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A Virginia couple lost their lives in this wreck Friday afternoon on U.S. 74 near Evergreen.

## Despite heroic efforts, woman, man die in Friday wreck on U.S. 74

■Several people, including off-duty trooper, get victims out of water and wreckage before fire department arrives.

By BOB HIGH  
Staff Writer

"You'd be surprised who stopped to help us. There was a woman in the road flagging traffic down to

tell people in the cars and trucks we needed more help," Highway Patrol Trooper Bill Rogers said Sunday as he described heroic efforts by him and several others to save the lives of a couple trapped upside down in their vehicle in more than three feet of water.

"Several people came up, and they didn't wait. They got right into that cold water with us, and we were

finally able to turn the car over and get the woman driver out, but it was too late for her," Rogers declared.

The off-duty Rogers, his brother Craig and cousin Jason Rogers were among the first rescuers to reach the scene Friday afternoon on U.S. 74 near the N.C. 242 overpass at Evergreen where a Toyota Camry had

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## Lake leaders begin master plan for park, grant proposal

■UNCW recreation and tourism professor joins effort.

By SHALON SMITH  
Contributing Writer

The Town of Lake Waccamaw welcomed Dr. Jim Herstine, a professor and program coordinator for the Recreation, Sports Leadership and Tourism Management department within the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences at UNCW-Wilmington, to walk the public through the initial steps involved in applying for an N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, or PARTE, grant focused on the expansion of Elizabeth Brinkley Park.

Herstine is assisting the town in preparing a master plan for a 28-acre expansion of the park. Mac and Susan Little donated the additional property.

The public meeting served as a



Mayor Daniel Hilburn and Dr. Jim Herstine

brainstorming session for Herstine to gather a "wish list" of features the park expansion could include. Ideas from the group, an almost

evenly distributed blend of Lake Waccamaw residents and interested non-Lake Waccamaw residents, See Wellness, page 9-A

## Public forum Thursday on Voter ID

By SHALON SMITH  
Contributing Writer

The Columbus County Board of Elections will host a public forum on voter ID requirements for the 2016 Primary Election at the National Guard Armory in Whiteville on Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Individuals and community groups are welcome to attend the event. Participants will get the opportunity to hear about new requirements and participate in a question and answer session.

"Basically what we want to do is educate our voters and our communities on the voter ID requirement," Carla Strickland, director of the Columbus County Board of Elections said.

"If we've got people there that have questions regarding the voter ID requirement, they can get them answered right then and there," Strickland said.

Feb. 19 is the deadline to register to vote or to update voter registration information in the March Primary. The deadline for party affiliation changes is Feb. 19. Voters who

moved recently or are about to move and will miss the Feb. 19 deadline may vote only at early voting sites.

The new law requires voters to show "acceptable photo ID" at the polls. Acceptable IDs include North Carolina-issued driver's licenses and identification cards (expired up to four years), U.S. passports/passport cards (unexpired), military identification (unexpired, if an expiration date is shown), veterans identification cards (unexpired, if an expiration date is shown), and certain tribal enrollment cards (restrictions apply).

Originally the law included stricter provisions for ID requirements. Legal challenges led lawmakers to soften the law to allow for exceptions in the case of "reasonable impediment."

The National Conference of State Legislatures changed its category version of the law from strict in 2013 to "non-strict" in 2016.

Voters who are unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID due to a reasonable impediment can vote a provisional ballot if they also sign a declaration describing the im-

pediment and provide date of birth and last four digits of their Social Security numbers, or an acceptable document bearing their name and address (i.e. a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government-issued document). The ballot will be counted when the information on the declaration is verified and all other eligibility requirements are met.

Voters may also choose to apply for an absentee ballot, which does not require a photo ID.

Supporters of the voter ID law say it is needed to prevent voter fraud. A group known as the Voter Integrity Project is among them. In 2012, they claimed 30,000 deceased voters were still on the voter rolls in the state and left the state vulnerable to voter fraud.

The North Carolina NAACP and Democracy North Carolina say the new law is discriminatory. Hearings are underway in federal court in Winston-Salem regarding the law.

Challengers of the law claim racial minorities are more likely than

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## Courtsrooms now safe for employees, public to use

■Mold, mildew and possible bacteria no longer exist in new courthouse facilities.

By BOB HIGH  
Staff Writer

The high fungal levels in the two new District courtrooms in the new courthouse that caused at least three judges to stay away from them for nearly six months no longer exist, according to a new study by environmental specialists.

Quality Environmental of Wilmington advised the county and court officials Thursday, Jan. 28, by letter their latest inspection that (Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016) showed carbon dioxide and moisture measurements were normal for human occupancy.

District Court Judges Scott Ussery and Fred Gore responded and said they were satisfied with the new courtroom conditions, and planned to use the facilities whenever assigned there by the Clerk of Superior Court.

"I'm glad we finally got the clearance to use the courtrooms. That means it's better for my clerks and everyone else. My clerks won't have to move all those large containers with

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## Whiteville approves grant application

■Chief Jeff Rosier shows the city's crime hot spots during his presentation Tuesday.

By JEFFERSON WEAVER  
Staff Writer

Whiteville is maintaining a dubious distinction of second place in total vehicle crashes among cities its size in the state.

Police Chief Jeff Rosier hopes adding three officers as a specialized "traffic team" will help improve the city's standing.

City council approved Rosier's request to apply for a Governor's Highway Safety Grant to provide officers and equipment for two patrolmen and a corporal to specialize in impaired driving and traffic enforcement. The four-year grant is staggered, with the state paying 85 percent of the cost the first year, trending down to the city footing the entire bill by the fourth year. The entire cost to the city for all four years would be \$266,630. Without the grant program, Rosier said, the same buildup would cost the city \$661,984.

Rosier addressed concerns that the city needs to focus on crimes involving drugs and property theft, rather than traffic enforcement.

"Crime is tied to traffic," he explained, pointing out that routine traffic stops regularly turn up drugs, weapons and stolen property. He also noted that several high profile national murder cases involved traffic stops over infractions such as tail lights, expired registration and other minor violations.

The sheer volume of traffic crashes in the city would justify the team, Rosier said. Whiteville had 1,038 crashes in 2014, with 1.83 percent involving drug or alcohol impairment.

"The city has been rated in the top six for the last four years," he said. By comparison, Tabor City was ranked 90<sup>th</sup> in terms of vehicle crashes, and Clarkton was 88<sup>th</sup>.

Rosier charted the city's "hot spots" in a PowerPoint presentation to the board, and noted that by Department of Transportation

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Sgt. Tracey Carter takes her oath on a Bible held by Brenna Carter and Taylor Gray.



Sgt. Police Investigator Aaron Herring was accompanied by Walker and Kelley Sullivan.



Lt. Andre Jackson with his mother, Mildred Jackson.



Investigator Sergio Reed is "pinned" with his new badge by Chief Jeff Rosier.



Kennedy Strickland and Anna Powell stood by Corporal Michael Strickland as he was promoted.

## Chadbourn to consider selling property to Van Eyken Academy

By ALLEN TURNER  
Staff Writer

The Chadbourn town council will consider an offer Tuesday night from Whiteville's Van Eyken Academy Foundation to purchase the building at 608 N. Brown Street for \$10,200.

The group wants to establish a learning and entertainment center to provide classes and seminars in art and design, theatre, music, media and home economics, according to the agenda.

Garrett Van Eyken, chairman of the board of the academy, has proposed paying for the property in quarterly installments of \$625 to the town spanning a five-year period. Only after payment of the final installment would the property be deeded to Van Eyken.

A search of Columbus County land records does not reveal such a property address belonging to the town. The closest address listed in county tax records belonging to the town, beside the Chadbourn Town Hall, is at 626 N. Brown St. That property, the former Grainger Food Store, has a tax value of \$72,300.

Van Eyken said in a Jan. 20 letter to Chadbourn Town Manager Bob Jones that he envisions an incubator that would give "small businesses the opportunity and chance to establish themselves." He continued, "We think education and entertainment would help with the revitalization and new beginning for downtown Chadbourn ... by building sincere alliances, unions and coalitions with community leaders."

In other business, council will receive an update on the ABC store operated by the West Columbus ABC Board and consider a proposal that the Chadbourn railroad depot be donated to the Town of Chadbourn.

Council also is expected to go behind closed doors to discuss the performance of an individual town employee. Not on the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting is a proposal from Duke Energy Progress for the relocation of power lines along South Brown Street at a cost of \$221,607.

Duke's proposal, dated Jan. 18, was valid for 90 days, meaning that the council still could consider the quote at their February or March meetings before it expires.

## Five promoted in WPD

By JEFFERSON WEAVER  
Staff Writer

Jeff Rosier. "This is a special night."

Andre Jackson, who had been transferred to the patrol division, was promoted to lieutenant. Jackson had been acting in the leadership role for several months.

Aaron Herring, a patrol sergeant, was made a ser-

geant in the investigative division, while Tracey Carter was raised from corporal to sergeant.

Michael Strickland was promoted to corporal, and Patrolman Sergio Reed was promoted to the rank of investigator.

Edna Dowless adminis-

tered the oath to each of the officers.

The officers all had to go through assessments, additional training and interviews for the positions, Rosier said.

The department has 22 officers, three administrative support personnel, and one animal control officer.

Five members of the Whiteville Police were promoted Tuesday at city council meeting.

"I'm proud of every single one of them, as I am of all our department," said Chief

## It's scholarship season for NCCF

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 dead-

lines 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](http://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 fundholders who invest in the next generation of North Carolinians."

The NCCF is the single statewide community founda-

tion 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, nonprofit 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](http://nccommunityfoundation.org), like us on Facebook and follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF.

## Courthouse

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all those case files for non-support court over to the annex building," Clerk of Court Jess Hill pointed out.

"I plan to use the new courtrooms. I have no problem now at all," Gore said.

"The letter the county got showed the courtrooms are safe for everyone to use, and I'll go where I'm assigned," Ussery noted.

The environmental study, done by Collins Ibetto, a certified indoor environmentalist, showed temperatures in both courtrooms and the multipurpose room on the third floor were "normal."

Adjustments and new equipment added to the heating and cooling equipment on the roof of the new courthouse finally were able to eliminate the problems.

A portable dehumidifier in the Superior Courtroom on the third floor has been removed, and the humidity levels have dropped into the 30 and 40 percent range, compared to the 70 and 80 percent levels when the building was occupied last July.

The previous environmental study about mold and mildew causing unhealthy conditions in the two new district courtrooms had caused three of the seven district court judges not to use the new facilities.

Last week, Chief District Judge Jerry Jolly, Ussery and Gore didn't plan consistent use of the new courtrooms until the new study, commissioned by the county commissioners, was complete.

## WCHS Class of '66 plans reunion

The West Columbus High School Class of 1966, the first class to graduate at the school, is planning a 50th-year reunion for May 14. All graduates to include Chadbourn, Cerro Gordo, Evergreen and Fair Bluff are urged to participate.

Anyone who would like to

help or attend the reunion is urged to contact one of the committee members and give them your contact information: Gary Bass, 910-840-3611 or [colbass1@gmail.com](mailto:colbass1@gmail.com); Nancy Yates Dove at [ndovecc@hotmail.com](mailto:ndovecc@hotmail.com); or Ann Nobles Lanier at [ealanier@yahoo.com](mailto:ealanier@yahoo.com) by Feb. 14.

## DAR Awards Night at SCHS

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

Awards will be given for

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

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

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## Texas artist to exhibit at Coastal Museum

An exhibit of paintings by Texas artist John Ross Palmer will open at Ocean Isle Beach in the Museum of Coastal Carolina's gallery Friday, April 29, with a reception for the artist at 6 p.m. One of Palmer's paintings will be included in the live auction at the Wine Fest fundraiser at the museum April 30.

Palmer often spends time at Ocean Isle Beach during the summer and has titled his exhibit "Ocean Isle Memories." The artwork, which can be purchased, will be on display throughout the summer.

Palmer was born in Houston in 1974. He began painting full-time in 1998 and his studies under master painters have taken him all over the world.

Palmer founded the Art

Movement of Escapism, which is devoted to forever destroying the stereotype of the struggling artist.

He lectures throughout the country about his Art Movement of Escapism.

His Escapist Mentorship Program, founded in 2009, has helped launch the careers of emerging global artists and gained them international recognition.

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# Blood urgently needed

By **NICOLE CARTRETTE**  
News Editor

Blood transfusions have saved 10-year-old Leah Starnes' life many times.

In 2013, she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

"She may have had 60 blood transfusions," her mother, Kerry Starnes, said. "Somebody else's blood saved her life."

Kerry has become a major advocate for blood donation and is known to encourage friends, family and others via her Facebook page to be donors.

Blood is needed to respond to emergencies, large and small, across the country every day but supplies are low in comparison to the demand.

American Red Cross officials say blood donations are urgently needed now and throughout the winter to maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients in need.

Eligible blood donors of all types are needed, especially those with O, AB, B negative and A negative.

"I think people just get so busy they don't take time out to do it anymore," Kerry said. She said if people will think about who benefits from those donations it will encourage more giving.

"People who need these donations aren't doing it for the fun of it," Kerry said.

"These people don't have a choice."

Because she is anemic, Kerry cannot give blood, but she said everyone who can in her family does so at every opportunity.

