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City named in wrongful death suit for 2020 officer killing

By **GEORGE WILLOUGHBY**
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The City of Roxboro has been named in a wrongful death civil lawsuit regarding the 2020 killing of David Brooks Jr. by a city police officer. The suit was filed in the Person County Superior Court's office Friday.

On Friday, July 24, 2020 a 911 call reported a Black male walking along the roadway on Old Durham Road near Oxford Road carrying what appeared to be a shotgun or rifle.

On released dashcam footage, the two first-responding officers officer can be heard telling Brooks Jr. to drop his

weapon three times before one officer fired a single shot. The entire encounter lasted approximately five seconds.

In the investigative summary detailing the event that was released by the 11th Prosecutorial District on Sept. 9, 2020, District Attorney Mike Waters wrote that Brooks Jr. can be seen raising the shotgun he

was carrying at the officers just before the fatal shot was fired. No criminal charges were filed against the officer.

As the administrator of his son's estate, David Brooks Sr. filed the lawsuit Friday, two days before the statute of limitations expired. Brooks Sr. is asking for an award of \$30 million.

Representing himself, Brooks Sr. alleges the officer who pulled the trigger and fired the single fatal wound was Alfred Cox, whom he claims reacted too quickly caused by a decision to take himself off of medication.

Brooks Sr. claims Cox told

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Beekeeper Richard Dunnegan takes a big chunk out of a beehive that was formed in the rear of Eaton Corporation. Dunnegan helped relocated a hive of honeybees that formed at the plant.

Buzzing around

By **KELLY SNOW**
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There was a whole lot of buzzing around the Eaton Corporation a couple of weeks ago.

For a little more than a month, workers near one of the back walls of the Durham Road plant were noticing a few bees here and there.

And then there were more, and more and more.

When the annoyance became too

much to handle, Eaton made the call some local beekeepers to help.

Those beekeepers, along with a few employees of Eaton, worked to remove the bees and the hive from the facility Thursday, July 14.

Beekeepers Whitney Barnes and Richard Dunnegan removed the estimated 4-5,000 bees from the hive located inside the walls in the rear of the building.

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A piece of honeycomb remained attached to a piece of brick after a hive was removed from Eaton.

Collection rate changes after end of fiscal year

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The Person County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2021 Tax Collectors Settlement during the July 18 meeting.

Person County Tax Administrator Russell Jones walked the board through the details of the settlement, highlighted by a significant change that occurred a couple of weeks after the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

At the end of the fiscal year, Person County had collected \$37.7 million in taxes, 98.63 percent billed with \$525,521 left uncollected. According to Jones, that was the lowest percentage collected since 2014.

Two weeks after the end of the fiscal year, a large taxpayer that recently entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy, paid its bill of \$298,000. That payment boosted the county's collection to 99.39 percent, which would have been the best in county history, edging out last year's previous highest of 99.33 percent.

"That's where we are today, but it's two weeks later, so it doesn't count (towards the 2021 fiscal year)," Jones said. "That gives you an idea of what happens and why you have to be conservative on your collection rate. This is a good example. If we would have had another (big bankruptcy), we probably wouldn't have made budget."

Jones reiterated to the board that the tax office budgets for 97.5 percent on collections and the county cannot use a presumptive collection rate higher than was previously collected in the previous year when making its budget.

"We're conservative and always

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Light agenda prepared for Monday's BOC meeting

By **GEORGE WILLOUGHBY**
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The Person County Board of Commissioners will face a light agenda at its regularly-scheduled meeting Monday night with only one action item prepared for the board.

The commissioners will convene at 7 p.m. in the County Office Building Auditorium on South Morgan Street.

The only action item for the commissioners on the agenda is an update on broadband expansion efforts within

the county and consideration of a resolution of county support for an application from Wilmington-based internet service provider and managed service provider CloudWyz.

According to the commissioners' agenda packet, CloudWyz proposes an application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Middle Mile Grant Program for funding construction of a fiber ring in each county and a region-

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Commissioner questioned after shooting dog

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Last Wednesday afternoon, Roxboro police were dispatched to James Street where Person County Commissioner Charlie Palmer shot and killed a dog.

Captain Chris Dickerson said officers found the dog, a 15-year-old Boxer mix named Sophia, in the roadway.

"We received a call in reference to shots fired," Dickerson said. "Offi-

cers responded to the area and met with (Palmer) and the owner of the dog. The dog was found lying in the roadway on James Street and had died from apparently sustaining gunshot wounds. (Palmer) stated that the dog ran toward him."

Dickerson said the dog had broken its lead and approached Palmer aggressively while he was walking his dog approximately a block away from his home.

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DAILY AGENDA

▪ **The Person County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee**, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Social Hall. New members are welcome and encouraged to join discussions.

▪ **Person-Caswell Chapter 2295 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE)**, will hold its regular meeting Monday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. at the Person County Senior Center. The center is located 87 Semo-ra Road in Roxboro. Face masks/coverings are required. All active and retired federal employees are invited to at-tend. For more information, call Robert Allen at 336-322-0259.

▪ **Person County Board of Health**, will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, July 25 in the training room of the Person County Health Department at 355 South Madison Blvd. Public comments are welcomed.

▪ **Berea Branch Library**, will be hosting "tech tutoring" on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on a first come, first served basis on two public access computers or on your own device connected to our wifi. Get help with comput-ers, tablets, eBooks and audio-books, specifically addressing email, basic computer skills, dig-ital photos, word processing ba-sics and how to use the library's online services. If you're already tech-savvy, volunteer as a tutor by emailing maggie.hall@gran-villecounty.org to register and get service hours while helping others. Contact the library at 919-693-1231 with any ques-tions. Opened Tuesdays and Fri-days, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thurs-days, 1 to 7 p.m.

▪ **The 2021 Person County State of the County Health**

Report, can be accessed by go-ing to www.personcountync.gov (use the Government tab to find the Health Department or go to https://www.personcoun-tync.gov/government/depart-ments-a-h/health-department). This report is linked on the Health Department's homepage and can be found using the Health Data/Community Re-sources link. Hard copies are available upon request by call-ing (336) 597-2204. The SOTCH Report is a very brief report that is produced in the interim years between commu-nity health assessments. It pro-vides information on health pri-orities, leading causes of death, teen pregnancy, infant mortal-ity, communicable diseases, emerging public health issues, and opportunities for involve-ment in public health efforts. Currently, the Health Depart-ment, along with a team of community partners, is working on the 2022 Community Health Assessment, which will be re-leased in early 2023.

▪ **The Person County Health Department**, conducts a com-munity health survey every four years as part of the community health assessment process and your input is needed. Survey re-sults will be used to better un-derstand and address commu-nity health needs. This survey is for anyone 18 or older, who lives or works in Person County. The survey can be found on the Health Department's website (on the home page or Public Survey link). To access the Health Department's website go to www.personcountync.gov (use the Government tab to find a drop down listing of de-partments). The direct link for the survey is https://www.sur-veymonkey.com/r/5KHDYXB.

Stop by either location (355 S. Madison Blvd. or 325 S. Mor-gan St.) or call 336-597-2204 to request a hard copy of the survey.

▪ **The NCWorks Career Cen-ter**, is available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m – 4:30 p.m. at the Busi-ness Development Entrepre-neurship Center (BDEC), 105 N. Main Street, Roxboro. They of-fer adult re-employment ser-vices, career readiness work-shops, young adult services for people 16-24, an open comput-er lab and job search training and assistance.

▪ **GriefShare**, grief recovery seminar and support group meets at Westwood Baptist Church each Monday at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 13. GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery top-ics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?", "The Chal-lenges of Grief", "Grief and Your Relationships", "Why?", and "Guilt and Anger". These meetings are open to anyone who has lost a loved one. The church is located at 970 Leas-burg Road. For more informa-tion, call the church office at (336) 599-1982.

▪ **The Person County Tourism Development Authority Grant Program**, is now open. Applica-tions will be accepted on a roll-ing basis. Interested parties should contact info@itsbetter-inperson.com for more informa-tion on qualifying uses and how to apply.

▪ **The Animal Protection So-ciety of Person County**, is of-fering a pet pantry to provide food and litter for the pets of people who have lost their jobs or wages. To apply, visit www.apsofpc.org. Those who want to support the effort can mail

donations to PO Box 291, Rox-boro N.C., 27573. Note Pet Pan-try in the memo line.

