers of osteoporosis medications?

A. When drugs to treat osteoporosis were initially associated with osteonecrosis of the jaw (jawbone death) more than a decade ago, many health professionals found it hard to believe. Doctors were even more skeptical when reports surfaced suggesting that people taking bisphosphonates like alendronate (Fosamax), ibandronate (Boniva) and risedronate (Actonel) were at increased risk for broken thighbones (atypical femur fractures). How, they wondered, could drugs intended to prevent fractures actually cause serious bone problems?

The drug you were taking, zoledronic acid (Reclast), also is a bisphosphonate. Like the others, it, too, has been linked to unusual femur fractures. Once someone has broken a thighbone in this way, there is a higher risk that the other femur may break (International Orthopaedics, June 2014). Healing also may be impaired (Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, July 2015). Investigators point out that such complications are

relatively rare. As you have discovered, however, they can be devastating if they occur.

LICE

Q. I'm 48 and never had an experience with lice until now. My 7-year-old daughter was sent home from school with lice today.

I called a friend who told me about the Listerine treatment. Man, did it kill those little buggers dead! My wife was picking dead bugs out of my daughter's hair.

We will do another treatment in a couple of days to make sure the lice are all dead. We used about four or five capfuls, enough to soak her hair.

A. We first heard about using old-fashioned amber Listerine against lice more than 15 years ago. A nurse told us that the secret ingredient in the mouthwash is the alcohol, which suffocates lice fast.

To treat lice, people often soak their scalps with Listerine, wrap damp hair up in a towel for half an hour and then rinse the Listerine and lice away. Repeating the process every five to six days will kill emerging lice as they hatch.

HEART STINT

Q. I got a heart stent five years ago and currently take atorvastatin (80 mg), carvedilol, ramipril and aspirin.

I have now developed joint pain in my knees and a shoulder. I have taken Celebrex, Tylenol and ibuprofen, with no success.

I have tried Aleve, and it works great. Is it safe to add to my other medications?

A. Naproxen (Aleve) is a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) like ibuprofen or celecoxib (Celebrex).

All of these drugs pose a risk for the heart (Current Cardiology Reports, March 2016). Since you have heart disease, you may want to consider a different approach to alleviating your joint pain. We are sending you our Guide to Alternatives for Arthritis with a discussion of prescription

medications like salsalate as well as home remedies such as ginger, boswellia, turmeric, cherry and grape juice, as well as gin-soaked raisins.

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ASTHMA

Q. I had asthma for many years and was treated with Advair. During flare-ups, I also used an albuterol inhaler.

Last year, I came down with a terrible respiratory infection. My doctor prescribed two courses of azithromycin. By the time I finished the second one, my breathing was fine.

I now have no asthma symptoms at all. This antibiotic was a miracle cure for my asthma.

A. Respiratory-tract infections like the one you suffered are often associated with worsening of asthma (PLOS One, Apr. 22, 2015).

There is increasing evidence that persistent low-grade infections with Mycoplasma pneumoniae or Chlamydia pneumoniae bacteria may lead to asthma symptoms in some people (Current Allergy and Asthma Reports, December 2013). Research in mice suggests that treatment with azithromycin (Zithromax, Z-Pak) ameliorates inflammation and improves airway remodeling (Pulmonary Pharmacology and Therapeutics, February 2016). Young children with repeated asthma-like symptoms benefited from azithromycin treatment (Lancet Respiratory Medicine, January 2016).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Write to them in care of this newspaper or email them via their Web site: www.PeoplesPharmacy.com. Their newest book is "Top Screwups Doctors Make and How to Avoid Them."

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