Blood donors "help save many, many lives," she said.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2 the Red Cross will hold a blood drive at Whiteville United Methodist Church, 902 Pinckney St., Whiteville from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Individuals can make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross donor app, visiting redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

## Sponsors

"We are currently looking for blood drive sponsors in Columbus County to help boost the blood supply. More than 80 percent of blood donations are made at blood drives, and organizations are needed to host blood drives as winter continues," said Krystal Overmyer, a communications manager with the American Red Cross.

"Blood drive sponsors play an incredibly important role by helping recruit blood donors

and energizing their friends, family members, coworkers or community members to give blood. Without them, we can't collect the blood patients in our community depend on."

Those interested in learning more about hosting a blood drive can contact Tanya Tilley-Hall at 910-471-3727 or Tanya.tilley-hall@redcross.org.

## How to donate blood

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Depot Museum's banquet Feb. 12

The Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum board of directors will host its annual membership banquet Friday, Feb. 12. A social hour will be held in the museum from 5 to 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. in the Boys and Girls Home Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$10 and anyone who plans to attend should RSVP and send payment to Lake Waccamaw Depot Museum, P.O. Box 386, Lake Waccamaw, N.C. 28450 by Friday, Feb. 5.

Depot Museum memberships are available and volunteers for three hours on Saturdays are sought. Memberships are \$15, individual; \$25, family; \$35, associate; \$50, patron; \$100,

sustaining; \$500, benefactor; \$1,000, individual life membership.

Following is the Depot Museum's monthly activity schedule:

Rummikub Club, Mondays at 1 p.m.

Railroad Bridge, Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Members banquet, Friday, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m. social hour, 6:45 p.m. dinner.

Acoustic Music Jam, third Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Programs are provided on third Sundays at 2 p.m. The Feb. 21 program will be about waterfowl and the March 20 program will be about alligators.

Lake Waccamaw Woman's Club meets the third Mondays at 7 p.m.



Mary Lois Martin likes the drawing of Chadbourn Depot Museum, where her 100th birthday party was held.

# At 100, Mary Lois Martin stays active, eats correctly

By **CLARA CARTRETTE**  
Staff Writer

Mary Lois Martin of Chadbourn was born in Robeson County near Red Springs 100 years ago, but someone who did not know that wouldn't believe it by looking at her. Looking and acting many years younger and dressed to the nines, she greeted more than 100 people on her Jan. 16 birthday at a celebration in the Chadbourn Depot Museum.

Guests were asked not to bring gifts, but she was deluged with beautiful flower arrangements and cards. She has unselfishly shared many of the arrangements with friends.

But she's puzzled about who left the big fruitcake. There was no name on it and she is worried that she can't express thanks to the generous giver. If any of her friends can help, let her know.

So how has this 100-year-old woman preserved herself so well? With a smile she explains: "I stay active, for one thing, and I eat correctly."

She has enjoyed good health through the years, stating that a hysterectomy at age 39 and a tonsillectomy were her only surgeries.

Her parents, Thomas and Lula Lewis, were farmers. She came in the middle of six children, three boys and three girls. She went to a little school in the village of Rex, not far from Lumber Bridge. She then went to school in Lumber Bridge.

Later on, when her brother-in-law was a teacher in Stedman and he and his wife had a new baby, they wanted her to go there and graduate from high school. She did, graduating in 1934 during The Great Depression. About two years later when she was living in Parkton, she went to Norfolk, Va. and took a beautician's course, then returned and got a job at Vogue Beauty Shop in Whiteville. Nell Wooten, who lived to be 100, was the owner.

She met Allyn Maultsby of Whiteville and they dated for two years, then got married in the Westminster Presbyterian Church manse in 1939. Two years later their first child,

Carlyle, was born, then another son and then a daughter, James Robert and Elizabeth McLean (she calls her Betty Mack) were born. She stopped work to take care of them.

Although they were unaware that Allyn was sick the entire time they were married, they eventually learned that he was diabetic and he died when he was 42 years old. He was the brother of Zelma Maultsby and Maggie Maultsby Avant.

Some years later, when she was the bookkeeper at Peacock Funeral Home, she met Emery Martin of Williamson Crossroads. He went to the funeral home to purchase a bronze marker for his wife's grave and she sold it to him. About three months later, after Emery's brother died, he came back to the funeral home and looked her up.

"That kind of started it," she said of their relationship and marriage. "He kept asking me to go out with him. My mother told me to say yes or no, that he would not keep coming from Atlanta, where he then lived, to ask me to go out with him."

"Finally, around Christmas time, he asked me again and I told him I was busy cooking. He said he would come to the house for just a little while."

The next day she saw him in Whiteville.

"He found out that my birthday was Jan. 16 and he bought me the most beautiful black pocketbook and kid gloves," she said. "We were married in June. He was still living in Atlanta and I took the two youngest kids down there but Carlyle stayed here."

Later, Carlyle wanted his mother to come back to be near him and wanted to fix up the house in the country.

Martin said she moved back here in 1985. After she and Emery retired they traveled and she later traveled with a niece.

"I've been on eight cruises, been to Hawaii twice, Mexico once, Puerto Rico and halfway around South America. My niece was not well and wanted me to help her. I was on a ship for 34 days one time."

"Martin was older and had melanoma on his heel," she

said. "It went all over his body and he had his heel removed. He went back to work at Federal Paper, where he worked for 37 years, and was about ready to retire. He decided he wouldn't go back to Atlanta."

She said Emery died a year and three months after they moved back here and her oldest son Carlyle died when he was 55 years old.

She said she had set up housekeeping in the country and liked it here. She still lives in the little house they fixed up in the country.

Her daughter Betty Mack lives in Cumming, Ga. just out of Atlanta and her son Robert lives in Woodstock, Ga. She has three grandchildren and about half a dozen great-grandchildren. She also stays in contact with her niece, the former Anna Avant, who attended her birthday party.

A bridge player, she named several women from around the county she has enjoyed playing bridge with: Alene Dorman, Adelaide Bell, Judy Enzor, Miona Fonvielle, Mary Williams, Mae Barfield, Ginny Blake, Shirley Burroughs, Kathy Howell, Pam Soles, Carolyn Waddell and Jane Bell.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Merissa Michelle Spivey**

Merissa is the daughter of Derek and April Spivey. She was born January 28, at 6:05 pm, and weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. Paternal grandparents are Randy & Denise Spivey. Maternal grandparents are Donald & Beverly Powers. #6070

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# Crime briefs

## Marijuana

Reuben Scott Hyder, 28, of Fayetteville, was arrested recently in Columbus County on charges of possession of 24 grams of marijuana with intent to sell, plus maintaining a 2005 Dodge pickup truck as a place to keep and sell the drug.



Hyder

A Highway Patrol trooper stopped Hyder on Jan. 25, and when the marijuana was found, the trooper notified the Sheriff's Drug Unit. Detective Dustin Fowler obtained the warrants. Hyder was convicted in 2007 of possession of drug paraphernalia in an Avery County case, according to records.

## Heroin

Angela Dean Wright, 42, of Mollie-Iron Hill Road, Clarendon, was arrested recently on three felony drug charges including possession of six bags of heroin with intent to sell on warrants obtained by Sheriff's Drug Detective Justin Worley.



Wright

Wright is also charged with possession of seven Clonazepam pills with intent to sell them, plus possession of one Oxycodone tablet with intent to sell both types of pain medication. All the charges are from Jan. 21, 2016.

## Websites

Brian Levon/Lavon Ward, aka Bryan Ward, has been arrested for violating sex offender restrictions, based on two warrants obtained by Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Dawn Battle.



Ward

Ward, convicted in 2000 of taking indecent liberties with a victim, plus breaking and entering, and larceny, accessed two social websites - YouTube and Google Plus, both from Oct. 17, 2015 through Dec. 7 of that year - according to warrants obtained by Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Dawn Battle.

Ward is forbidden by his sex conviction, from participating in these social sites.

## Methadone

Eva Lee Edmund/Edmunds, 67, of Antioch Church Road, Whiteville, was arrested last week on charges of trafficking in the opium derivative found in prescription medication on a warrant obtained by Sheriff's Drug Detective Kevin Norris.



Edmund

Edmund/Edmunds had 423 of the 5 mg pills when arrested.

## Fatal wreck

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Fire department and wrecker personnel prepare to move this car that wrecked on U.S. 74 between Boardman and Evergreen Friday. The car flipped over the guardrail and came to rest upside down in about three feet of water.

flipped onto its top and skidded into the large ditch and swamp.

### Pager went off

The Rogers group were at the convenience store in Boardman buying fuel when Bill's Evergreen Fire Department's pager went off. "I'd say we were there about seven to eight minutes after it happened," Rogers noted.

Patrol Sgt. John Lewis said Louise Putnam, 75, of Fairfax, Va., was the driver of the car. Rescuers first removed Willie Putnam, 91, also of Fairfax, from the wreckage before they managed to turn the car on its wheels in the water.

"He was kinda laying on her, and we had to get him out to be able to then get her," Rogers explained.

Louise Putnam was declared dead at the scene. "One of the medical transport companies had an ambulance coming by, and the crew stopped, and they were treating the man (Willie) when Chadbourn Rescue arrived. I believe the transport crew kept the man alive," Rogers added.

### Second death

Willie Putnam died Saturday afternoon in New Hanover Regional Medical Center where he had been airlifted Friday afternoon from outside Columbus Regional Healthcare.

Lewis said the Putnam car was headed east, and the woman apparently swerved at 60 mph to avoid what appeared to be some tire debris in the highway.

After the car swerved it hit the guardrail, and continued moving along the rail until the front right tire struck something that lifted the car into the air, and it flipped onto the top and continued skidding before it stopped in the water.

"The people who got the woman out tried CPR on her, but it was too late. They couldn't get her back," Lewis pointed out.

The two deaths are the first highway fatalities of 2016 in Columbus County.

## Two sets of brothers caught in drug arrests

The Sheriff's Drug Unit arrested on numerous drug charges the second set of brothers in a week on Thursday, Jan. 28, as Unique Carl Ruffin, 31, and Michael Anthony Ruffin, 28, both of Chadbourn, were jailed.



U. Ruffin



T. Suggs

with intent to sell.



M. Ruffin



R. Suggs

The Ruffin brothers were charged with possession of four major types of drugs with intent to sell - heroin, cocaine, marijuana and several types of prescription medication.

Detectives found 1,048 grams of marijuana (37 ounces), 24.4 grams of cocaine, six Fentanyl patches, two strips of Suboxone, plus heroin, and Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, and Buprenorphine pills.

Unique Ruffin is also charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, and maintaining his

home along Gail Lane, Chadbourn, as a place to keep and sell the illegal items. The felon status comes after Unique Ruffin was convicted in November 2012 of selling prescription medicine.

Detectives, assisted by Bladen County drug detectives, conducted a search-warrant raid on Unique Ruffin's home Thursday, Jan. 28, and found Michael Ruffin there, plus the drugs.

The Suggs brothers and Watts had intent to distribute the synthetic marijuana throughout communities in Columbus County, according to the sheriff.

Roger and Travis Suggs, plus Watts, were each also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and Roger Suggs with maintaining a place to keep and sell the illegal drug.

Roger Ray Suggs II, 24, and Travis Reed Suggs, 22, both living in the same home in the 1700 block of Savannah Road, Tabor City, and a friend, Nathan Cole Watts, 22, of Furnie Hammond Road, Clarendon, were arrested on Tuesday, Jan. 26, charged with possession of synthetic cannabinoids



Watts

## Armed robbery

Three males, including one with a pistol, robbed the Norris Country Store Friday evening, Jan. 29, of cash and three small packages of mint candy, according to a sheriff's report by Deputy Jeffery Thomas.

Abinav Singh Nagra, operator of the business, and a male customer, were inside the store at 7:35 p.m. when the robbery took place. The two men were not harmed.

Kors jacket and snow boots, Nike tennis shoes, assorted clothing.

## Gang initiation charge faces 16-year-old boy

Tyquise Baker, a 16-year-old from Baldwin Street, Chadbourn, already facing a charge of possession of a stolen firearm, has been arrested again on charges of encouraging a 17-year-old from Whiteville to rob a Chadbourn convenience store as part of a gang initiation.



Baker

Baker, in warrants obtained by Chadbourn Police Detective Rene Trevino, is charged with encouraging Michael Tra Von Thompson,

17, of Whiteville, to rob Fire old from Baldwin Street, Chadbourn, on Dec. 12, 2015.

Kenneth Bernard Wooten, also 16, of Clark Street, Chadbourn, is also facing a charge of encouraging Thompson to rob the same store.

In addition, Baker is charged with conspiracy with Thompson and Wooten to rob the business, and both of the other suspects are also charged with conspiracy.

## Break-ins, thefts

The following break-ins and/or thefts were reported by victims on date shown:

- Jan. 30 - Jeremy Wayne Rogers, Ashley Benton Andrews, Paul Willoughby Road, Evergreen - break-in of vehicle, theft of Memphis speakers, two Dewalt drills, Coach purse and wallet, debit card, medication.
- Jan. 30 - Sherlie Murphy, Niscreel Spaulding, Tom Sessions Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft of leather sectional couch with lounge chair.
- Jan. 30 - David Hamilton Carlisle, Sandy Plains Church Road, Tabor City - break-in, theft of carton of Winston cigarettes, 47-inch Vizio TV.
- Jan. 30 - Amanda Carol Nealy, Midway Drive, Whiteville - break-in, theft of 32-inch LG TV, stereo, dresser, medication.
- Jan. 30 - Barbara Strickland Hamilton, Antioch Church Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft of 42-inch and 19-inch Sanyo TVs, Microsoft Xbox console.
- Jan. 27 - Charles Porter Milligan, Kenny Jordan Road, Tabor City - theft of lawn-mower trailer with wood deck.
- Jan. 27 - Tony Lee Shaw, Baldwin Road, Whiteville -

theft of metal building.