▪ **Helping Hands Ministry**, of Warren Chapel Missionary Bap-tist Church of Prospect Hill, will close the Clothing Closet until further notice due to the cur-rent health concerns. The re-opening date will be an-nounced as soon as it is avail-able.

MEETINGS

▪ **The Person County Demo-cratic Party**, will meet on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Those wishing to at-tend may do so either virtually via Zoom or in person at the party's office at 100 N. Main Street.

▪ **Al Anon**, meets each Satur-day morning at 11 a.m. at Rox-boro Presbyterian Church at 319 N. Lamar Street. Please park in the lot and enter at the lower level.

▪ **The Person County Republi-can Party**, meets on the third Thursday of the month at La Piazza Restaurant in the con-ference room. The doors open at 6 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.

▪ **AA Champions Group**, meets at the St. Marks on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Satur-days at 1 p.m.

▪ **The NA Homegroup of Rox-boro**, meets Sundays from 7 - 8 p.m., and Wednesdays from noon to 1:15 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 422 N. Main St., Roxboro. For more informa-tion, call 336-583-7848.

▪ **Dual Recovery Anonymous**, meets at 7 p.m., Thursdays, at Concord United Methodist Church, 70 Concord Church Road, Roxboro.

▪ **Celebrate Recovery**, (for hurts, hangups and habits)

meets Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at Mayo Auto and Outdoor at 8719 Virgilina Road.

▪ **Celebrate Recovery**, (physi-cal and psychological addiction) meets from 7 - 9 p.m. Thurs-days at Westwood Baptist Church in Roxboro. For addi-tional information, call Angela at 336-504-2912.

▪ **AA Back Room Group**, meets at 6 p.m. on Sundays at the Hurdle Mills Fire Depart-ment.

▪ **Safe Haven of Person County Support Group**, meets 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Thursdays at 119 S. Main St. For more information, call 336-597-8699.

▪ **Person County Economic Development Commission**, meets at 4 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at the Person County Transit & Devel-opment Building, 303 S. Mor-gan St., Roxboro. For more in-formation call the EDC Office at 336-597-1752.

▪ **Families Living Violence Free**, can help people with the process of filing a Domestic Vi-olence Protective Order. Fam-ilies Living Violence Free can help with the process. Call 919-693-3579 and an advocate can assist you with safety planning and filling out the order. Items for The Latest Agenda must be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. Tuesday for Thurs-day's edition Announcements are not taken by phone. Include your name and daytime tele-phone number. Bring items to The Courier-Times office at 111 N. Main St. or mail them to: Agenda, The Courier-Times, P. O. Box 311, Roxboro, NC 27573. Because of Latest Agenda space limitations, church-relat-ed activities should be submit-ted for the church page.

CRIME REPORTS

The following reports were released this week.

Roxboro Police Department

Wednesday, July 13

11:52 a.m. – Elbert Nickalous Oakley III, 22, of Old Durham Road, Roxboro, was charged with two counts of felo-ny assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and one count of discharging a firearm into occupied prop-erty. Oakley was placed under a \$100,000 secured bond.

12:31 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of breaking and entering at the Timberland Motel on North Madison Boule-vard.

7:27 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of motor vehicle theft on Durham Road.

4:49 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of vandalism on North Main Street.

Friday, July 15

10:02 a.m. – Elbert Nickalous Oakley III, 22, of Old Durham Road, Roxboro, was charged

with felony conspiracy to commit a felony. Oak-ley was placed under a \$20,000 secured bond.

11:10 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of property damage on Front Street.

Saturday, July 16

10:16 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of breaking and entering on Personality Lane. The total estimated loss was \$333.

8:02 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of larceny on North Main Street. The total estimat-ed loss was \$1,949.

11 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of a discharged weapon on Elm Street.

Sunday, July 17

12:58 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of injury to real property on Dolly Street. The total estimated loss was \$200.

4:33 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of breaking and entering on North Main Street. The total estimated loss was \$550.

Monday, July 18

8:44 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of injury to personal prop-

erty on Durham Road.

Wednesday, July 20

12:20 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of larceny on Ellen Street.

12:26 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of a discharged weapon on Gordon Street.

2:18 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of communicating threats on North Madison Bou-levard.

Thursday, July 21

1:05 p.m. – Tyler Xirone Blackwell, 22, of Helena Moriah Road, Timberlake, was charged with felony discharging a weapon into occupied property. Blackwell was placed under a \$35,000 secured bond.

1:06 p.m. – Jeremiah Malik Scoggins, 21, of Trotter Clay Road, Roxboro, was charged with felony discharging a weapon into occupied property. Scoggins was placed under a \$35,000 secured bond.

4:51 p.m. – Comonik Bumphus Hughes, 44, of Graves Road, Rox-boro, was charged with accessory after the fact to a felony. Hughes was placed under a \$10,000

secured bond.

9:11 p.m. – Lisa McKin-ney Whitlow, 56, of North Madison Boulevard, Rox-boro, was charged with felony food and nutrition fraud and felony conspir-acy to commit food and nutrition fraud. Whit-low was placed under a \$20,000 unsecured bond.

Friday, July 22

9:34 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of larceny of motor vehicle parts on Leasburg Road. The total estimated loss was \$200.

11:12 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of vandalism on Harewood Lane.

11:43 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of vandalism on Hill Street. The total estimated dam-age was \$600.

3:29 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of larceny at Walmart on Durham Road. The total estimated loss was \$84.

5:43 p.m. – Morgan Elizabeth McKinney, 28, of North Madison Boulevard was charged with felony conspiracy to commit a felony and misdemeanor food stamp fraud. McKinney was given a written promise to appear.

8:56 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of obtaining property by false pretenses at Tractor Supply on North Madi-son Boulevard. The total estimated loss was \$352.

Saturday, July 23

1:04 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of simple assault on Cleve-land Lane.

4:15 a.m. – Officers responded to a report of motor vehicle theft on South Foushee Street.

4:23 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of attempted larceny at Walmart on Durham Road.

7:03 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of identity theft on North Lamar Street.

Sunday, July 24

3:26 p.m. – Officers

responded to a report of an overdose on Durham Road.

10:32 p.m. – Officers responded to a report of larceny of a dog on Personality Lane.

The crime reports sec-tion will only regularly feature the names and information of those charged with felony crimes. If a situation warrants, those charged with misdemeanors may also appear.

As much as possible, staff will do its best to include as much about the incidents that law enforcement respond to in the timely manner that is reported to us. Some incidents will not be available in the issue immediately fol-lowing the date of the incident.

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OPINION

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“Some men only take from that which is provided for them in life; others repay in part by putting something back into their communities by service and good deeds.”

Jerry Clayton, Publisher, 1970-2000
on The Courier-Times’ mission of community service.

Empty buses don’t improve air quality

In nearly all North Carolina communities with bus systems, ridership is significantly lower than it was just a few years ago. In Greensboro, for example, there were 1.9 million passenger trips on city buses last year, down approximately 60% from the total in 2014. Over the same period, Winston-Salem

buses experienced a comparable drop-off. In Charlotte, it was a staggering 75%.

It’s not just our largest cities where buses are running well below capacity. Salisbury, Gastonia, Rocky Mount, Wilson — all have seen ridership declines, ranging from moderate to massive.

Of course, transit use cratered pretty much everywhere

when COVID struck in early 2020. Fearful people found other ways to commute, gained the option of working from home, or lost their jobs entirely. Ridership has since bounced back somewhat, though it remains below pre-pandemic levels.

Declines in bus usage didn’t begin with COVID, however. In 2019, the city of Concord’s buses carried 9% fewer passenger trips than in 2014. The drop was 12% in Fayetteville, 15% in Raleigh and Salisbury, 18% in Wilmington, 25% in Winston-Salem and Cary, 28% in Greensboro, and 35% in Charlotte. Among major urban centers, only Asheville, Chapel Hill, and Durham bucked the trend.

Those three communities, and perhaps a few other college towns, have distinctive characteristics that boost their transit friendliness and may prove to be persistent in the post-COVID era. For most of North Carolina, though, realism requires that we accept a basic truth: traveling by bus was never a popular choice, was becoming less so prior to the pandemic, and is now even more unpopular because of it.