- Jan. 27 - Eva Lee Edmonds, Antioch Church Road, Whiteville - break-in, theft of two rings, safe, gas heater.
- Jan. 27 - Donivan Len Patrick, Carver Moore Road, Clarkton - theft of aluminum and black boxes with assorted hand tools.
- Jan. 27 - Milton Brent Hayes, 7400 block of U.S. 701 North, Clarkton - break-in, theft of 55-inch Panasonic TV, electric heater.
- Jan. 27 - Javier Cardona, Cypress Ridge Lane, Nakina - break-in, theft of 24 Bud Lite beers.
- Jan. 27 - Ted Larue Spivey, Peanut Worley Road, Cerro Gordo - theft of Stihl chainsaw.
- Jan. 26 - Patricia Stephens Fipps, 9200 block of N.C. 410 South, Clarendon - break-in of vehicle, theft, if any, not shown.
- Jan. 26 - Shirley Sibbett Sasser, Hallsboro Road South, Hallsboro - break-in, theft of Kindle tablet, HP laptop computer.
- Jan. 26 - Gayle Patrick Smith, Homer Nance Road, Cerro Gordo - break-in, theft of three window blinds.
- Jan. 26 - Doris Powell, Powell Street, Cerro Gordo - attempted break-in.
- Jan. 26 - Derek Christian

Strickland, Justin Sullivan, Carey Strickland, Lennue Strickland Lane, Fair Bluff - break-in, theft of KTM dirt bike, 12-gauge Remington shotgun, Marline .22 rifle, .22 long rifle, Sears 12-gauge shotgun, another 12-gauge shotgun, 40-inch Vizio TV, Stihl limb saw and chainsaw, wood splitting maul, axe.

• Jan. 26 - Patti Meares Strickland, Old Stake Road, Chadbourn - attempted break-in.

• Jan. 26 - Reginald Glen n McKvian, Hughes Farm Lane, Tabor City - break-in, theft of 48-inch and 18-inch TVs, car amplifier, two Dish Network satellite boxes.

• Jan. 26 - Latoya Denisha Haney, N.C. 242, Chadbourn - break-in, theft of Cubby tablet, Timberland boots, Michael



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## Hammonds, paroled in Dec., arrested on new charges

Frankie Lynn Hammonds, 25, of Vinegar Hill Road, Clarendon - paroled from prison on Dec. 2, 2015 - is back in custody after his arrest recently on charges of theft of a vehicle and a firearm.



Hammonds

Hammonds was convicted in May 2013 of shooting into an occupied home, and was sentenced to

a total of four years and four months.

The new charges are stealing a 1997 Honda Accord, valued at \$2,000 and owned by Judy Hammonds, on Jan. 24, 2016.

In addition, Hammonds is charged with stealing a .380 pistol from Hammonds the same date.



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# Lifestyles

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Fifty years of memories in photographs.

## 50-year educator never had a bad day at school

By CLARA CARTRETTE  
Staff Writer

Frank Walters may be the only educator in the world who can truthfully say he loved his job so much he never had a bad day at school.

That's after a 50-year career in education, and he hasn't fully retired yet.

Ironically, education was never on his list of career choices. It just happened, and he couldn't be happier that working with children as a coach, teacher, headmaster and tutor became his life's work.

Walters charted his path in the business world, majoring in business administration at Campbell College. When the Bladen County superintendent of schools offered him a job teaching, Walters said, he thought the superintendent was out of his mind because he was looking for something at DuPont or some other big company.

"I told him teaching was the farthest thing from my mind," Walters said. "He looked at me and told me I had two choices: I could sign the contract to teach, or I could go to Hanoi."

It was during the Vietnam War and the superintendent's message reverberated with Walters. Without wasting a lot of time thinking about it, he asked, "Where do I sign?" as the superintendent slid the contract to him. "The next week I was at White Oak School. I started teaching U.S. history and loved it from day one. I never had a bad day of school.

"I knew what I was not: a coach," he continued. "One day I was going to the car and they were practicing basketball in the gym and the guy (coach) talked me into being his assistant. At the end of the year he quit and I became the coach."

Walters said if it hadn't been for the Vietnam War he would have been with a bank in Whiteville. His grandmoth-



Willis and Beth Harper, Sylvia and Frank, Jan and Andy Hardee, Ashley Hardee, and on front row, twins Leah and Collin, Banks and Colby.



Sylvia and Frank cut the anniversary cake.



Frank, daughter Jan, the Rev. Willard McPherson who offered prayer and blessings, daughter Beth and Sylvia.



Sylvia and Frank

er Beulah Nance sewed for the Lawrence Bowers family and Bowers offered Walters a job with Waccamaw Bank.

"I look back and wonder, 'what if?' but I wouldn't trade a day of education; I never had a bad day but some were better than others," he said.

On coaching, Walters said his teams were all white the first year and he won one game and lost 21. Schools were integrated the next year and he won the conference.

Walters grew up in the vil-

lage of Brunswick. He and his mother, daddy and sister Phyllis lived in rooms at the back of his grandmother Beulah Nance's home. Mrs. Nance worked at Krahnke's Cleaners. His dad was stationed in San Antonio, Texas during the Korean War and Frank's mother was killed in a car wreck about a month before he entered fourth grade. He learned the details of his mother's accident and death after his daughter Jan grew up and researched it. It was

just something they didn't talk about.

He said Phyllis, 14 months older than Frank, was academic and he wasn't.

"I played baseball, and after graduating from Whiteville High School I went to work at Plyler Upholstery with no intentions of going to college," he said. "If I could have gotten a job at Riegel (paper mill) I would never have gone to college."

But Wayne Watson, also a 1960 WHS graduate, came by one day and said, "Let's go to college."

Walters said he wanted to be an architect, so he applied at N.C. State and was accepted on the spot. On the way home from Raleigh they stopped at Campbell College, where Wayne got accepted.

"The registrar talked me into going to Campbell for one year, but I stayed and got my degree there," Walters said. He majored in business administration.

Walters recalls that he wanted a car to take to college. His grandmother took him by Wells Olds to look at cars and it was a teaching moment when she reminded him of how much money he had and how much a car cost. It became obvious that he could either go to college or get a car. He chose college and got a government student loan with five years to pay it back. Part of the debt was excused for every year taught and all of it was forgiven after five years of teaching.

### Frank meets Sylvia

Walters said after his sophomore year in college he went to White Lake, where his cousin operated a sandwich shop. Next door was a hotel where his aunt operated a restaurant, and Sylvia Absher,

the 16-year-old girl who would later become Walters' bride, worked there as a waitress. He recalls that "she was a pretty little girl," and they drank a Coke together. They played the Pinball machine and he won a Carolina Blue teddy bear, which he gave to Sylvia.

"That's what started it," he said.

She and Frank were married on Sept. 24, 1965 after he graduated from Campbell in May.

"I had started teaching and coaching and when I got my first pay check we drove to the justice of peace in Conway and got married," he said. His grandmother and Delma Ezzell were their witnesses.

After the wedding they stopped for two cheeseburgers and two Cokes before heading to the beach for their honeymoon. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 at a celebration attended by a huge gathering of friends.

Sylvia had planned to go to East Carolina but was offered a large raise in the banking industry and decided to keep her job.

### Sylvia's successful career

Walters is very proud of Sylvia's professional accomplishments, in spite of not having a college degree. She had worked for banks when they lived in the Charlotte and Raleigh areas, and while working for United Carolina Bank in Whiteville she was chosen to develop UCB's system-wide call center.

"When Ken Miller told me we were going to start a call center, I asked, 'What's a call center?'" Sylvia said.

"We don't know either," Miller replied.

As a result of that successful effort, Sylvia has traveled

all over the country teaching others how to establish call centers. She went to cities such as Columbia, S.C., Atlanta, New Orleans, San Antonio, San Francisco, Minneapolis, New York City, Boston and other places. She became the "go to" person for call center information, wrote training manuals and spoke at conferences, with personnel and motivation her favorite subjects.

### Baseball influence

Walters said baseball influenced his life. He remembers when he was 10 years old and caught a baseball bare-handed and Jack Hooks gave him a glove. Like a lot of young athletes who missed sports after graduating from high school, he grew into a mature athlete playing for Clyde Williams' semi-pro Leafs baseball teams.

In addition to teaching and coaching in public schools, Walters taught at Waccamaw Academy, a private school in Whiteville, and has taught at Southeastern Community College (SCC) and Bladen Community College. He taught accounting classes at Clarkton High School through SCC. His first association with SCC was teaching night classes in the 1990s.

Walters said he once saw a photo in *The News Reporter* of Headmaster Dave Smith giving an award to a Waccamaw Academy student and went by to speak to him.

"He talked me into teaching and coaching soccer," he said. Walters explained why he took the job: he was a recruiter for an insurance company, living in Charlotte but traveling all over the place, leaving Monday, staying in a motel every night and getting back home on Friday.

"It took me about two minutes to say yes to Dave's offer. It worked out; we had a lot of good players."

During his tenure at Waccamaw Academy he became headmaster. Two months after retiring from that job he tutored some and then taught at SCC as an adjunct faculty member. He bought Sylvan Learning Center. The government had a program where they paid tuition for students who were on free lunch in the No Child Left Behind program, but the government ended that and he decided not to open the center. He tutored and went back to SCC.

"I enjoyed tutoring," he said. "I went all over Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen counties," with his daughter Jan working with him. "We were all over the place. Then I totally retired but tutored some for free and would take a class for two or three times if someone was out."

It's obvious that kids and education have been Walters' passion for the past 50 years.

"You can't give up on kids," he said. "You need to give kids a chance to prove themselves, and they have to believe they can do it."

He followed his own advice by always being available when a student needed help, whether it was classroom remediation or a little loan to purchase a snack at the concession stand. He's called students to ask what Santa brought them, attended swearing-in ceremonies for law school graduates, weddings and socials, including baby showers, and written letters of recommendation. He's counseled students and parents, and was always available when a student was in need.

And he enjoyed every day of it.

## Walters awarded Order of the Long Leaf Pine

By CLARA CARTRETTE  
Staff Writer

Frank and Sylvia Walters celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last September, but it was more than an anniversary celebration. A total surprise to Frank was the presentation of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, awarded to persons for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina.

It was an elaborate occasion, held at the home of David and Terri Walters. Intermittent rain didn't hinder the event, as a covered porch and tents protected the more than 100 guests.

Sylvia and daughters Jan and Beth staged the event that included a huge wedding cake, elaborate buffet dinner, lots of flowers and wonderful fellowship. Photos and newspaper clippings were clothes-pinned to cords under the tents, telling the 50-year history of the honored couple.

Nominating Walters for the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and making the surprise presentation at the anniversary party was Brenden Jones, who knows first hand of Walters' many contributions to education and students in general.

Jones, a Waccamaw Academy alumnus, noted that Walters took the Academy's headmaster position in 1985 but in



Brenden Jones presents Frank Walters with the Order.

the beginning he was much more — teacher, coach, athletic director and head janitor. Jones said Walters also drove a van for years, transporting students to and from school and athletic events, and was always available to a student, no matter the day or time.

"His students were often found sitting in his office during breaks or after school, laughing and sharing stories," Jones said. "He spent many evenings and weekends visiting families and sharing his love for education and the school. He worked seven days a week."

Jones said Walters taught many students in summer school who returned to visit him, stating that their summer school experience changed

their lives and that they were now attending college.

Walters volunteered as an announcer for the Legion Post 137 baseball program and still fills in when needed. He volunteered as radio announcer during Whiteville High's playoffs and the State Dixie Youth tournaments on many occasions.

Jones described Walters as a loving, compassionate and dedicated husband, father of two daughters and a grandfather who is affectionately called "Coach."

Walters assured the crowd that, "Without her (Sylvia) I would never have gotten through it."

"I love you and it's been a magical 50 years," he said, turning to Sylvia. "At 75 years we can do this all over again."

# New exhibit at on display at Columbus Arts Center

Local artist Lori Lytle and friend Renee Calhoun Matthews from Gaston County will exhibit their many talents in the Columbus County Arts Council's gallery. Stop by the Arts Center and see this inspiring show. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or by appointment.

An artist reception will be held Thursday, Feb. 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

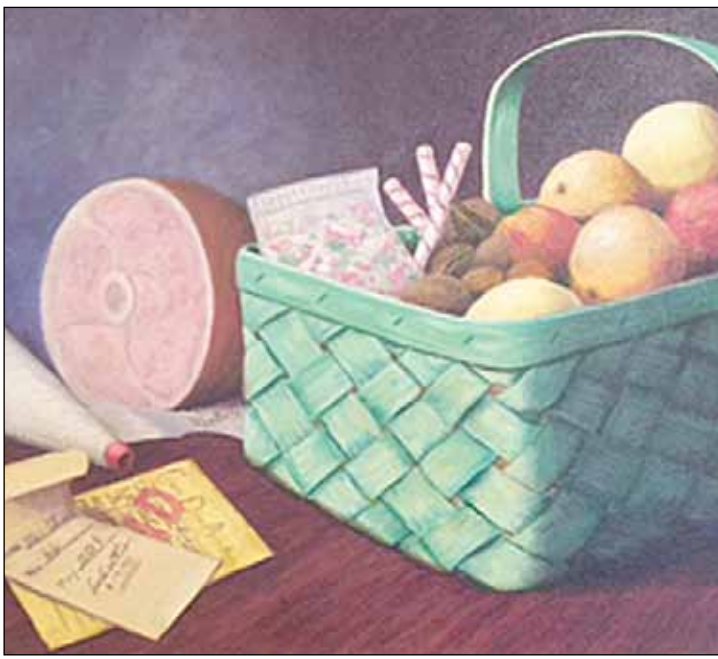
Colorist Lori Lytle's first spark of creative inspiration was ignited not from the world of abstract painting, but from the world of architecture - the profession of her late father Don Lytle.