For one thing, some jobs that were shifted to remote out of desperation are going to remain remote by choice. Estimates of the percentage vary, but if you take a look at parking lots and foot traffic in downtown areas, the significance of the shift is impossible to miss. If one’s policy goal is to reduce the number of single-occupancy vehicles traversing our roads and streets, either to alleviate traffic congestion or improve air quality, telecommuting was always going to be a handier tool than transit or carpooling.

For another thing, while some politicians and policy wonks may be all-in on a war against cars, most of us never volunteered for such a war — and greatly resent any attempt to conscript us into it. That’s why gas prices are such a hot political issue at the moment. In theory, they represent the kind of price signal many left-wing activists have long dreamed about, a “real” price of driving that reflects a bigger share of the negative externalities it imposes on the environment and society. In practice, most people find high gas prices outrageous and intolerable.

Why was bus ridership declining before COVID? Here’s a key reason: thanks to growth in employment and incomes, more lower-income folks were finding it possible to lease or buy personal vehicles. They saw this as a major improvement in their standard of living. They were right.

In Charlotte, admittedly, some of its huge drop in bus traffic during the past decade occurred not because residents were getting cars but because they were getting off buses to ride trains. The net effect wasn’t to boost transit usage, however. According to a report by Charlotte radio station WFAE, ridership across all transit types is still down 65% since 2014.

As a fiscal conservative, I’ve long doubted pie-in-the-sky projections for transit usage in a state like North Carolina where most people prefer suburban or rural lifestyles to residing in dense urban cores. That doesn’t mean I’m against all transit spending. I just see it more as more of a public-assistance expenditure, to help the relatively small number of people who can’t drive for economic or medical reasons, rather than as a practical means of moving large populations around 21st-century cities.

No matter what the formula looks like on paper, it’s impossible to reduce congestion or improve air quality by running empty or near-empty buses.

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Frank Daniels Jr. — strong to the end

When Frank Daniels Jr. died June 30, people lined up across the state to express admiration and appreciation for his service and contributions to North Carolina. He was praised for his and his family’s importance to the state through their ownership of *The Raleigh News & Observer*.

As president and publisher, Daniels hired progressive editors including Claude Sitton, who had gained a national reputation as *The New York Times* leading reporter in the South during the Civil Rights Movement.

With Daniels’ support, the *N&O* pushed the state and region away from their conservative roots. Its liberal opinion pages and hard-hitting news stories gained it the nickname “The Nuisance & Disturber.”

His obituary explained, “A yellow-dog Democrat, Frank Jr. offered support to many of North Carolina’s most successful politicians including Governors Hodges, Sanford, Moore, Scott, Hunt, Easley, Perdue and Cooper.”

Ironically, the *N&O*’s founder and Frank Daniels Jr.’s grandfather, Josephus Daniels, was a confirmed racist who helped engineer the 1898 coup that brought about the overthrow of the Wilmington city government and resulted in the massacre of scores of Black Wilmington residents.

Josephus’ views were, however, complicated, as explained by N. C. State professor Lee Craig

in his book, “Josephus Daniels: His Life and Times.” Josephus was also viewed as one of the most influential progressive politicians in the country. President Woodrow Wilson made him secretary of the navy during World War I, making him, Craig asserts, one of the most important men in the world.

Craig continues, “I’ve become comfortable with the contradictions of the man. He was a progressive, a warm-hearted family man, a man who genuinely cared about

the country’s less fortunate and downtrodden, at least as he defined them. Yet at the same time, he was a white supremacist, who used the coercive powers of the state to keep Blacks in a socially and economically inferior state for generations.”

Frank Daniels Jr. took over the leadership of the *N&O* in 1968, succeeding his uncle Jonathan Daniels and the founder of the *N&O*, Josephus Daniels.

At Frank Daniels Jr.’s funeral, his son Frank III explained how his father and the family dealt with the community’s changing views about Josephus.

“You are probably aware that over the past several years, the family has been reckoning with increased attention to Josephus Daniels’ role in our state’s history of racial inequity. Like many prominent men of his time, Josephus was a white supremacist and, sadly, used his newspaper to support those views.

“When cousin David Woronoff and I sat down to talk with Dad about taking down Josephus’ statue in Nash Square and the repercussions that would likely come, it was clear how sad it made him. The Josephus he knew was not that man, but a kind grandfather who loved him and who built a business that allowed our family to prosper. However, he did not hesitate to say that he trusted us, and he knew we had to be proactive and try and do the right things on our own, and not put others in the position of having to demand them of us.

“Over the space of days, we took the statue down, the school board renamed Daniels Middle School, North Carolina State University renamed Daniels Hall, and his University of North Carolina suggested we take Josephus’ name off our scholarship plan there.

“Those were some tough blows for him, and it was heartbreaking to me because my experience of watching him...is that his views were 180 degrees from those of his grandfather.”

Handling tough situations was Frank Jr.’s special strength. The decisive way he and the Daniels family handled Josephus’ legacy should be a challenging example for any family whose beloved ancestors had white supremacy views that would be unacceptable today.

D.G. Martin, a lawyer, served as UNC-System’s Vice President for Public Affairs.



FROM OUR READERS

Odd choice

To the editor:

The featured editorial in the July 21 Courier-Times was an odd choice for the Roxboro/Person County newspaper. It was about a grievance with a Kentucky law prohibiting sales of beef processed at facilities approved by the state of Kentucky but not the USDA.

Here in North Carolina, I occasionally buy frozen grass-fed beef from a local farmer who has one or two animals processed every few months. If memory is correct, this beef can only be sold frozen. What I read on the North Carolina Department of Agriculture website (<https://www.ncagr.gov/meatpoultry/qanda.htm>) is that if meat is processed at a

state-inspected processor that is not also USDA inspected, the beef can only be sold within the state of North Carolina --- nothing about it not being sold. For processed meat to be restricted to personal use or giveaway (such as Kentucky cattle man mentioned), in North Carolina, it has to have been processed in a custom-processing plant that isn’t inspected by the state or feds (such as where one takes the deer once killed, to get meat for one’s own use). It looks like North Carolina’s laws are different from Kentucky’s.

It did not serve the reading public well to feature the Stossel article. (And personally, I’m not interested in reading articles by someone who brags about himself in his listed book title.

It make the article look as if it’s from a tabloid.)

I subscribe to and read The Courier-Times to get local news that I can’t get anywhere else. I’d prefer that the news articles not be slanted (such as is sometimes the case with articles from the Carolina Journal, part of the John Locke Foundation --- at least four articles from that source in the July 21 issue). I can look elsewhere from political slant.

All that said, thanks for all the things you do right, informing us about local governance, schools, agricultural extension goings-on, clubs, politics, the library, various opportunities and local history.

Debbie Williams
Timberlake

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State Bureau of Investigation investigators he took himself off depression and anxiety medications approximately two months prior to the incident without a doctor’s knowledge as it made him feel a certain way.

“The lack of this medication caused Officer Cox to react too quick in this particular situation,” Brooks Sr. wrote in the lawsuit.

Brooks Sr. also claims Cox told investigators that he believed David Brooks Jr. fired a shot at him.

Brooks Sr. says the dashboard and body camera footage shows that did not

happen.

The only body-worn camera footage of the incident would begin approximately 16 seconds after Cox fired the fatal shot when a deputy with the Person County Sheriff’s Office arrives on scene as the Roxboro Police Department only used dashboard cameras at the time. In September 2020, more than two months after shooting, the Roxboro City Council approved funding towards implementing body-worn cameras by its police department officers, with them being installed in July 2021.

In the 7 minute, 45 second dashboard audio and video recording of the shooting released by the Person County District Attorney’s office, Cox is heard multiple times telling

other officers that Brooks Jr. pointed his shotgun at the him but never that he believed Brooks Jr. shot at him.

Brooks Sr. says Waters also said the shooting happened too quickly. In his investigative summary and concluding memorandum released in September 2020, Waters does not state an opinion on how quickly the situation escalated other than the fact that the entire encounter between Cox and Brooks Jr. was approximately five seconds from the time the officer got out of his car to the time the fatal shot was fired.

Citing case law, Brooks Sr. says officers do not have an unfettered authority to shoot a member of the public simply for carrying a weapon, but can

only use deadly force when, based on a reasonable assessment, the officer believes they or another person is threatened with the weapon.

“Looking at the film of the actual shooting, one can believe there was nothing reasonable in the actions of this officer,” Brooks Sr. writes in the filing.

Waters wrote in the September 2020 summary that General Statutes allow an officer to use deadly force to defend himself from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly force.

“As the North Carolina Supreme Court has observed, the calculus of reasonableness must allow for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments

in circumstances that are tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving,” Waters said.

Waters also said the United States Supreme Court has stated that the reasonableness of the determination of an imminent threat should be gauged from the perspective of an officer on the scene and should not use the 20/20 vision of hindsight.

“Based on the facts and applying applicable law, it is the conclusion of the District Attorney that the officer reasonably believed that his life was endangered when he shot David Brooks Jr., and therefore the use of deadly force was lawful,” Waters wrote in 2020.

The city has 30 days to respond to the suit.

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“Essentially, the lead was broken and it did get off the lead and ran toward him,” Dickerson said.

Dickerson said officers have been dispatched in reference to calls regarding the dog in question in the past.

When asked about the incident Tuesday, Palmer referred *The Courier-Times* back to the police report.

“All they got on their call was shots fired on James Street with blood in the street,” Palmer said. “They didn’t know it was a dog attack.”

Palmer said, as the dog was aggressive, his actions were justified.

“I’ve got the right to protect me and my property,” Palmer said. “This is the fourth time this has happened – the fourth time over 10 years. I’ve warned them and warned them and warned them.”

According to a police report, a different dog bit Palmer on Chub Lake Street in April 2021, less than a block away from the location of last Wednesday’s incident.

Dickerson said that last week’s incident on James Street is being turned over to the District Attorney’s office.

“We’re turning it over to the District Attorney for feedback on charges,” Dickerson said. “Based on me looking at it, I don’t see anything at this time unless something else comes up. It’s pretty straightforward unless the District Attorney’s office sees something or asks more questions and they see something prosecutable, but that’s up to them.”

Owner speaks out

Joann Hammond, who owned the dog, said she was at her Gordon Street home with Sophia when the incident occurred.

“I was sitting outside and I had her on a thin cable wire and Sophia was laying on the grass and put her head up and started sniffing and I said, ‘Sophia,’ and just then she took off running over to the neighbor’s yard on James Street,” Hammond said. “I got up out of the chair where I was sitting and I was running behind her.”

Hammond said witnesses told her that Palmer was walking opposite of the dog on James Street towards Gordon Street, and the dog did not walk into the road.

“The cops are telling me that (Sophia) attacked him and I’m saying, ‘she’s on the grass.’ She fell when she got shot,” Hammond said. “The witnesses said she never left the grass.”

Hammond said she plans to speak before the Person County Board of Commissioners at the board’s meeting Monday night.

“I’ve got to do something,” Hammond said. “I’ve lost work. My grandson was traumatized – we got her when (the grandson) was 2-years-old and he held her in his arms while this dog is dying and this guy just walks away.”

Dickerson said the number of shots fired is unclear, but Richard Hammond, Joann’s son, said he believes the number to be at least six.

Hammond said he was out of town for work on the day of the incident, but has since spoken to witnesses.

“(Palmer) unloaded a magazine into her left side,” Richard

Hammond said. “My point is this: there is no reason to dump a full clip into a dog that’s just sitting there. If the dog is attacking you, by all means, I understand that you have to defend yourself and do what you’ve got to do, but if that dog was attacking him, it would be head shots and back shots, not the whole left side of her body. ... I’m a gun owner and I carry a gun, but I don’t carry a gun when I walk my dog. I’m not against guns. I’ve got guns and it’s legal to carry guns, but that is ridiculous.”

Richard Hammond said there had been previous incidents between the dog and Palmer.

“A couple years ago, when Charlie first got that dog he has, (Palmer’s dog) ran through the woods in the back. My dog went after her a little bit and was growling at her. It wasn’t a big deal. For some reason, (Sophia) didn’t like Charlie a whole lot and she didn’t like his dog.”

After another incident, Hammond said Palmer had agreed there was a problem between the two dogs.

“He comes by here all the time knowing it’s a problem with this dog,” Richard Hammond said. “I told him, ‘if there’s a problem, just walk up by the park.’ But he’s got to walk around the block all the time. I keep her in most of the time when I know he’s walking around.”

Joann Hammond said the dog had not been aggressive to others.

“I have letters from her groomers that say she was never aggressive,” Joann Hammond said. “She was not aggressive. She would bark if you came to the door like any animal but then she’d be your best friend.”

AGENDA

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al middle mile ring – a total of approximately 250 miles of fiber at a cost of \$25 million.

According to the agenda, CloudWyze is not asking for financial support from the county, but instead for a resolution confirming its support, assisting with identifying unserved and underserved areas and anchor institutions and garnering support from local stakeholders

The grant applications are due Sept. 30 and awards are expected to be made March 1, 2023.

The program stipulates projects must be complete by March 1, 2028, but CloudWyze anticipates completion of the middle mile infrastructure within two years of the grant award.

The commissioners also have a closed session with their selected consultant in the search for a new full-time county manager on Monday night’s agenda.

The meeting will feature the regular informal comment period for citizens to address the board.

The meeting will be open to the public in-person and online at youtube.com/c/PersonCounty.

CHANGES

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have been,” Jones said. “We can still budget for 97.5 and my point is, let’s don’t push too hard because it can be a nightmare if you have a bad economy or a recession. You just have to be careful.”

Jones shared with the board that based on the most recent rates, Person County is fourth in its peer size in tax collection percentage, with a population between 25-50,000, and slightly below the state average before factoring in the large late payment that came in after the end of the fiscal year.

New Bern eye doctor seeks rehearing of case challenging N.C. certificate of need

By CAROLINA JOURNAL STAFF

A New Bern eye surgeon is asking the N.C. Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision rejecting his challenge of state certificate-of-need requirements.

A petition filed Monday asks for a rehearing of Dr. Jay Singleton’s case. A unanimous three-judge Appeals Court panel dismissed Singleton’s lawsuit on June 21.

“This Court’s opinion

made fixable errors with grave consequences,” wrote Singleton’s attorneys from the Institute for Justice.

Singleton challenges North Carolina’s law requiring him to secure a government certificate of need before he can perform most eye surgeries at his Singleton Vision Center. His lawsuit contends that the CON law violates three sections of the N.C. Constitution.

“Dr. Singleton alleges

that the CON law, as applied, violates his rights to liberty under the law of the land (Section 19) and to be free from unconstitutional exclusive privileges (Section 32) and monopolies (Section 34),” according to the petition.

“This Court rightly concluded that North Carolina’s ‘CON statutes are restrictive, anti-competitive, and create monopolistic policies and powers,’” Singleton’s lawyers argued. “Yet the

Court dismissed Dr. Singleton’s anti-exclusive privileges and anti-monopoly claims for failure to exhaust administrative remedies. The Court did so only because it misapprehended and overlooked key points of

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OBITUARIES

Rebecca "Beckie" Milam Wilkerson

Rebecca "Beckie" Milam Wilkerson, age 75, of Roxboro, went to her Heavenly Home on Sunday, July 24, 2022. She was born in Roxboro Hospital on Depot



Street on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1946. She is preceded in death by her parents Joseph Peter Milam Jr. and Ila Mae Fuller Milam. Beckie is survived by her husband of 36 years, T. Vernon Wilkerson, sons, Marcus D. Jordan Jr. (Stephanie), of Timberlake, J. Dedrick Jordan, MD (Scotty) of Shreveport, La., Thad V. "Sonny" Wilkerson, III (Regina), of Clayton, and

one daughter, Jill Frisbee (Jeff) of Roxboro, and sister, Maria Milam of Roxboro. Beckie was the much-loved grandmother of seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Being a stay-at-home mom was Beckie's chosen occupation for 15 years, after which she worked as a lab tech until retiring in 2009. She loved her church and always wanted to be involved as she could.

Throughout Beckie's life, she loved and nurtured many animals. She was formerly a volunteer with the Person County APS, being one of the original members. She took in, loved and cared for many stray animals, in particular cats, and said that her pets, past and present, "made her world go round".

Along with he passion for animals, Beckie had a passion for decorating and working in her garden. She had a keen eye and natural talent for making a beautiful home for her family, along with choosing just the right gift for family and friends. She was always thinking of others.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at Clement Baptist Church, with the Rev. Glen Warren and the Rev. Sonny Wilkerson. There will be a visitation following. There will be a private burial at a later time.