Her father's support and structured influence can be thought of as the underlying foundation to Lytle's layered surfaces, which at once can appear ancient and modern at the same time. She starts with an idea rooted in the concrete world, then takes the viewer on a subliminal ride through depths of consciousness, layer by beautiful layer, where luminous hues suggest images either from distant memories or fabled dreamscapes.

Lytle studied art at Western Michigan University, where she received a degree for graphic design as well as painting. But she claims she has been employing her "automatic" approach to art since early childhood in Midland, Mich., where she was born and raised.

Her technique could be likened to the peeling of an onion, except when Lytle plumbs her layered surfaces by lifting off what she has previously built up color upon color, the resulting momentum transforms her canvas into an atmospheric adventure land where viewers are free to unveil their own personal visions.

Renee Calhoun Matthews, a native of Gastonia, was born into a family active in the field of art. Her main influence was her father, artist Ira Earl Calhoun. Throughout her life, Renee was his model. Mesmer-



ized by his work, she would watch her father paint for hours and engrossed herself in his art books.

In 2002 Renee enrolled in art classes at Gaston College. She embraced a talent of her own and found a new appreciation for creating art.

Renee took every class to explore sculpture and ceramics. She hand-builds her 3D pieces, working in porcelain with instructor Barbara Chadwick. Renee's paintings are a mix of styles and techniques, utilizing traditional brushes, palette knives and any other tool or method to apply paint to canvas.

Her passion for art, natural talent, as well as fellow artists and instructors, encouraged her to begin showing and selling her work. She has won numerous awards and earned recognition at the local and regional level.

Renee's work can be found throughout homes in the Southeast as well as in a collection at Gaston College. She is a member of the Gaston County Art Guild and the Southern Arts Society. She has participated with the Guild of Charlotte Artists, Charlotte Art League and Lincolnton Cultural Center. Currently Renee works from her home studio.

## Engagement



Heather McNeill  
Zak McPherson

### McNeill-McPherson

Bolling McNeill of Whiteville and Drusilla McNeill of Lake Waccamaw announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Zak McPherson, son of Eric and Sue McPherson of the Beaverdam community.

The bride-elect is employed full time with the family business as a National Drayage Services agency.

The groom-elect is a full-time nursing student at Southeastern Community College.

An evening wedding is planned for Aug. 13 in Whiteville.

### WHS Class of '96 planning reunion

Whiteville High School's Class of 1996 is planning a 20th-year reunion for the weekend of Oct. 15.

For more information email Blake Biser Brookshire at [jblakebrookshire@gmail.com](mailto:jblakebrookshire@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/groups/whsclassof96](http://www.facebook.com/groups/whsclassof96).

## Voter ID

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white voters to lack acceptable ID. They say there is no significant voter fraud of the kind in the state that could be prevented by the requirement.

Cerro Gordo native Sarita Brown called the law a "non-issue" because of the options in types of identification allowed to vote.

"They allow several IDs so whichever one a voter has at the time will qualify—this is fine," she said.

Whiteville native Philip White disagrees that the law is a non-issue.

"The law is named 'Voter ID' as misdirection. It includes other things than needing an ID. It openly speaks about reducing polling places in minority

neighborhoods, which tend to vote Democrat. It cuts down on early voting and can also make college students drive back to their hometowns in order to cast a vote, another group that largely leans to the left," he said.

In an effort to reduce confusion about the new requirements, the state allocated \$3 million in funding to educate state poll workers and voters. Public forums, such as the one being hosted by the Columbus County Board of Elections this Thursday, are part of the state's education and outreach effort to help voters understand the new law.

The North Carolina primary elections will be held on Tuesday, March 15.

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## Grant

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traffic counts, 13,000 vehicles per day go through the Powell Boulevard intersection at Walmart; the Franklin-Lee-Madison interchange sees 15,000; and Washington Street from Powell to the courthouse handles an average of 12,000 per day.

"That's going to grow, ac-

ording to the DOT," Rosier said. "It's only going to get worse as road construction picks up, and more people move through town."

The new officers would be trained in the use of the Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) program to identify trends, as well as being certified in Level One accident reconstruction, advanced DWI investigation and other specialty skills. Two staff members have already been trained in the DDACTS protocols, which use history, traffic patterns, trends and other data to forecast trouble spots and allow officers to deploy accordingly. The new officers would also work as a team, and be available on an as-needed basis around the clock to provide backup in normal enforcement situations as well as accidents and DWI investigations.

Rosier read a statement written by Police Chief Aragon to the city council in the 1990s.

"Due to our location," Aragon wrote, "we are going to see

an increase in traffic and with it, more accidents and crime."

"That was in about 1993," Rosier said. "Chief Aragon had 26 officers. I have 22."

Rosier said there was no guarantee the city would obtain the GHSP grant, but he feels confident about the city's application.

"We have the data to show that this would be a benefit to public safety in Whiteville," he said.

On a motion from Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Clarida and a second by Councilwoman Vickie Pait, the council approved Rosier's request to submit the application. The chief said the city should know in March if it is approved by the GHSP, with funding beginning in October.

## BIRTH

### Norris

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Elwood Norris Jr. of Chadbourn announce the Dec. 22 birth of a daughter, Brinleigh Nicole, in Columbus Regional Healthcare. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces.

Mrs. Norris is the former Brittany Hayes, daughter of Elaine Hayes and Darrell Hayes of Whiteville. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry Edward Norris Sr. of Whiteville.

Brinleigh has two siblings, Aiden Russ, 6, and Justin Russ, 4.

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# Deaths

The News Reporter, Monday, February 1, 2016 -- 7A

## DEATH NOTICE



### JAMES DOMINICK TORELLI

WHITEVILLE -- James Dominick Torelli, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 in Durham V.A. Medical Center. He was born Nov. 5, 1937 in Schenectady, N.Y., the son of the late Dominick and Carmela Riggi Torelli.

Mr. Torelli was a veteran of the U.S.

Navy stationed on the USS Mt. McKinley. He was an accomplished musician and lead singer with the band, The Twilights in the Albany, N.Y. area. He also served as a minister of music in Jacksonville, Fla. and Rotterdam, N.Y.

Visitation will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Peacock Funeral Home in Whiteville. His funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Ray Best officiating.

He is survived by his wife, Cherie A. Torelli; three sons, Dominick Torelli and wife, Kimberly, of Whiteville, James Torelli Jr. and wife, Courtney, of Hallsboro, Gordon Torelli and wife, Michelle, of St. Augustine, Fla.; four daughters, Tina T. Stanislowsky of Buffalo, N.Y., Shannon Aliff and husband, Neil, of Lake Wales, Jaymie Dew and husband, Allen, of Jacksonville, Fla., Amanda Parker and husband, Anthony, of Whiteville; three brothers, Angelo Torelli and wife, Priscilla, of Melbourne, Fla., Joseph Torelli and wife, Annette, of Schenectady, N.Y., Gerald (Jerry) Torelli and wife, Gloria, of Whiteville; 16 grandchildren, William DeSantis, Cameron Hanson, Kaylyn DeSantis, Nicole Desrosiers, Tony DeSantis, Caterina Torelli, Amber Torelli, Taylor Parker, Tanner Parker, Kristen Dew, David Dew, Maison Dew, Wyatt Torelli, Carmela Torelli, Ally Torelli, Christian Wilson; and three great-grandchildren, Rory Owens, Aubrey Allen, Winter Tedder.

Online condolences may be made at [peacockfuneralhome.net](http://peacockfuneralhome.net).

## DEATH NOTICE



### ROSALIE POPE GRIFFIN

RALEIGH -- Rosalie Pope Griffin, 90, formerly of Wilmington, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 at the Carillon Assisted Living, Raleigh. Mrs. Griffin was the daughter of the late Empie Franklin Pope and Lettie Inman Pope and was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Griffin Sr.; four brothers, Tildon Pope, Glendale Pope, Franklin Pope, Lloyd Pope; and one sister, Ruby Pope Lanier.

Mrs. Griffin was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmington and worked as a receptionist for Life of Georgia Insurance Company for 20 years.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 at Whiteville Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Darryll Hester officiating. Visitation will be held Monday, Feb. 1 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. prior to the service at McKenzie Mortuary in Whiteville.

Survivors include one son, Warren Griffin Jr. (Nancy) of Raleigh; and two grandsons, Scot Griffin of California and Lee Griffin of Raleigh.

### DEWEY ALLEN RICHARDSON

WHITEVILLE -- Dewey Allen Richardson, 66, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at his residence. He was the son of the late Forest Brantley Richardson and Luella Tedder Strickland. He was also preceded in death by four siblings, Dennis Richardson, David Richardson, Darrell Richardson and Ann Tedder.

Final rites were held Sunday, Jan. 31 at Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourne with Rev. James Mulkey officiating. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Lake Waccamaw.

He is survived by one son, William A. Richardson of Whiteville; two daughters, Ginny R. Huntington of Apex and Georgiana Richardson of Oak Island; four siblings, Douglas Richardson of Whiteville, Mildred R. Bright and Judy R. Hester, both of Hallsboro, Donald Richardson of Hendersonville; and five grandchildren.

## DEATH NOTICE



### HAYNES BENJAMIN DORES

WHITEVILLE -- Haynes Benjamin Dores, 68, passed away Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 at his residence.

He was the son of the late Wallon Woodrow and Mary Louise Campbell Dores and the husband of the late Brenda Sue Avant Dores. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Woodrow Dores and Robert Dores.

He served in the U.S. Army and later retired from the North Carolina National Guard (Bladenboro Unit) with more than 30 years of service.

He was employed by Georgia Pacific in Whiteville for 32 years before retiring in 2009.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourne. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Flynn Cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one daughter, Sinda Dores of Whiteville; one step-daughter, Jackie W. Duncan (Mike) of Chadbourne; one sister, Lucy D. Creech of Whiteville; and three grandchildren, Shayla Arruda, D.J. Arruda and Laney Duncan.

### PEGGY POWELL NEALEY

LAKE WACCAMAW -- Peggy Powell Nealey, 60, formerly of Tabor City, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare in Whiteville. Born April 9, 1955 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late Woodrow Powell and Minnie Lucille Norris Powell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one stepson, John Floyd Nealey; and one step-grandson.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Tabor City. The family will receive friends after the service at the gravesite. Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City is handling the arrangements.

She is survived by her husband, James Floyd Nealey of Tabor City; two daughters, Mary Sue Nealey and Rosa Lee Nealey, both of Whiteville; one brother, Samuel Powell of Tabor City; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### ERNEST WAYNE WILLIAMSON

CHADBOURN -- Ernest Wayne Williamson, 57, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. He was preceded in death by his father, Horace Mitchell Williamson; and a sister, Carol Lynn Hunt.

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

He is survived by his wife, Terry Ann Pridgen of the home; two daughters, Mandy Melissa Edge Cook and Maya Michelle Mayes, both of Georgia; his mother, Defean Barnes Williamson of Evergreen; siblings, Horace Williamson of Boardman, Patty W. Nance and Harvey Williamson, both of Evergreen; and seven grandchildren.

### ROBERT LONZA BROWN

CHADBOURN -- Robert Lonza Brown, 58, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 in Charlotte.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

## DEATH NOTICE



### EARLENE BRACEY

BLADENBORO -- Mrs. Earlene Bracey, 89, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016 at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley A. Bracey Jr.; her parents, Braxton Huggins and Grace Page Huggins of Lake View, S.C.

Visitation was held at the home of her daughter, Kaye and Ronald Allen Monday, Jan. 25. A graveside service was held Tuesday, Jan. 26 at Fairmont Cemetery in Fairmont.

She is survived by two daughters and a son, Jean B. Staley and Kaye and husband, Ronald Allen, all of Bladenboro, Jimmy and wife, Donna Bracey, of Lake Waccamaw; four grandchildren, Julie and husband, Craig Waldrop, of Charlotte, Matthew Staley and Wiley and wife, Melissa Bracey, all of Conway, S.C. and Paul Wilson of Florida; three great-grandchildren, Xander Waldrop, Cooper Bracey and Bradley McKeever; two step-grandchildren, Janice and husband, Randy Pulley and Reece Allen; two step-great-grandchildren, Robbie and Abby Cooley. She is also survived by one sister, Katie Lee Bulla of Charlotte.

### MARY VIRIGINIA HILL

FAIRMONT -- Mary Virginia Hill, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton. Born in Horry County, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Willie Blanton and Ina Hooks Blanton. She was preceded in death by one son Randy Hill, one brother Harris Blanton.

Visitation was held Sunday, Jan. 31 at Inman Ward Funeral Home in Tabor City. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1 in Gapway Cemetery in Tabor City.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie Norris of Loris, S.C., Ginny Oxendine of Orrum; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

### POLLY EDWARDS ETHERIDGE

LAKE WACCAMAW -- Polly Edwards Etheridge, 66, died Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte. She was born Nov. 24, 1949 in Columbus County, the daughter of the late Oscar Edwards and Regina Edwards McNair.