Memorials may be made to the animal welfare group of your choice, or to cancer research at the Duke Cancer Institute.

Condolences may be sent to www.brooksandwhite.com.

George Beachum "Butch" O'Briant Jr.

George Beachum "Butch" O'Briant Jr. age 55, of Timberlake died Wednesday night, July 20, 2022.

Mr. O'Briant was born Aug. 6, 1966 in Person County, son of the late George Beachum O'Briant Sr. and Margaret Oakley O'Briant who survives and was husband of 19 years to Tracey O'Briant, who survives. He was employed by GKN as a Program Manager and was a member of North Roxboro Baptist Church.

Butch was a very active member of North Roxboro Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. Butch was also the assistant coach of the Roxboro Community School High School volleyball team.

Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are two children, James Beachum O'Briant and Alison Lynn O'Briant, all of Timberlake, sister, Kimberly O. Tingen and husband, David of Roxboro, brother, Chance N. O'Briant of Roxboro, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jim and Gail Haigler of Durham and brother-in-law, Jamie Haigler and wife, Becky of Durham and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 23, 2022 at North Roxboro Baptist Church with the Rev. Ben Durand officiating. Interment followed in the Oakley Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Adkins, Jacob Haigler, Jamie Haigler, Greg Oakley, Chance O'Briant, Tristin O'Briant, Caleb Tingen and David Tingen. Honorary Pallbearers were Josh Bayliff, Jimmy Jeffreys, Jimmy Ray Long, Bruce Mabry, Reed Marston, Adam Oakley, Johnny Oakley, and Reggie Oakley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Roxboro Baptist Church General Fund, 115 School Street, Roxboro, NC 27573.

Arrangements are by Strickland and Jones Memorial Funeral Services, 1810 Durham, Road, Roxboro, NC 27573. Online condolences may be made at stricklandandjonesfs.com.

Nannie H. Pyles

EDEN —annie H. Pyles, age 82, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2022.

Services provided by Cunningham and Nelson Funeral Home, Roxboro.

Drucie Long Cash

Drucie Long Cash, 81, departed this life Wednesday, July 20, 2022.

Services provided by Cunningham and Nelson Funeral Home, Roxboro.

Shrefia "Ricky" Wrenn

Shrefia "Ricky" Wrenn, 82, passed away at Duke Medicine Pavilion on Sunday, July 24, 2022 surrounded by family. Born July 17, 1940 in Person County,



she was the daughter of the late George Washington "Buck" Pulliam and Nellie Cates Pulliam. Preceding her in death were her siblings George Algie Pulliam and Mary Pulliam Hodge, her late husband Thomas C. "Tommy" Wrenn, her youngest son, Chris C. Wrenn, and her beloved dog Renn. She is survived by her children Gelmia Wrenn and Craig Wrenn

(Tracey), her daughter-in-law Linda Wrenn, her granddaughters Madison Wrenn Johnson (Jeff) and Chelsea Wrenn Oakley (Adam), her great-grandsons Shepp Johnson and Wrenn Oakley, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins, and her devoted canine companion, Max, all of Roxboro. Her family also wishes to recognize the help and dedication of Ricky's special friends - her cousin Shirley Bullock, Lloyd "Baldie" Shelton, Jerryl Stewart, and Tyrone Winstead.

A lifelong Roxboro native, Ricky met the love of her life, Tommy, as a teenager while working the soda fountain at Cole's Pharmacy. They'd go on to marry, have three children, two granddaughters, several beloved pets, and many, many parties at their Buggs Island vacation cabin. She worked 41 years as an insurance agent at Carver Agency, where she honed an impeccable sense of style — ceaselessly coordinating outfit palettes with nail polish colors and every accessory imaginable. Ricky could often be witnessed walking home for lunch while still wearing her fanciest high heels. She maintained a standing twice-weekly hair appointment for the better part of her adult life, and it showed. Given all this, one might be surprised to learn she had her motorcycle license - and the bike to prove it. A natural card shark, Ricky was a Double Solitaire Grandmaster, a Phase 10 savant, a Cards Against Humanity good sport, and never, under any circumstance, forgot to yell "UNO!" when she was down to her last card (wink wink). Her pantry remained perpetually well-stocked with snacks and toys for her great-grandsons and she never missed an opportunity to spoil them rotten.

Ricky's eagerness to be a part of the silly and crazy things her family, especially her granddaughters, roped her into was largely what endeared her to them so fiercely. They will remember their Nana fondly and often, with a fresh Yago Sangria and many 2-for-\$1 hotdogs at Sheetz, each of which she adored.

While it certainly goes without saying, Ricky would appreciate everyone attending her memorial service wearing attire worthy of her vibrant style - she'd think black simply too drab and boring.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 3 p.m. in the Brooks and White chapel. The family will receive visitors at the chapel an hour before the service, at 2 p.m. Pallbearers will be Sammy Wrenn, Kent Pulliam, Dennis Hackler, Jeff Johnson, Adam Oakley, Madison Johnson, Chelsea Oakley, Adam Moore, and Peter Kay. Honorary pallbearers will be Arnold Denny, Andy Yarborough, Alan Pulliam, Shepp Johnson, and Wrenn Oakley.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Person County Meals on Wheels America, P.O. Box 764, Roxboro, NC 27573, who served Ricky so steadily the last several years.

Condolences may be made to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Betty "Michele" Featherstone

ORANGE, N.J. — Betty "Michele" Featherstone, 74, departed this life Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

Services provided by Cunningham and Nelson Funeral Home, Roxboro.

Jeanette Clayton Gentry

Jeanette Clayton Gentry, 83, of 4225 Chub Lake Road, Roxboro, died Saturday, July 23, 2022. Born in Person County, she was the daughter of the late Carlton Clayton and Mae Solomon Clayton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Felix Spurgeon Gentry and brothers, Raymond Clayton, Ernest Clayton, Riley Clayton, and Wimp Clayton.

Jeanette is survived by her son, Terry Gentry (Hope) and sister Helen Jones (Ira).

Jeanette retired from Collins and Aikman and was a member of Theresa Baptist Church. She loved taking care of her family.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 26 at Theresa Baptist Church Cemetery by the Rev. Herbert Brown officiating. Those wishing to pay their respects did so at the Brooks & White Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Terry and Hope Gentry.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Person County Animal Shelter, 2103 Chub Lake Rd, Roxboro, NC 27574.

Condolences may be sent to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Helen Keene Parker

Helen Keene Parker, 88, of 2679 Oxford Road, Roxboro, died Sunday, July 24, 2022. Born in Sampson County, she was the daughter of the late Kirby Atlas Keen and Katie Keen. She is preceded in death by her husband Carlton Parker; her five brothers, Max Keene, Percy Keene, Russell Keene, Dallas Keene and Billy Keene. She is also proceeded by her sisters Melba Tart and Jewell Thornton; and her son, Billy Parker.

She is survived by her children, Robert Parker (Carolyn) and John Parker (Bobbie). Also surviving are her sisters Thelma Johnson and Faye Betts; her six grandchildren, Frankie, Lisa, Krystle, Robin, Michael, and Jennifer. Her 13 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild also survive.

Helen loved her church and her family dearly. She enjoyed spending time singing, shopping, and cooking.

Funeral services took place Wednesday at the Brooks & White chapel with the Rev. Ron Pruitt officiating. Following the service, Helen was buried at the Person Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held at Brooks and White and other times at the home of her son, Robert, 2679 Oxford Road, Roxboro NC, 27574.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that all memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 11796 , Charlotte, N.C. 28220.

Condolences may be made to www.brooksandwhite.com.

Jesse Thomas Rudder

Jesse Thomas Rudder, 77, of Hurdle Mills, died on July 25, 2022. He was born in Person County to the late Clarence Rudder and Flossie Crabtree Rudder.

He is survived by his wife, Enda Jean Rudder, his children Thomas Rudder, Lisa Poole and boyfriend Jeff Reaves, and Marvin Rudder (Tracey). He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Kristin Duncan, Jessica Whitt, and Joshua Rudder; along with five great-grandchildren, Mya Duncan, Will Duncan, Bailey Whitt, Savannah Whitt, and Levi Whitt.

Jesse loved NASCAR and Pro Wrestling. He also enjoyed to spend time fishing and hunting. He loved his family dearly.

A visitation will be held Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Brooks & White Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brooks & White in honor of the family.