A memorial service by her family will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Lake Waccamaw Hillcrest Cemetery. Peacock Funeral Home of Whiteville is assisting the family.

She is survived by her husband, Royce Etheridge; one son, Jason Dehlin of Roanoke, Va.; two stepdaughters, Kristy Freeman of Bladenboro, April Grainger of Shelby; one brother, Grayson Edwards; one sister, Mary Beth Gilliland of Marion, S.C.; five step grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## Old Dock/Cypress Creek blood drive

Old Dock/Cypress Creek Fire Department will hold its annual Red Cross blood drive Sunday, Jan. 31 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The blood drive will be held at the fire department located on Hwy. 130 in Old Dock. The Red Cross is in urgent need of all blood types.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call Barbara Osborne at 642-8709.

### OLA MAE SUGGS SELLERS

WHITEVILLE -- Ola Mae Suggs Sellers, 81, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte. She was the daughter of the late Lushion Pinkey Suggs and Sara Frances "Fannie" Graves Suggs Walton and the widow of O'Neal Sellers. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Howard L. Suggs and Raymond E. Suggs.

She along with her husband, O'Neal owned and operated Whiteville Meat Market in Whiteville since 1974.

Final rites were held Saturday, Jan. 30 at Worthington Funeral Home in Chadbourne with Rev. Stephen Bazan and Neil Sellers officiating. Interment was in the Sellers Family Cemetery.

She is survived by one daughter, Peggy Sellers Ward of Whiteville; one son, Charles Neil Sellers of Whiteville; one brother, Lloyd H. Suggs of Tabor City; five sisters, Estelle S. Stanley of Dunn, Mazie S. Smith and Ann S. White, both of Whiteville, Wanda S. Stevens of Tabor City, Eloise S. Hutto of Bamberg, S.C.; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

### GEORGE MITCHELL WRIGHT

TABOR CITY -- George Mitchell Wright, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 30 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Whiteville. Born in Columbus County, he was the son of the late Donald Mace Wright and Lula Soles Wright. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Donald Kerwin Wright; and three sisters, Kay Frances Radford, Judy Dimmery, Linda McLaurin.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 at Inman Ward Funeral Home. Final rites will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Forest Lawn Baptist Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

He is survived by one sister, Paula Wright Johns of Tabor City.

### LOLA PEARL MISHUE

WHITEVILLE -- Lola Pearl Mishue, 76, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center. Born Aug. 11, 1939 in Columbus County, she was the daughter of the late Barnel Long and Lily Benton Long. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, O.D. Mishue; one son, Oburn Mishue; infant daughter, Doris Faye Mishue; and infant son, Tommy Mishue.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Jan. 31 at Alton Long Cemetery, Crusoe Island Road. The family received friends after the service at the gravesite. Inman Ward Funeral Home of Tabor City handled the arrangements.

She is survived by one daughter, Evelyn B. Fowler of Clarendon; one son, James Marshall "J.M." Mishue of Whiteville; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### BELIZER ANTOINE 'PETER' ALTEME

HALLSBORO -- Belizer Antoine "Peter" Alteme, 67, formerly of Haiti, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016 at his residence.

Final rites will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home in Whiteville with Pastor Richard Smith officiating. Viewing will be held Monday, Feb. 1 one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

### HAROLD HUBERT HESTER

BLADENBORO -- Harold Hubert Hester, 66, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey Hubert Hester Jr. and Mary Dowless Hester.

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

The family received friends Saturday, Jan. 30 at Center Road Baptist Church. Final rites followed visitation with Revs. Dewayne Lambeth and Dave Pyatte officiating. Burial was in Old Pait Cemetery. Bladen-Gaskins Funeral Home of Elizabethtown handled the arrangements.

He is survived by his spouse, Teresa P. Hester of the home; one son, Brian H. Hester of Bladenboro; one daughter, Diana Nobles of Elizabethtown; four brothers, Tony Hester, Jeff Hester, Robert Hester and Carl Hester; two sisters, Janet Campbell and Joyce Rice; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### JO LANE MCKEITHAN HESTER

DELCO -- Jo Lane McKeithan Hester, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center in Wilmington. She was born in Columbus County, the daughter of the late Togie Hester and Vera Roberts Hester. She also was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Hester; and a sister, Frances Kelly.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilmington Funeral & Cremation, 1535 S. 41st Street.

Survivors include one son, Luther "Sandy" Hester Jr. of Riegglewood; two daughters, Priscilla Hester of Delco and Tracy Justice of Riegglewood; one brother, Ronald McKeithan of Jacksonville, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

### SEAN DARCINA NIXON RHODA

HALLSBORO -- Sean Darcina Nixon Rhoda, 18-month-old-son of Shaniqua Bellamy and Gary Rhodia Jr., died Friday, Jan. 29, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare in Whiteville.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home of Whiteville.

Friends may visit the family at 3298 Sam Potts Hwy.

### PATRICIA ANN GORE

WHITEVILLE -- Patricia Ann Gore, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at Columbus Regional Healthcare.

Arrangements will be announced by Peoples Funeral Home.

## Cypress Branch PFWB Family/friends Day

Cypress Branch Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church will hold its Family and Friends Day Sunday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m.

The group Willing Hearts will be singing from 10-11 a.m. and preaching will be from 11 a.m.-noon.

Soup and sandwiches will be served after the service.

The church is located at 1067 Small Road, Fair Bluff.

Rev. Perry Cribb is the pastor.

For more information call Cribb at 207-8882 or Jason Jordan at 843-385-3491.

## Special Olympics Interest meeting

A Special Olympics Interest meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

This meeting is for individuals that want to help improve and grow the Special Olympics program in Columbus County.

The meeting will be held at HomeCare Management Corporation, 2208 James B. White Hwy. N.

For more information call Jennifer Moore at 640-1153.

## New Mt. Zion hosts movie for women

New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church will host movie day for women Saturday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m.

A free showing of the movie, War Room, refreshments and "girl talk" are included.

Child care will not be available for this event.

For more information call 445-6031.

The church is located at 1980 Mill Pond Road in the Brunswick community.

Rev. Anthony Rowell is pastor.

## Graham Chapel AMEZ 100 in red

Graham Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church of the East Arcadia community in Riegelwood will hold its 15th Annual "One Hundred in Red" Program Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. Special guest speakers, who will speak on the subject, "We love because He first loved us," Rev. Dr. Mary C. Nixon, pastor of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church of Wrightsboro; Rev. James Jones, pastor of Baker's Creek A.M.E. Zion Church of Dublin; Sister Dora Jones of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, Elizabethtown; Rev. Roxie Lloyd of Saint Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, Bladenboro; and the Rev. Rona Watson, pastor of the New Zion A.M.E. Zion Church of Lisbon.

Rev. William Peterson is the pastor.

## Roseland VFD BBQ Feb. 6

Roseland Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual BBQ Saturday, Feb. 6. Plates are \$8.

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# Editorials

The News Reporter, Monday, February 1, 2016

## There is no time like the present to give blood

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood, according to the American Red Cross. That is more than 43,000 blood donations needed each day in this country.

Nearly 40 out of every 100 people are eligible to donate, based on health and other factors. Only four of those 40 will, based on statistics.

In the winter, blood reserves are often depleted to dangerously low levels and right now American Red Cross officials say blood donations are urgently needed to maintain a sufficient blood supply for patients.

Eligible blood donors of all types are needed, especially those with O, AB, B negative and A

### The point

*Why wait until it is your daughter or son, brother or sister or spouse whose life is saved with a blood transfusion to be inspired to give? There is no time like now.*

10-year-old Leah Starnes of Pireway, are often the ones who need blood transfusions the most.

Chances are we do not have to look far to find someone – a neighbor, friend, or loved one who has or will need a blood transfusion.

If only we didn't have to look far to find just as many donors.

This is more than a call to individuals. Sponsors, such as churches and civic organizations, are needed to host blood drives in Columbus County, too.

Why wait until it is your daughter or son, brother or sister or spouse whose life is saved with a blood transfusion to be inspired to give?

There is no time like now.

## Quotes of the week

*"He is one of the first guys that ever gave me credit."*

– **Ricky Benton, owner of Black's Tire, about the late Sol B. Mann. Benton was named the recipient of the Sol B. Mann Community Spirit Award at the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Banquet last week.**

*"I remembered when I was president my speech was about how we needed to be a county chamber. It makes me happy that we have moved in that direction. We are not there totally. I think if we are ever going to grow as a county we need to operate as a county."*

– **Esther Scott on the Chamber's countywide efforts and just days after receiving the Chamber's Lifetime Honorary Award.**

*"We want everybody to be able to come here. This is an open park—this is not some isolated thing. It's open to everybody. We've got a big vision and big plans to welcome everybody,"*

– **Lake Waccamaw Mayor Daniel Hilburn at a meeting to discuss park additions and a wellness center.**

*"We strongly believe that the environmental conditions during the previous study on Aug. 27, 2015 no longer exist and it is safe for employees and (the) public to enter the building without personal protective equipment."*

– **Collins Ibeto of Quality Environmental on the air quality in the new Columbus County Courthouse.**

*"If we've got people there that have questions regarding the voter ID requirement, they can get them answered right then and there."*

– **Columbus County Board of Elections Director Carla Strickland on the upcoming session planned for 6:30 p.m., Feb. 4 at the National Guard Armory in Whiteville.**



## The foulest of months

By **JEFFERSON WEAVER**  
Staff Writer

As I write these words, it's a lovely January afternoon.

The sun is shining, the sky is clear, the geese are calling, and the chickens are content. It's a day that carries the promise of spring.

But by midnight, that will change, since we will enter the month of February.

I detest February.

The month has but a few high points—birthdays for my Sister the Troll, my mother-in-law, and several friends I hold dear. There's Valentine's Day, just about the only greeting card holiday I consider worth noting. There's – oh. Wait.

No. That's it. No other reason to like February. Well, I tried.

February is a skulking, sissified, sinister month, not even long enough to own 30 days, much less 31 like other respectable months. February doesn't even know for sure if it's supposed to have 28 or 29 days. You can try to convince me that February's indecision and insecurity is really designed to help balance the calendar, but I don't buy it. Why couldn't another month be misbalanced, and give us something worthwhile, like another day of summer, or spring, or deer season?

Because February is foul. It is fiendish. It is futile to resist, because all one would be resisting is the miasma of miserable mud and half-frozen rain that should be snow or at least honest, honorable yet horrible ice – but no. February doesn't know what it wants, ergo, it will not commit either way. Kind of like politicians addressing splits in their parties a few days before elections.

It was in February that I lost a job, was dumped by a girlfriend, and wrecked my truck – twice – all in one day. Also ruined a good suit.

February is a dreadful, detestable, disgusting, loathsome, lethargy-inducing, lugubrious, miscreant of a middling month, if for no other reason than the fact it always induces awkward alliteration, not to mention run-on sentences.

February is unflavored, sugar-free Jello, eaten on a plastic chair under a 40-watt light bulb watch-

ing reruns on a home-shopping network. In Mandarin, with Russian subtitles.

February is a month of torment for outdoorsmen like me. Miss Rhonda doesn't like the extra mud tracked through the house, yet there's usually no incentive to go outside, since the weather is often foul as February morning breath. There is a reason several tribes of Native Americans called February the Starving Moon. Most of the hunting seasons are long since over, and what prey animals remain are proof of Darwinian philosophies. The furbearers are hungry, poor and far from the glorious winter prime that comes between the last full moon of December and its companion in January. Instead, they just eat everything they can find and tear up the rest. I can't blame them for doing what animals do, but by February, the fur is so thin it won't pay the gasoline bill. Besides that, I'm not a big fan of possibly trapping and skinning a pregnant critter, or leaving dependent young. That's the type of thing February would do.

My beloved catfish are usually more conservative in February; if they can fight the currents of the

*See Foulest page 9-A*



Jefferson Weaver

## Finding motivation

By **SARAH GRAY**

One recent morning, I believe it was 20 degrees outside around 5 a.m. I usually have to exercise in the morning, because I have found that if I wait until later in the day, I will come up with all kinds of excuses for why I can't. For example, what if someone actually sees me? No one sees me when it's 5 in the morning, except for the occasional opossum, raccoon, etc.

That cold morning I actually woke up at 5 a.m. and thought to myself "it is really cold outside. I do have four shirts, two pairs of pants, and one duck hunting mask that I borrowed from my husband to run in, but I just don't feel like going."

This is the kind of morning where I need to hire someone to come into my house with a bull-

horn and a whistle, and yell at me to get out of bed.

For those of you who are thinking you may need to hire someone to do this, please don't spend time looking in the our local yellow pages for this service. Apparently, there is not a market for it, yet.

Being physically active takes a huge amount of commitment, motivation, and determination. It is getting out of bed, putting one foot out the door, when either or both of these are the last thing you want to do.

Finding your inner strength to get moving can be difficult. Each of us have to find ways to "draw up" inner strength within ourselves to get moving.

One idea I read about was to put Bible verses on your phone to look at when you need some inspiration such as "Let us run with endur-

ance the race God has set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). I think this is a great idea for those of us looking for ways to tie faith with physical activity.

As eight of our county's numerous churches complete their first month of the Fit and Faith challenge, it will be exciting to hear personal testimonies of how faith, and other methods, encourage them to be physically active even when life is stressful and demanding.

One last thought – if anyone is up for the job of the "bullhorn, whistle, and yelling motivational morning get you moving" position, please send me your resume.

If you would like more information on Columbus County Health Department's Fit and Faith Challenge, please contact the health department at (910) 640-6615.

## Old gentleman doff

BY **RAY LUNDY**  
Special to The News Reporter

The old gentleman doffed his hat to Linda as he held the door for his wife and Linda to enter the restaurant. Immediately, my mind rushed back to another time, another century. Both of my grandfathers and my dad wore hats.

My dad had a dress hat he wore, and when each of my relatives met women, they tipped their hats to them. It was a custom for many years. No dignified man left home without a hat in the early 20th Century

Doffing the hat to ladies is a word and practice that came from the Middle English Language period: "doffen" – to do off. So when a man met a woman, he doffed his hat to her – raised it slightly,

and see men with their hats on. Later, the man tipped his hat to the ladies, and enough of that.

The old gentleman at the restaurant took me back to another time. In the last 100 years, we have come so far: from the horse and buggy to the automobile, to telephones, radios, televisions, computers, airplanes, and space flight.

I cannot begin to name the progress we have made in the last century, but I also think of what we have lost: manners, civility, and only God knows what else.

In the 40s and 50s, last century right, the churches and synagogues were full – nothing to try your faith like a war. Now, many churches are struggling to survive. Our women are not treated as well, and they still do not get paid as much as a man for the same job. In restaurants one can look around

and see men with their hats on. Also, it is not often that you see people blessing their food – just jump right on it like hogs. Some continue holding their forks like clubs. Manners, manners, who has the manners?

Most men do not open doors for the ladies. A guy will often go to the girl's house, blow the horn, and the young lady runs outside – not at our house.

People are rude in many ways – on the highways and in public places. Respect for the rights of others is almost nil.

Our military has been gutted to post-WW I levels, and the world is on fire – Washington fiddles while the world burns. O well, enough already. It is amazing what an old man brings to mind by doffing his hat.

## Railroading eminent domain

Governor McCrory's pronouncement that the proposed CSX rail hub in Selma is effectively dead is both good news and bad. Without question this could be a great benefit to our state but the handling of it was not good, especially regarding the use of eminent domain.

James Madison is credited with writing the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution, insisting that when private land is "taken" or condemned by eminent domain it was to be used for a public use and that landowners were to receive just compensation. Federal, state and even local governments have historically used that power for projects like roads, public works, buildings, airports and rail lines.

What is the definition of "public use?" Over the years governments have expanded eminent domain to include economic development projects, most often in blighted neighborhoods for urban renewal, but in 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Kelo v. City of New London*, ruled by a 5-4 vote, that eminent domain's definition could be expanded for economic development if appreciable benefits, such as new jobs and increased tax revenues would result.

The proposed CSX intermodal facility will be the East Coast hub for trains, trucks and ships, utilizing our ports at Morehead City and Wilmington, as well as I-95 and rail lines, costing \$242 million and employing up to 300 in construction and a projected 1,500 jobs in coming years. It has the potential for making North Carolina a real transportation center.

Here's the rub. The state is to provide \$100 million of the initial cost of construction in incentives and Johnston County will forego \$6 to \$7 million in real estate and personal property taxes for seven years, minimizing, at least for the near future, much of the public benefit.

Neither the state nor CSX employed good public relations or business sense. Only as the announcement was being made did CSX personnel begin knocking on doors of affected property owners to tell them that they must sell their property or have it taken by eminent domain, if necessary.

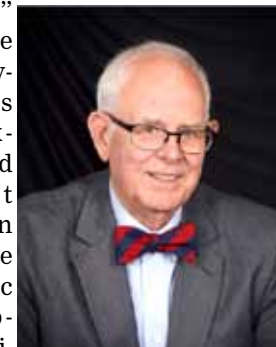
They could have learned from the past. In the 1970s Firestone Tire and Rubber decided to build a tire plant in Wilson next to the Norfolk Southern line. Firestone hired several different agents to secretly negotiate with landowners for the purchase of their property. Only after all the tracts were under contract did they announce their intentions. Property owners, local government and the citizens of the county were all pleased to get the new employer.

It is no wonder residents and Johnston County Commissioners were understandably upset with the manner in which this was handled, especially if the proposal had been under consideration for several years.

One of the great tasks of large economic development projects is to assemble needed acreage at reasonable costs to make them viable; secrecy is obviously important or else land prices will skyrocket and, if a small number of property owners balk, it might even be justifiable to invoke eminent domain, but only as the last resort.

We hope CSX will not give up on this east coast hub because it indeed sounds like a wonderful boon to our state. But we also hope they will step back and bring it to reality in such a way that people don't feel like they've been railroaded.

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



Tom Campbell

# McDONALD'S PRESENTS

## Whiteville High School



**James Hester**

Freshman James Hester is the 15-year old son of Aaron Hester. He said he wouldn't change anything about Whiteville High and his favorite activity is working with the custodial staff for school-based enterprise hours. "It makes me feel like I'm moving forward toward graduation," he said. School-based enterprise projects are what James likes best about being at school. "We make things like tables and chairs and paint them and other things. People like them," he said. James is active in the school's FFA and said his best trait is he is a hard worker. His occupational prep class is his favorite because he gets to learn about jobs. His dream is to go to college to be a fireman but he'd also like to be a welder. Something about James most people don't know is that he plays guitar.

## East Columbus High School



**Charizma Mayes**

Charizma Mayes has two very different plans for after college. The East Columbus 10th grader sees herself either serving her country, or helping others. "I would love to work for the CIA," she says. "My Plan B is to be a massage therapist." The daughter of Pamela Lewis and Curibe Mayes Sr., Mayes says she enjoys ECHS because of the faculty. "I like our teachers best," she says, "because they actually take the time to sit and explain things to you." In addition to being a JROTC cadet, Mayes says she enjoys English and biology. "They help me stay focused," she said. "I take pride in being diligently focused on my work. I'm just proud to pass all my grades, and make it to the tenth grade." While Mayes has a quiet voice and demeanor, she is all personality. "I love to communicate and interact with other people," she says.

## West Columbus High School



**Alexandria Small**

Alexandria Small, a senior, is the 18-year-old daughter of Sheila and Phil Small Jr. of Chadbourne. The best thing about West Columbus, she says, is that "The school comes together as a community to support our students." Her favorite class is nursing fundamentals because students learn life lessons while gaining responsibilities of the medical field. Alexandria is involved in cheerleading, nursing fundamentals, FFA and the Beta Club. She's proudest of the fact that she is the reigning Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Festival Princess. Something most people don't know about her is that she runs her own monogramming business, "Ally's Initials." After high school she plans to attend East Carolina University, where she will major in nursing, specializing in pediatrics. She says her favorite book is "Pride and Prejudice."

## South Columbus High School



**Shay Greene**

Shay Greene is the 18-year-old daughter of Stacey Williams and Wade Greene. She was a chief marshal, is in the top 2 percent of her class and a Morehead Cain Scholarship Nominee. The former JV cheerleader is a member of the Senior Beta Club and National Honor Society. "I like the teachers at my school because they are very supportive and encouraging," Greene said. Her favorite class is Chemistry and she says she loves science. "but it is also challenging." She says her willingness to help others is the most interesting thing about her. "I love helping people," she said. "God is the center of my life and I do everything I can to live like he wants me to." Her favorite activity is reading because it allows her "mind to wander." She plans to attend college after graduation and wants to become an orthodontist.



# COLUMBUS STUDENTS of the week



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## Wellness

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included an outdoor pavilion, gymnasium, horseshoe pit, pickleball court, basketball court, softball field, beach volleyball, indoor walking trail, education facility and indoor lap pool. Open green space, ample shade from existing trees, multigenerational park capabilities, picnic areas, and leasable event space were also on the list.

Herstine made it clear to the group that all of the items on the list of features may not be covered by grant funding, should the town be awarded funding, but phasing those features into the park over time is always an option.

"A lot of times things have to be phased for very obvious reasons—phasing is not an inappropriate way of doing things," Herstine said.

Brinkley Park is owned by the Town of Lake Waccamaw but maintained by Columbus County Parks and Recreation via a maintenance agreement with the county.

A wellness center or other facilities that require staffing, an operations budget, and liability insurance was included in the discussion but Herstine focused on projects with a greater likelihood of being funded and sustained.

"The funding agencies now are very aware of giving the money to build things but are you going to have the resources

or at least combined resources to take care of them?" Herstine asked.

"Getting the funds is the overall easy part of it. When it comes to sustainability, that's the biggest hurdle to get over," Johnny Edge of Nakina said.

Completed plans within the next few months mean the town will be able to submit a PARTF grant application with cost estimates in the 2017 grant cycle. Applying before Feb. 28 means the land donation will be counted as matching funds. That waiver expires on Feb. 28, 2017.

A completed plan allows the town to leverage multiple funding sources for various features or future phases should funds for those particular uses become available.

"We're also looking into alternative sources of funding to go along with this that may run a parallel track," Lake Waccamaw Town Manager Harry Foley said.

"You can ask for certain things to be paid for out of PARTF money and certain things to be paid for out of another pot—that's the advantage of having this master plan. Everything that's come up [on the wish list] has made it on the map and is there but you don't have to say everything that's there has to be part of this grant, just a portion of it," Herstine said.

Lake Waccamaw Mayor Daniel Hilburn said Brinkley Park is a resource for anyone in the town, county, and surrounding communities and should be viewed as such.

"We want everybody to be able to come here. This is an open park—this is not some isolated thing. It's open to everybody. We've got a big vision and big plans to welcome everybody," Hilburn said.

Announcements of the meeting made last week suggested the focus of the meeting would be on a county wellness center.

The Columbus County Youth and Family Association (CCYFA) has been working since 1997 to build a community wellness center. Rhonda Dutton of the CCYFA and Lake Waccamaw Town Manager Foley said last week discussions were under way to put the proposed center at Elizabeth Brinkley Park but a feasibility study and funding would be needed.

"A wellness center would be an excellent, natural addition to the park expansion," Foley said last week. "There's been a lot of thought put into it, and it will take a lot of planning and money to make it happen. We hope that the county, the hospital and community college will come on board. It's something that is needed around here, and the Lake is a natural choice."

## Grieving parents will meet Feb. 8

The Compassionate Friends will meet Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church fellowship hall, 105 S. Madison Street in Whiteville.

Anyone who has experienced the death of a child of any age is invited, along with adult siblings and grandparents. The group will share their stories, experiences and precious memories.

An old saying states, "Grief never ends ... but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith ... It's the price of love."

Time has proven that with caring and sharing comes healing.

"We always focus on helping each other," said Jean Cross Burney. "Chapter members affirm that when we get together, we help one another. Together we find strength and solace. Together we discover that we do not walk alone."

"Our group welcomes you. We're here to listen and share. We meet every month on the second Monday at Grace Episcopal in Whiteville."

For more information, contact Burney at joanssister@hotmail.com or on Facebook.

## Foulest

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flooding rivers and streams, they tend to be more picky. Most of the time, I think they settle into a sort of hibernation.

True, bass will soon be on the bed, but again, I'm hesitant to catch, clean and cook a fish that's nurturing next year's creel. And while I haven't been saltwater fishing for years, I am willing to bet most such piscatorial prey have long since headed for warmer water. If I am desirous of standing in a freezing cold wind, in soaking wet clothing, risking hypothermia, all I have to do is stand in the front yard.

February, oh February, how do I loathe thee? Let me count the ways.

But thankfully, February gives way to March; even though we can and often do have winter weather well into the Month of First Flowers, the jonquils and daffodils will rear their yellow and ivory heads in defiance. Our bluebirds will have worked out their territorial and romantic squabbles. Rabbits will dance in the moonlight, fighting or mating. The deer will begin to fatten again, and mama possums will grumble and complain and sway with pouches full of babies.

March leads to April, the Moon of Growing Grass, when horses can become sleek again and turkeys gobble and gossip

in the river bottoms.

But for the moment—it's still February, and while I try to treasure every day on earth, some days are diamonds, and some days — like all those in February — are stones.

I hate February. It almost makes me sentimental for August.

## AlzDe Support meets Monday

Columbus County's AlzDe (Alzheimer's/Dementia) Support Group will meet Monday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at The Lower Cape Fear Hospice (LCFH) Angel House, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville.

Starr Worthington, LCFH's local director of services, will be the guest speaker.

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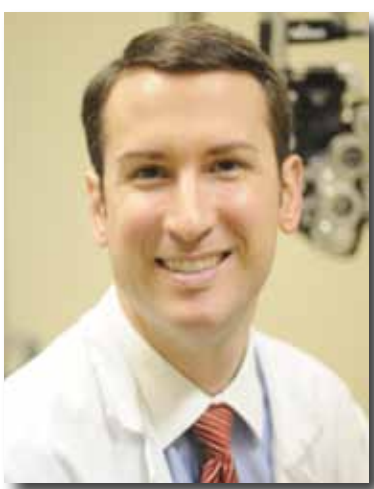
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## UNC-Pembroke basketball All-American

# Rose staying on positive side of season-ending injury

By **DAN BISER**  
Sports Editor

There was not a better NCAA Division II point guard in country last year than UNC-Pembroke's Quamain Rose.

The former Whiteville High School hard-court ace had a tremendous junior season, pacing the 2014-15 Brave basketball squad to a 26-6 record and a berth in regional play.

He was the only college player in America to record two triple-doubles (points, rebounds, assists) during the season.

He averaged 13.8 points, 6.3 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 2.8 steals per game in his third straight season as a full-time starter for Coach Ben Miller's Braves.