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Stein’s new federal lawsuit seeks to head off N.C. punishment based on 2020 election ad dispute

By MITCH KOKAI
Carolina Journal

N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein is going to federal court to have a 91-year-old state law declared unconstitutional. The suit stems from a 2020 campaign ad challenged as false by Stein’s general election opponent.

The suit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court suggests that Stein and two other plaintiffs expect authorities to take action against them soon based on the disputed state law. In addition to Stein’s political campaign, the other plaintiffs are his campaign’s media firm and a supporter quoted in a television ad.

“This is an action for declaratory judgment and injunction by Plaintiffs who have been subjected for nearly two years to intrusive law-enforcement investigations, initiated by the losing candidate in the 2020 General Election for the Office of North Carolina Attorney General,” according to the federal complaint.

Stein, the incumbent Democrat, faced Republican challenger Jim O’Neill in the 2020 general election. O’Neill was Forsyth County’s district attorney. Stein won re-election by just 13,622 votes out of 5.4 million ballots cast.

Stein and O’Neill clashed during the campaign over accusations involving untested sexual assault evidence collection kits. Each accused the other of failing to do his job in dealing with the “rape kits.”

The challenger objected to a Stein ad that “truthfully referenced O’Neill’s record of indifference to the large backlog of untested rape kits in his own jurisdiction,” according to Stein’s complaint.

Specifically, O’Neill objected to “a single line from a single Stein Campaign political advertisement,” according to the complaint. Plaintiff Juliette Grimmiett, a sexual assault victim policy strategist at Stein’s N.C. Justice Department, “commented on Mr. O’Neill’s failure to act with

respect to over 1,500 untested rape kits languishing in the possession of the local law enforcement authorities within Mr. O’Neill’s prosecutorial jurisdiction.”

“When I learned that Jim O’Neill left 1,500 rape kits on a shelf leaving rapists on the streets, I had to speak out,” Grimmiett said in the ad.

“O’Neill claimed the ad was false and sought to retaliate,” Stein’s complaint argued. “But he did not do so by pursuing a civil defamation action. Instead, as a sitting District Attorney, he sought to place law enforcement investigators in the position of judging the appropriateness of political speech. The resulting investigations, conducted pursuant to an archaic and never-before-used law enacted in 1931, ... seek to punish Plaintiffs for core protected political speech and to chill the speech of Plaintiffs and others going forward in clear violation of the First Amendment.”

Stein is asking the federal court to declare the law unconstitutional. He’s also seeking an injunction blocking the N.C. State Board of Elections and the Wake County district attorney from taking action against the plaintiffs in connection with the disputed law.

“[T]he Statute – although it has been codified for nearly one hundred years – has never been the subject of a reported indictment or charge against any individual or entity, including any political campaign,” Stein’s complaint claimed. “Nor has it been the subject of any reported case from the North Carolina courts. In 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit held that a nearly identical Ohio statute violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments because it was a content-based restriction that burdened core protected political speech in a manner not narrowly tailored to achieve a state interest.”

N.C. General Statutes Section 163-274(a)(9), declares it unlawful, as a Class 2 misdemeanor, “For any person to publish or cause to

be circulated derogatory reports with reference to any candidate in any primary or election, knowing such report to be false or in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity, when such report is calculated or intended to affect the chances of such candidate for nomination or election.”

O’Neill’s campaign cited the disputed statute in a September 2020 complaint to the N.C. State Board of Elections. The Republican challenger’s complaint alleged “that the Stein Campaign and Attorney General Stein were in violation of the Statute on the grounds that candidate O’Neill, ‘who is the elected District Attorney for Forsyth County, has never in his career left ‘rape kits sitting on a shelf’” because he was ‘never in the chain of custody as it relates to rape kits.’”

The challenger asked the state elections board to refer his complaint to Wake County’s district attorney for further action. The board conducted an investigation, including interviews in March 2021, and presented its findings to the Wake County district attorney in July 2021.

The SBI also conducted an investigation during the second half of 2021. The investigation involved “nothing further of substance” from January through May this year.

“Plaintiffs believe that enforcement action under the Statute is forthcoming,” according to Stein’s complaint. “In addition, Plaintiffs desire to continue to engage in the dissemination of information concerning political issues and candidates without the prospect of being dragged before governmental agents who seek to sit in judgment of the truth of political speech and who, in any event, can subject Plaintiffs and others to extensive and intrusive investigations under threat of criminal prosecution on subjects constituting core political speech.”

U.S. District Judge Catherine Eagles has scheduled an initial hearing on Stein’s complaint Monday in Greensboro.

OBITUARIES

Bernice Lee Evans

Bernice Lee Evans, 75, of Timberlake, passed away at the home surrounded by family on July 26, 2022. He is preceded in death by his wife, Judy Dunn Evans and one sister.

Bernice was a proud Marine- Semper FI. He was also a talented musician who played the guitar, bass, banjo, and many other instruments. Bernice had a great love for his family and his dog, Mikey. He had a heart of Gold and was loved dearly.

Surviving are his children, Tammy Lewis (Richard) of Clayton, Bernie Evans of Arkansas, and April Hodges (Ron) of Timberlake. Four sisters and two brothers also survive. Bernice was the grandfather to Ronnie Scoggins, Daniel Scoggins, Aaron Capell, Autumn Chandler and fiancé Zak, Candace Chandler, Jade Lewis, Lauren Evans, and Zoe Hodges; and was the great-grandfather to Camden and Jasper Scoggins. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Brooks and White Chapel with the Dr. M David Chambers officiating.

The family will accept flower memorials or donations to be sent to Disabled Veterans, 14 Main Circle, Roxboro, NC 27573.

Condolences may be sent to www.brook-sandwhite.com

Emma Jane Long Clayton

Emma Jane Long Clayton, 84, died Monday, July 25, 2022. Born in Person County, she was daughter of the late Robert and Carrie Gentry Long. Mrs. Clayton was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She was retired after 50 years of employment from Collins & Aikman.

Surviving are two children, Jamie Clayton of Roxboro and Janet Jane Herzog and husband, John of Apex and her grandson, Tyler Herzog.

Those wishing to pay their respects may did so Wednesday, July 25, 2022 at the Brooks & White Funeral Home.

Graveside service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2022 at the Clayton-Long Family Cemetery on Whitt Town Road, Roxboro. Officiating will be the Rev. Ross Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace/CaVel United Methodist Church, 313 Church Street, Roxboro, NC 27573.

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fact and law.”

Singleton’s lawyers explain how the Appeals Court’s rehearing decision could determine where the case heads next.

“If the Court grants rehearing, reverses its dismissal, ... and ultimately finds that Dr. Singleton has stated a claim, the case would return to the superior court,” according to the petition. “If the Court grants rehearing, reverses its dismissal, ... and ultimately finds that Dr. Singleton has not stated a claim, the case would likely go up on appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court.”

“That is a major difference. Either way, it is better for this Court to weigh in now about whether Dr. Singleton has stated claims under these important constitutional provisions,” according to

the petition.

Singleton, a board-certified ophthalmologist, has owned and operated Singleton Vision Center in New Bern since 2014. His “full-service” clinic provides “routine vision check-ups, treatments for infections, and surgery,” according to the court ruling.

The CON law forces Singleton to perform most surgeries at New Bern’s Carolina East Medical Center, “the only licensed provider with an operating room certificate of need located in the tri-county planning area of Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties.”

Singleton filed suit in 2020 to challenge CON restrictions. Institute for Justice lawyers have helped him pursue the case.

“Plaintiffs acknowledge they could have applied for a CON and have sought and challenged any administrative review to invoke or ripen their constitutional procedural due process claims,” Judge John Tyson wrote for the

unanimous Appeals Court panel in June. “Plaintiffs failed to file an application for a CON or to seek or exhaust any administrative remedy from DHHS prior to filing the action at bar. Plaintiff has not shown the inadequacy of statutorily available administrative remedies to review and adjudicate his claims to sustain a deprivation of procedural due process.”

“The remedy Plaintiffs admittedly and essentially seek is for a fact-finding administrative record and decision thereon to be cast aside and a CON to be summarily issued to them by the Court,” Tyson added. “This we cannot do.”

“Had Plaintiffs sought any administrative review or the procedures were shown to be inadequate, their claim would be ripe for the superior court to exercise jurisdiction over their procedural claims,” Tyson wrote.