After getting recognized on several pre-season Division All-America teams, Rose and the rest of the UNCP squad got off to a strong start this season, winning five of its first six games while again setting itself up to make another strong run at the Peach Belt Conference championship.

But in the Nov. 25 home game with Fayetteville State, the 6-foot, 170-pound Rose took fall on court that resulted in a torn ACL. The knee injury would require surgery and it put an abrupt end to his season.

"I couldn't believe it," Rose said. "One minute I'm sprinting downcourt, then the next minute, I have an injury that was going to keep me from playing the rest of the year."

Coach Miller, who was an assistant to UNC coach Roy Williams during Williams' tenure at Kansas, said that Rose's injury had a profound effect throughout the team ranks.

"It was very unfortunate, and Q was devastated," Coach Miller said. "Needless to say, his teammates were really let down and so was I."

"Here is a player who goes at it hard every day ... in games and in practices, and he had really become our floor leader."

The Braves were 5-1 at the time of Rose's injury, and they now stand at 11-10.

"We've had to make some adjustments as a team because there were so many things that Q provided as a player," Miller added.

If there is a redeeming factor involved, it is that Rose still has eligibility to play during the second semester of the 2016-17 season. He is expected to make a complete recovery from the injury.

"The school is making an appeal to reinstate me for the entire season," he said. "Either way, I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to play next year."

Rose, who was red-shirted at UNCP is still on hand for Brave practices and home games and he continues to work at the campus bookstore as he has the past two years. He still has quality time to share with his five-year-old son Ty. He will graduate in May with a degree in physical education.

Rose said that playing basketball at UNCP has opened doors to him that he would have never thought possible while he was growing up in Whiteville.

"I've played against some great teams and I have been able to fly with the team to play games in California and Puerto Rico," he said.

"I've played against Carolina in the Dean Dome and at N.C. State and Wake Forest, and I've had great coaches and teammates," he said. "The whole school has been great ... everyone is so nice and supportive."

"They are all behind me and wishing me well," he added.

Before signing with UNC-Pembroke, Rose was a three-time All-Waccamaw and All-Columbus County performer for Coach Jerry Singletary's Whiteville High School squad, earning the 2011 Columbus County Basketball Player of the Year honor following his senior season.

Also during his senior year, Rose had a



Quamain Rose

UNCP photo

standout season on the 2010 WHS football team of Coach Baxter Morris, leading the team in rushing and receiving, scoring and returning four kick-offs for touchdowns.

Coach Singletary said that Rose was the

type player who can provide a solid extra dimension to a team.

"He plays with a lot of heart and desire, and he leads by example," Singletary said.



Photo by Grant Merritt

South Columbus senior Hailey Sarvis (00) takes the ball in for a fast-break lay-up in Friday night's Three Rivers Conference girls basketball game against visiting South Robeson. South Robeson won the game 61-32.

## South Robeson grabs wins over Stallions

**VINEGAR HILL** - South Columbus players Kendrick Green and Jay Wright combined for 41 points Friday night, but it still wasn't enough as the Stallions fell to visiting South Brunswick 69-62 in a Three Rivers 1A-2A Conference boys basketball game.

South Robeson's Davonta Banks had another night for South Robeson, scoring 21 points, including an 11-of-14 effort from the foul line. The Mustangs led at halftime 31-24 and held a 52-34 lead after three quarters.

Green's career-high 24-point point total for Coach Bryant Edwards' Stallions included nine of the team's 16 field goals and six of 11 free throw attempts. Wright had a huge night from beyond the 3-point line, hitting five from long range, including four in the second half. He finished the night with 17 points.

No other Stallion player scored more than four points as SCHS suffered its second loss of the season to the South Robeson team while

falling to 3-7 in the conference and 4-12 for the season.

South Robeson, which got 12 points from Johnny Pipken and 11 from Junius Davis, also stands at 3-7 and 4-12.

In the girls game, South Robeson standout guard A'terrica Quick tallied 22 points in leading the Lady Mustangs to a 61-39 win over the SCHS girls squad.

South Robeson had the game well in hand at halftime with a 35-11 lead.

Hailey Sarvis led South Columbus scorers with 20 points and Sarah Faulk followed with nine.

South Robeson improved its Three Rivers Conference record to 8-2 while South Columbus slipped to 3-7.

South Columbus will entertain Fairmont on Tuesday.

## Fairmont wins over stubborn Vikings

By **FRANKLIN DAVIS**  
Sports Writer

**CERRO GORDO** - It was not the blowout that many people expected.

The final margin is not indicative of how competitive the contest was. Eventually, the undefeated Fairmont boys pulled away from a dogged group of West Columbus Vikings for a 77-62 win Friday night.

Fairmont's Jarique Moore swooped towards the basket for a dunk in the game's first 30 seconds. His dunk attempt clanged off the side of the rim. That one missed opportunity seemed to give West Columbus hopes of an upset. The Vikings pounded the offensive glass in the first quarter to score as many points, 14, as they did in the first meeting between the two teams. Fairmont's constant full court pressure resulted in additional scoring opportunities for the Golden Tornadoes. Fairmont led 17-14 after one period.

Officials tightened up the foul calls in the second quarter after Jacob Baldwin fouled Alshaquan William's elbow with his face. Fairmont took advantage, connecting on 13 of 17 free throws in the period and scoring 17 points in the final 3:58 of the half. Fairmont

led 41-30 at halftime.

West Columbus, led by Fred Evans, opened the second half on a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 41-37. Fairmont quickly regrouped and stretched the margin back to 14 points, 62-48, by the end of the quarter. Golden Tornado reserve guards Derrick Arnette and Tyrant Alford combined for 13 points in the period.

The Vikings did not seriously threaten again, but played Fairmont almost even in the final quarter. Statistically, it could be said the game was won at the charity stripe. Fairmont was successful on 28 of 43 free throws. West Columbus was just 11 of 25.

Fred Evans led West Columbus with 20 points and E.J. Miller chipped in 10. Julius Caulder led Fairmont with 22 points. Fairmont improves to 15-0 overall and 10-0 in conference play. West Columbus falls to 4-10, 2-7 in the Three Rivers.

Hopes for a first conference victory ran high on the Viking girls sideline throughout the first half. However, Fairmont's inside game eventually took over and produced a 47-30 Golden Tornado victory.

With 2:50 remaining prior to halftime, the prospects of the West Columbus girls capturing their first win looked rosy. The Vikings led 17-8, Fairmont was struggling getting the ball in the basket and

two Golden Tornado starters had accumulated three fouls. Niya Graham came off the Fairmont bench to lead a 10-0 run and just that quickly the Vikings trailed 18-17 at the half.

Fairmont took advantage of good play in the low post to stretch the margin to 35-23 after three periods. Fairmont continued to stretch the advantage in the fourth quarter despite only making two of 11 free throws.

Raeana Goodman led West Columbus with 10 points. Jay'Brehon Shanks added six. Annella Tiffany got off to a quick start with four first quarter points, but picked up three quick fouls that limited her effectiveness.

Fairmont improves to 5-10 overall and 3-7 in conference. West Columbus drops to 2-12 and 0-9 in Three River action.

Fairmont won the jayvee boys game 44-27. Fairmont handed the West Columbus jayvee girls their second loss of the season 14-13. A Fairmont basket with four seconds remaining provided their only lead of the game.

West Columbus travels to Red Springs Tuesday and will make up their games with Whiteville from January 22 on Wednesday at Whiteville. South Columbus will host Fairmont on Tuesday.



## State bowling tournament qualifiers

The East Columbus High School girls bowling team has qualified for the 2016 state tournament. The state tournament will be held on Feb. 12, in Fayetteville. Olivia Kissam has also qualified for the Girls Singles state tournament. Alley Gator team members are, front row, left to right, Olivia Kissam, Amber Fowler, Sierra Best, Heather King, Makayla Jacobs. Back row, Coach Tara Williamson, Aquila Mitchell, Haley Canady, Graceanna Sessions, Timber Jacobs, Miracle Jenkins. Not pictured, Izzy Lennon and Mahala Barsh.

# ECHS girls suffer first TRC loss

**ST. PAULS** - The St. Pauls Lady Bulldogs played the big spoiler role on Friday night, knocking off Three Rivers Conference leader East Columbus 49-48.

It was the first TRC loss for the East Columbus team since the 2012-13 season.

The Lady Gators now stand at 9-1 in the conference and 14-3 for the season. The loss snapped an eight -game winning streak for Coach Candra Powell's Lady Gators.

St. Pauls improved to 3-7 in conference and 4-12 for the season in pulling the upset.

The Lady Bulldogs got the game-deciding point on a foul shot by Allysa Emmanel, who was fouled as the final second ticked off the clock.

Tia Campbell scored a career-high 26 points for East Columbus, followed by Char-

ity Powell with 13.

St. Pauls also came away with a victory in the boys game, jumping to an 18-4 first-quarter lead that led to a final score of 70-56.

James Patterson and Donte Burden paced St. Pauls with 13 points each. The Bulldogs who held a 32-25 halftime lead, pushed their Three Rivers Conference record to 7-3 and season record to 15-4.

Leading scorers for East Columbus were Shaheed Bellamy with 13 points, Kushod Tucker with 12 and John Baldwin with 11.

The Gators now stand at 1-9 in the conference and 2-18 overall

East Columbus will travel to play South Robeson on Tuesday.

# Three Rivers Conference basketball standings

BOYS			GIRLS		
	Conf.	Overall		Conf.	Overall
Fairmont	10-0	15-0	East Columbus	9-1	14-3
St. Pauls	7-3	15-4	South Robeson	8-2	14-5
Red Springs	7-3	12-8	Red Springs	8-2	13-6
Whiteville	6-3	9-4	Whiteville	5-4	6-7
South Columbus	3-7	4-12	South Columbus	3-7	4-14
South Robeson	3-7	4-12	St. Pauls	3-7	4-12
West Columbus	2-7	4-10	Fairmont	3-7	5-11
East Columbus	1-9	2-18	West Columbus	0-9	2-12

### FRIDAY'S RESULTS

South Robeson 69, South Columbus 62  
Red Springs 52, Whiteville 41  
Fairmont 77, West Columbus 62  
St. Pauls 70, East Columbus 56

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

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

### WEDNESDAY'S GAME

West Columbus at Whiteville

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West Columbus at Red Springs  
Fairmont at South Columbus

### WEDNESDAY'S GAME

West Columbus at Whiteville



Grant Merritt photo

**South Columbus forward Robby Spencer (5) makes a big move to the basket for a lay-up against a pair of South Robeson defenders in Friday night boys basketball action at South Columbus. South Columbus won 69-62. (See story on 2B).**

# Wolfpack takes losses against Red Springs

**RED SPRINGS** - After holding the lead for most of the first half, the Whiteville Wolfpack was out-scored 32-20 in the second half and fell to the host Red Spring Red Devils 52-41 in a Three Rivers Conference boys basketball game.

It was the second straight loss for the Wolfpack, whose conference record fell to 6-3 and overall record 9-4.

Whiteville, which had pulled out a one-point homecourt win over the Red Devils in their earlier TRC clash in December, was led in the scoring column by Germaine McNeil's nine points.

Lamarr Green followed

with eight points.

The big scorer for the night for Red Springs was Tavion Atkinson, who bucketed 24 points. Eric Graham followed with 15 for the Red Devils.

Red Springs stands at 7-3 in the conference and 12-8 for the season.

Red Springs also won the girls game, downing the Lady Wolfpack 61-47. Ericka Vereen was leading scorer for Whiteville with 10 points as the Lady Wolfpack suffered its second TRC loss of the season to the Red Springs team.

Whiteville will play host to St. Pauls on Tuesday.

# Lady Rams fall in Saturday doubleheader

The Southeastern Community College softball team opened its 2016 season Saturday by dropping a doubleheader to visiting USC-Salkatchie.

Salkahatchie took an 11-2 win in the first game and an 8-2 win the second contest.

# Chadbourn DY

## player registration

The Chadbourn Dixie Youth Baseball program will hold player registrations at J. Homer Thomas Memorial Park on the following dates and times:

**Saturday, Feb. 6 - 10 a.m. until noon - Majors/Minors/Coach-Pitch/T-Ball, ages 5-12.**

**Saturday, Feb. 13 - 10 a.m. to noon. Registration for Majors/Minors/Coach-Pitch/T-Ball, ages 5-12.**

**Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. to noon for Majors/Minor/Coach-Pitch/T-Ball.**

**Registration fee is \$30 for Majors, Minors and Coach-Pitch. T-Ball is \$20.**

**For more information, contact Brenda Tedder 840-1955, Chris Rector 625-8968 or Donald Bass 840-6403.**

# Cerro Gordo Dixie Youth sets player registrations

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

**Saturday, Feb. 6 12 noon to 1 p.m. Registration for Majors/Minors/Coach Pitch/T-Ball - ages 5-12.**

**Saturday, Feb. 13**

Registration fee is \$30 per player. Feb. 13 is the final registration date

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

# Middle school basketball round-up

Central Middle's Alex Bellamy continues to put up points for the Hornet girls. Her 18 points led Central to a 34-28 victory over visiting Hallsboro. Leah Nance led the Tigers with 10 points.

In the boys game, Trey Brown scored 17 points for Hallsboro, but it wasn't enough, as Central took a 41-24 victory. Ty Moss led Central with 10 points and Antonio McFadden added nine points.

In other action on Thursday, Acme-Delco's girls topped Cerro Gordo 26-12. The Stinger boys earned a split with a 38-28 win over the Trojans.