Despite ruling against Singleton, Tyson noted concerns about North Carolina’s CON process.

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Person County’s hospitality week

When I first started working at the museum in 2019, one of our board members gave me a DVD of the “Roxboro Hometown Movies.” I watched entranced as Personians went about their daily lives, enjoyed recreation, and worked. The films span the years 1936-1942 and were captured by H. Lee Waters who turned his passion for photography into a money-making enterprise during the Depression. He would travel to small towns and film people, then return to show the film, drawing people in with the slogan “See yourself in the movies!”

When Waters returned to Roxboro in 1939, he captured videos of an event called Hospitality Week, an event that intrigued me and several others, which of course meant I had to deep dive and learn more about it.

In the Spring of 1939, three Person County mothers, including Mrs. Grace Clayton, were discussing their daughters returning home from college for the summer. Apparently, all the girls wanted to throw house parties for out-of-town friends which would involve a lot of planning and coordination. Mrs. Clayton thought of the idea of doing all three parties in the same week, that way the mothers could coordinate entertainment for the young people and not have to have three separate weeks of events. It was from this meeting of the mothers that Hospitality Week was hatched.



MAKING HISTORY PERSONAL
Carrie Currie

The idea grew, gaining support from local civic groups including the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club. The *Person County Times* championed the idea and reported regularly on the status of the event, and eventually the Chamber of Commerce became involved. What started as an idea for entertaining a small group of visitors grew into the thought that Roxboro could become known for this event.

The plans were in no way simple. Numerous entertainments were planned including teas, dances, bridge tournaments, baseball games and more. Residents were encouraged to invite all their summer guests for this week and lists of those who were confirmed as attendees started popping up in the newspaper. A slogan contest took place, with Mrs. Mildred Nichols’ submission, “Roxboro – The Courteous City,” winning the \$5 prize. There was even a song written by Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Wood entitled “Friendly Person.”

Hospitality Week dominated the local news and bled over into neighboring counties. Several mentions of the undertaking appeared in Durham papers, and the event was touted as the largest ever organized in the county. The excitement was so great that organizers even invited then president, Franklin D. Roosevelt to attend. Unfortunately, he had to decline. Local businesses jumped on the bandwagon as well, suggesting patrons could purchase

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new clothes or prepare for incoming guests by visiting their stores.

For more than two months the town prepped for the onslaught. On the eve of the event, welcome banners, posters, and stickers decorated the

town. From June 26 to July 2, 1939, the town was flooded with people with estimates of more than 1,000 people invited to attend. The individual events were considered a huge success, and within days of the final activity planning was

already underway for the next year. By July 13, “Movies of Local People” was showing at both the Dolly Madison and the Palace Theatres. People began to speculate that Roxboro could become known for this event and that it would only continue to grow, perhaps becoming “the hospitality capital of the world.” Though hopes were high, this was not to be.

The last Hospitality Week was held in 1942. Subsequent plans were scrapped during World War II due to rationing and travel restrictions. The event never returned, but its legacy lives on. Piedmont Community College released a DVD collection of the Waters films in 2014 which includes narration and can be viewed and checked out at the campus library. Duke University holds the Waters collection, and silent versions of the films are available online. Beginning in 1979, the Chamber of Commerce began to host Person-ality Festival, an event with a similar vision, to bring together the people of Person County and celebrate as a community. You can get a taste of the past by attending the event on October 1, 2022, and while you are uptown think back to days long ago when those same streets hosted Hospitality Week.

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This week in history

July 24, 1847

Religious pioneers settle Salt Lake Valley

After 17 months and many miles of travel, Brigham Young leads 148 pioneers into Utah’s Valley of the Great Salt Lake. Gazing over the parched earth of the remote location, Young declared, “This is the place,” and the pioneers began preparations for the thousands of followers of the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (also known as Mormons) who would soon come. Seeking religious and political freedom, the Latter-Day Saints began planning their great migration from the east after the murder of Joseph Smith, the Christian sect’s founder and first leader.

Joseph Smith was born in Sharon, Vermont, in 1805. In 1827, he declared that he had been visited by a Christian angel named Moroni, who showed him an ancient Hebrew text that had been

lost for 1,500 years. The holy text, supposedly engraved on gold plates by a Native American prophet named Mormon in the fifth century A.D., told the story of Israelite peoples who had lived in America in ancient times. During the next few years, Smith dictated an English translation of this text to his wife and other scribes, and in 1830 The Book of Mormon was published. In the same year, Smith founded the Church of Christ—later known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints—in Fayette, N.Y.

The religion rapidly gained converts, and Smith set up communities in Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois. However, the Christian sect was also heavily criticized for its unorthodox practices, which included polygamy. In 1844, the threat of mob violence prompted Smith to call out a militia in the town of Nauvoo, Ill. He was charged with treason by Illinois authorities and imprisoned

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with his brother Hyrum in the Carthage city jail. On June 27, 1844, a mob with blackened faces stormed in and murdered the brothers.

Two years later, Smith's successor, Brigham Young, led an exodus of persecuted Latter-Day Saints from Nauvoo along the western wagon trails in search of a sanctuary in "a place on this earth that nobody else wants." The expedition, more than 10,000 pioneers strong, set up camp in present-day western Iowa while Young led a vanguard company across the Rocky Mountains to investigate Utah's Great Salt Lake Valley, an arid and isolated spot devoid of human presence. On July 22, 1847, most of the party reached the Great Salt Lake, but Young, delayed by illness, did not arrive until July 24. Upon viewing the land, he immediately confirmed the valley to be the new homeland of the Latter-Day Saints. Within days, Young and his companions began building the future Salt Lake City at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains.

Later that year, Young rejoined the main body of pioneers in Iowa, who named him president and prophet of the church. Having formally inherited the authority of Joseph Smith, he led thousands of more followers to the Great Salt Lake in 1848. Other large waves of pioneers followed. By 1852, 16,000 Latter-Day Saints had come to the valley, some in wagons and some dragging handcarts. After early difficulties, Salt Lake City began to flourish. By 1869, 80,000 had made the trek to their promised land.

In 1850, President Millard Fillmore named Brigham Young the first governor of the U.S. territory of Utah, and the territory enjoyed relative autonomy for several years. Relations became strained, however, when reports reached Washington that LDS leaders were disregarding federal law and had publicly sanctioned the practice of polygamy. In 1857, President James Buchanan removed Young, who had 20 wives,

from his position as governor and sent U.S. Army troops to Utah to establish federal authority. Young died in Salt Lake City in 1877 and was succeeded by John Taylor as president of the church.

Tensions between the territory of Utah and the federal government continued until Wilford Woodruff, the new president of the church, issued his Manifesto in 1890, renouncing the traditional practice of polygamy and reducing the domination of the church over Utah communities. Six years later, the territory of Utah entered the Union as the 45th state.

July 26, 1775

U.S. postal system established

On July 26, 1775, the U.S. postal system is established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general. Franklin (1706-1790) put in place the foundation for many aspects of today's mail system.

During early colonial times in the 1600s, few American colonists needed to send mail to each other; it was more likely that their correspondence was with letter writers in Britain. Mail deliveries from across the Atlantic were sporadic and could take many months to arrive. There were no post offices in the colonies, so mail was typically left at inns and taverns.

In 1753, Benjamin Franklin, who had been postmaster of Philadelphia, became one of two joint postmasters general for the colonies. He made numerous improvements to the mail system, including setting up new, more efficient colonial routes and cutting delivery time in half between Philadelphia and New York by having the weekly mail wagon travel both day and night via relay teams. Franklin also debuted the first rate chart, which standardized delivery costs based on distance and weight.

In 1774, the British fired Franklin from his postmaster job because of his revolutionary activities. However, the following year, he was appointed postmaster gener-

al of the United Colonies by the Continental Congress. Franklin held the job until late in 1776, when he was sent to France as a diplomat. He left a vastly improved mail system, with routes from Florida to Maine and regular service between the colonies and Britain. President George Washington appointed Samuel Osgood, a former Massachusetts congressman, as the first postmaster general of the American nation under the new U.S. constitution in 1789. At the time, there were approximately 75 post offices in the country.