Williams Township took two from Chadbourne. The Aggie girls won 20-6. The boys contest was much closer with Williams pulling out a 46-42 victory.

The Nakina Mustangs galloped to two wins over Tabor City. Nonchalont Hemingway had 14 points to lead the Nakina girls in their 43-15 win. Roxanna Bryant added eight. Tyresha Lewis had four points for Tabor City.

Tabor City held Nakina's high-scoring Aveon Bellamy to eight points, but Jaquan Jordan stepped up with 13 and Miller Gore added seven points in the Mustang boys' 34-21 win. Zavaun Moyd scored 11 for the Eagles.

Central and Cerro Gordo Middle Schools celebrated



Photo by Jennifer Hester

**Central Middle School player Amaziah Freeman (5) takes the ball to the hoop in last week's game against Hallsboro.**

Homecoming on Thursday. Kings and Queens' photos can be found in the Middle School Basketball from January 28 article at Whiteville.

com/sports. Also shown are the Hallsboro King and Queen from football season.

# CCA gets win at Laurinburg

The Columbus Christian Academy girls basketball team traveled to Laurinburg Thursday to take on the Scotland Saints.

The Saints stopped CCA's three-game winning streak with a 50-30 victory. Hannah Watts and Abigail Bullock each had eight points. Tori Harding and Ellie McPherson contributed six apiece and Sidera Blackwell chipped in two points. Bullock had 14 rebounds for the Pacers.

On Friday, the Pacers hosted Flemington Academy. Flemington put a slight damper on the Pacer Homecoming celebration with a 31-23 win. Hannah Watts led CCA with 15 points. Abigail Bullock scored eight points and pulled down 13 rebounds.



**South Columbus High School junior Landon Stocks displays some of his snow-boarding skills while on a recent ski trip with his family at Winterplace, W. Va.**

# Dixie softball sign-ups now underway

Sign-ups for Columbus County Dixie Girls Softball will be held Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 from 9 until noon at the following locations:

- Buckhead Store
- Lake Waccamaw Town Hall
- Nakina Middle School Gym
- Riegelwood concession

stand at girls fields - Tabor City Sports Complex concession stands at girls fields.

Also, Monday through Friday, Feb. 1-Feb. 19 at Whiteville Town Hall (Hill Plaza) and Chadbourn Town Hall.

The league is open to players of ages 4-18.

Registration fee is \$50 per

player. New players should bring birth certificates to sign-ups.

For questions, please contact the following league presidents:

Willie Wilkins (Central Columbus), 640-0102; Melissa Sykes (South Columbus), 625-9491; Stuart Carroll (East Columbus), 770-0499.

# Parks & Rec mini-grant application deadline set for Feb. 12

The Columbus County Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the equipment mini-grant. The grants will be awarded based on participation volume and need component.

The intent of this funding

source is to help Columbus County's organized youth franchised leagues satisfy equipment needs and help offset league expenditures.

Grants are for athletic equipment only and will not exceed \$1,000. If a league is

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Lying and being in Bogue Township, Columbus County, North Carolina: Being Lot Number Fourteen N (14N) as shown and delineated on that certain map prepared by Blackmon and Associated, Inc., dated 16 May, 1972, entitled "Wooded Acres Subdivision Property of Thompson's Incorporated", recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 172, Office of the Register of Deeds of Columbus County, NC. Reference is hereby made to said map for further certainty of description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 87 Center Drive, Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina.

Said lot is the same as Lot Number Fourteen N (14N) as shown on plat entitled "Section 2 of Wooded Acres", dated August 9, 1969, prepared by Clarence Hall, Jr., Surveyor, and Registered in Plat Book 10, Page 109, said Office.

Being the same lot or tract of land conveyed by Deed dated April, 1973 from Perry Meshaw to Joseph C. Cichero and wife, Dale T. Cichero, registered in Deed Book 269, Page 494, Columbus County Registry. See also Deed recorded in Book 335, Page 400, and Book 355, Page 494. Being same tract set forth on a plat of survey for Donald M. Pulley and wife, Kay S. Pulley, dated May 17, 1988, and prepared by Billy M. Duncan, Registered Land Surveyor.

Being the same tract conveyed by Deed dated May 23, 1993 from Donald Moody Pulley and Kay S. Pulley, husband and wife to Barry Lee Andrews and wife, Teresa Andrews recorded in Book 453, Page 133, Columbus County Registry. Said tract is subject to Declarations of Restrictions recorded in Book 253, Page 106, and Page 357, Book 256,

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Page 297, Book 257, Page 182 and Book 265, Page 656.

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 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.

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January 25, February 1, 2016

**Notice of Service of Process**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
FILE NO. 15 JT 30  
IN RE: SIBBETT, A MINOR JUVENILE RE: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
TO: John Doe, Unknown Father of Sibbett, a minor child

**LEGAL NOTICES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a petition has been filed by the Columbus County Department of Social Services for the purpose of terminating your parental rights to the above named minor child. You are entitled to attend a hearing affecting your rights. Parents are entitled to have counsel appointed to them if they cannot afford same. If you want a court-appointed attorney, you are encouraged to immediately contact Michael Caviness 654-4325, who has temporarily been appointed to represent you. At the first hearing, the Court will determine whether you qualify for a court-appointed attorney. If you do not qualify Attorney Caviness will be released. This is a new case and any previous attorney appointed to you will not represent you in this matter.

The above named minor male child was born to Jessica Michelle Sibbett on October 13, 2014 in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina. You are hereby summoned and notified to answer the petition. You must prepare and file with the Clerk of Superior Court of Columbus County, Attention: Juvenile Court Clerk, Columbus County Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Square, Whiteville, NC 28472 a written answer to the petition within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication (written below). You must also serve a copy of the answer on the petitioner's attorney (address below). If you fail to file an answer your parental rights may be terminated. Your failure to respond will result in the Petitioner applying to the Court for the relief sought. The purpose of the hearing is to comply with NCGS 7B-1108.1 and to terminate your parental rights.

Such hearing will be conducted on the 22nd day of February, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court of Columbus County, Columbus County Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Circle, Whiteville, North Carolina. If your address is known, the date, time and place of hearing of the petition will be mailed to you upon filing of an answer. You may call the Deputy Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Columbus County at (910) 641-4439 for further information.  
David S. Tedder  
Assistant County Attorney  
111 Washington Street  
Whiteville, NC 28472  
910-642-5645  
January 18, 25, February 1, 2016

**Notice of Service of Process by Publication**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
FILE NO.: 15 CV 1359  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS,  
Plaintiff  
vs

ANGELA MARIE LEWIS; LEWIS SPAIN; STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, NC Office of Indigent Defense Services, Judgmentholder (Lienholder); SOUTHEAST PROPERTIES OF COLUMBUS, LLC, Judgmentholder (Lienholder),  
Defendants  
TO: ANGELA MARIE LEWIS and LEWIS SPAIN, above named Defendants:

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

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**Notice of Tax Foreclosure Sale**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
FILE NO.: 15 CV 992  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS,  
Plaintiff  
vs PENNIE COX; SABRINA ROSE WATTS; CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Beneficiary  
(Lienholder),  
Defendants

NOTICE is hereby given that the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS as a body politic incorporate of the State of North Carolina, is exercising its power and authority to assess, levy and collect taxes against real and personal property located within its boundaries in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Summary Judgment and Order of Sale entered on the 15th day of December, 2015 and is foreclosing on the following land of PENNIE COX and SABRINA ROSE WATTS in order to satisfy the properly assessed but unpaid taxes upon certain lands. Pursuant to the Judgment entered on the 15th day of December, 2015, William E. Wood has been appointed Commissioner with the authority to sell the following land at the Courthouse Door, Columbus County Courthouse in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina at 12:00 o'clock noon on the 16th day of February, 2016 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all interest in the following described real estate: Lying and being in Lees Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being all of that 0.69 acre tract of land designated as Lot No. 3 the same being shown and delineated on a survey entitled "DEER RUN ESTATES-ADDITION NO 1 SURVEY FOR REGISTER'S EXCAVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORP.", dated July 7, 2001, prepared by Jimmy Dale Etheridge, P.L.S., which said plat is recorded in Plat Book 70, Page 40, Columbus County Registry, and is incorporated herein by reference for more particularity of description. Subject to an easement located along the Eastern boundary of the above described tract being fifteen (15) feet, more or less, in width, said easement being that portion of said tract located within the right of way of Deer Run Estates Drive and being a non-exclusive easement for the purpose of providing road-way access from said lot and other adjoining lands with SR 1925, said easement being more particularly described and shown on said plat referred to above. There is also hereby conveyed an easement over and upon that certain

thirty (30) foot wide right of way designated as Deer Run Estates Drive for the purpose of ingress to and egress from said tract of land and other surrounding tracts to SR 1925. This easement is to inure to the benefit of the grantee and all adjoining landowners who have the right to pass and repass over and upon said right of way and shall be perpetual and non-exclusive in nature. Being the same property conveyed by Register's Excavation and Land Development Corp. to Linda H. Cox, by Deed dated October 4, 2002, recorded in Book 707, Page 235, Columbus County Registry. Linda H. Cox died May 14, 2011, in Columbus County, North Carolina. See 12-E-4 as located in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance: "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Commissioner nor the County of Columbus, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Commissioner or the County of Columbus make any representation of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed.

Also, this property is being sold free and clear of all taxes, special assessments, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property except as may have priority under Federal or State Law, if any.

A cash deposit of 20% of the purchase price, or \$750 whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale with the balance remaining due to be paid in full by cash or certified funds at the Office of the Commissioner within three (3) days after the entry of the Judgment of Confirmation by the Clerk of Court. Hearing before the Honorable Scott L. Ussery, District Court Judge for Columbus County, North Carolina was held in connection with this foreclosure on 15th day of December, 2015 at which time Judge Scott L. Ussery authorized this foreclosure sale as required by statute.

This the 26th day of January, 2016.  
WILLIAM E WOOD  
COMMISSIONER  
100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE  
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472  
TELEPHONE: (910)-642-3965  
STATE BAR NO.: 5901  
February 1, 8, 2016

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of David James Stramara, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Executor of the estate of Mildred Daniels McKoy, 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 January, 2016.  
Gardner H. Altman, Jr.,  
Executor of the estate of Mildred Daniels McKoy  
PO Box 234  
White Oak, NC 28399  
Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 2016

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
16-E-5  
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
The undersigned, BRENDA CAROL FISHER JOHNSON, has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of CARL RICHARD JOHNSON, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 25, 2016, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address:  
This the 25th day of January, 2016  
BRENDA CAROL FISHER JOHNSON

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P.O. BOX 2369  
WHITEVILLE, NC 28472  
C. Greg Williamson  
Williamson, Walton & Scott, LLP  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 1467  
Whiteville, NC 28472  
Jan. 25, Febr. 1, 8, 15, 2016.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified on the 22nd day of January, 2016, as Executor Of The Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley, deceased, of Columbus County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the decedent or said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 2, 2016, a date that is three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. Please direct all claims

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to the attention of Mark Council, Executor, Estate Of Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley, 134 Summer Lane, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. All persons indebted to said Estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment thereto. This the 27th day of January, 2016.  
MARK COUNCIL,  
Executor Of The Estate Of

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Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley  
134 Summer Lane  
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472  
T. SCOTT SESSIONS, Attorney For The Estate Of  
Bobbie Jean Formyduval Stanley  
The McGougan Law Firm  
130 Jefferson Street  
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472  
February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2016




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**PUBLIC FORUM ON VOTER ID**  
The Columbus County Board of Elections will be hosting a Public Forum regarding the Voter ID requirements for the 2016 Primary Election. The Forum will be held on Thursday February 4th 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory located at 929 Washington St. in Whiteville NC.

**NC VOTER ID**  
BEGINNING IN 2016, MOST VOTERS WILL NEED TO SHOW ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID AT THE POLLS.



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**UNABLE TO GET AN ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?**  
Voters who are unable to obtain an acceptable photo ID due to a reasonable impediment may still vote a provisional ballot at the polls. A reasonable impediment may include the lack of proper documents, family obligations, transportation problems, work schedule, illness or disability, among others. Voters must: (1) Sign a declaration describing the impediment they face, and (2) Provide their date of birth and last four digits of their Social Security number, or present their current voter registration card, or present a copy of an acceptable document with their name and address.

**VOTING ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?**  
Photo ID is not required to cast a mail-in absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available online, at the county board of elections and at all vote-by-mail voting locations, and can be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the date of the election.

**OVER THE AGE OF 70?**  
Voters who are 70 years of age or older may use any acceptable photo ID that has been expired for any length of time, provided the photo ID expired after their 10th birthday.


**FORGOT YOUR ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID?**  
Voters who do not present an acceptable photo ID at the polling place may still vote a provisional ballot that will be counted if the voter later presents an acceptable photo ID at their county board of elections office before noon on the day before their county board convenes the election.

**QUALIFIED TO VOTE CURBSIDE?**  
Voters who cannot enter the polling place without assistance because of age or disability may vote from their vehicle. These voters may present either an acceptable photo ID or another acceptable document with their name and address.

**OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES?**  
Additional options exist for voters with a properly hand-imposed signature to being photographed, voters who are voters of certain declared national disasters, and newly registered voters who possess a drivers license or non operators license issued within the United States. For details, visit [www.ncdmv.gov](http://www.ncdmv.gov).

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING ACCEPTABLE PHOTO ID OR HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.**

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