Today, the United States has more than 40,000 post offices and the postal service delivers more than 200 billion pieces of mail each year to over 144 million homes and businesses in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the American Virgin Islands and American Samoa. The postal service is the nation's largest civilian employer, with roughly 500,000 career workers. The postal service is a not-for-profit, self-supporting agency that covers the majority of its expenses through postage (stamp use in the United States started in 1847) and related products. The postal service gets the mail delivered, rain or shine, using everything from planes to mules.

July 26, 1990

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signed into law

On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the most sweeping affirmation of rights for the disabled in American history at the time, into law.

As disability rights attorney Arlene Mayerson would later write, the story of the ADA began "when people with disabilities began to challenge societal barriers that excluded them from their communities, and when parents of children with disabilities began to fight against the exclusion and segregation of their children." Activists explicitly compared their struggle to the Civil Rights movement, arguing that without federal requirements in place, the disabled

Rec department offering ceramic Christmas tree workshop

The Person County Recreation, Arts and Parks Department is offering Ceramic Christmas Tree workshops to be held in the space under the Sansbury gym in August. The workshop will be held on Aug. 8 and 9. Participants who choose to do a green tree will have to attend both nights.

The registration deadline for the workshop is Aug. 1.

Participants have the choice of a 13 or 18-inch Christmas tree.

Hours for the workshops are 6-8 p.m. each evening and the cost for the 18-inch tree is \$70

per person and \$100 for non-residents. For the 13-inch tree, the cost is \$50 per person and \$75 for non-residents. The registration fee includes bisque, glazes, use of tools, firings, and instructor's help. There is a minimum of four required for the workshop to run and a maximum of eight participants.

For more information or to register, call the recreation office at 336-597-1755. or visit www.personcountync.gov. Refunds are not available after the registration deadline.

metropolitan area on that Saturday morning, the fog was particularly thick. Air-traffic controllers instructed the plane to fly to Newark Airport instead.

This new flight plan took the plane over Manhattan; the crew was specifically warned that the Empire State Building, the tallest building in the city at the time, was not visible. The bomber was flying relatively slowly and quite low, seeking better visibility, when it came upon the Chrysler Building in midtown. It swerved to avoid the building but the move sent it straight into the north side of the Empire State Building, near the 79th floor.

Upon impact, the plane's fuel exploded, filling the interior of the building with flames all the way down to the 75th floor and sending flames out of the hole the plane had ripped open in the building's side. One engine from the plane went straight through the building and landed in a penthouse apartment across the street. Other plane parts ended up embedded in and on top of nearby buildings. The other engine snapped an elevator cable while at least one woman was riding in the elevator car. The emergency auto brake saved the woman from crashing to the bottom, but the engine fell down the shaft and landed on top of it. Quick-thinking rescuers pulled the woman from the elevator, saving her life.

Since it was a Saturday, fewer workers than normal were in the building. Only 11 people in the building were killed, some suffering burns from the fiery fuel and others after being thrown out of the building. All 11 victims were workers from War Relief Services department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, into the offices of which the plane had crashed. The three people on the plane were also killed.

An 18 foot by 20 foot hole was left in the side of the Empire State Building. Though its structural integrity was not affected, the crash did cause nearly \$1 million in damages, about \$10.5 million in today's money.

July 28, 1945

Plane crashes into Empire State Building

A United States military plane crashes into the Empire State Building on July 28, 1945, killing 14 people. The freak accident was caused by heavy fog.

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Beekeepers Whitney Barnes (top) and Richard Dunnegan (above, right) recently removed a large beehive from the rear of Eaton Corporation on Durham Road. Barnes and Dunnegan, with the help of employees from Eaton, removed a chunk of the back of the building, removed the bees and showed off parts of the hive.

BUZZING

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They combined to perform a cutout in an effort to save the bees, their hive and their honey.

After Dunnegan and Barnes found the location of the hive through heat-seeking technology, an Eaton employee sawed out a small section of bricks to begin the removal of the bees.

Dunnegan believes that scout bees likely found little holes in the bricks, shared that information to his bee buddies and they just moved right in to their new Durham Road brick home.

“It’s as if you and four or five thousand members of your family move into a house with

no furniture and no food and you have to start from scratch right there,” Dunnegan said. “They’re prepared and get right to work building and finding a place to store their resources. It all happens quickly. They start making honey, the queen starts laying and so forth.”

Once the opening in the building was formed, Dunnegan and Barnes started the process of getting the bees out as safely as possible.

Both were completely covered in protective gear as they took turns working to get as many bees away from Eaton and safely relocated to a new hive. Barnes said that unfortunately there is a high mortality rate when doing cutouts because of how traumatic it can be for the bees.

She said that it is vitally important for homeowners and business owners when they suspect a hive is built in the property, that it is cutout instead of just simply killing the bees.

“When you hear people talking about honey coming through the walls, that’s when a hive dies,” Barnes said. “Imagine how ants and the bugs feels about that. They feast. Just like that, you have a major infestation going on.”

Barnes and Dunnegan have had a fascination and appreciation of bees for many years. For Barnes, her love of bees

started when her daughter expressed interest in beekeeping.

Dunnegan, a lifelong woodworker, now shares his beekeeping knowledge with others, including his daughter.

“When I would build tables or benches and someone would tell me, ‘I want one just like that one,’ I’d tell that one is done,” Dunnegan said. “Every board is different, every project is different, and it’s the same with beehives. Every structure is different, every beehive is different. It’s hot and its grueling sometimes, but it’s so rewarding.”

The buzz about bees

Warm weather and extra hours of sunlight spark flowering trees and plants to bloom anew. This is the time of year when the air is sweet with the aroma of blossoms and the familiar hum of insects can be heard all around.

Not all “bugs” are the same this time of year. While you probably won’t want ants invading your backyard grill fest, the presence of bees nearby can be a good thing — even if those curious yellow-and-black critters get a little close for comfort from time to time. That’s because almost 90 percent of wild plants and 75 percent of the leading global crops depend on animal pollination, indicates the World Wildlife Federation.

Bees are remarkable creatures in small packages. The following are some bee facts to buzz about, courtesy of the WWF, Save the Bees, NASA, and the Texas A&M University Honey Bee Information Site.

- There are roughly 20,000 species of bees around the world. Most of them are solitary bees.
- Bees have five eyes. Two of the eyes are large compound eyes with hexagonal facets. The other three are small, simple eyes.
- Honeybees have a move called the “waggle dance.” It is a clever way of communicating to tell them where to go to find the best sources of food.
- Bees can carry up to 122 times their body weight in pollen and nectar.
- Bumblebees leave footprint scents behind. They are able to distinguish between their own scents, the scent of a relative and the scent of a stranger as they look for food. They also can avoid flowers already visited.
- Should a queen bee perish, the hive workers will select a new young larva and feed it a special food called “royal jelly.” The larva will develop into a fertile queen.
- Bees flap their wings 190 to 200 times per second. They can fly up to 15 miles per hour.
- Female bees can sting; males do not.
- Losing the stinger will cause the bee to die. The honeybee only can sting once because its stinger is barbed. Bumblebees and hornets can sting multiple times because they have smooth stingers.
- It can require nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey.
- Many bees are not aggressive. Simply moving away from them can prevent a person from being stung. Generally, bumblebees and honey bees will only sting by accident or if a nest is being disrupted.
- Wasps are different from bees in that they are mostly known to be predators. They eat other insects and often food that people eat, which is why wasps are more likely to be found around your cookout. Bees tend to be covered in hair, while wasps (which include yellow jackets) are smooth.
- Bees are remarkable creatures and should be celebrated as the weather warms up.



Joint Planning Session

The Roxboro City Council and Planning Board will meet together on August 1, 2022 for a Joint Planning Discussion. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the two boards to discuss long-range planning for the City of Roxboro. Specific topics for discussion during this meeting include (1) Summary of existing residential development characteristics, (2) Discussion of Council/Planning Board vision for new residential development, (3) Comparison of existing residential development characteristics and ordinances with similar municipalities across NC. This discussion session may be the first of additional discussions. No individual land use applications or permits will be voted on during this meeting. The meeting will take place in the Roxboro Police Department Training Room on August 1st at 6pm. This meeting is open to the public, but there will be no public comment period or public hearing for this meeting. Minutes from the meeting for both boards will be posted to the City website, as usual.

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The Courier-Times Sports

RCS to establish a sports Hall of Fame

By **KELLY SNOW**
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The great athletic accomplishments and those who were involved will now have a place to be remembered forever at Roxboro Community School.

The school's Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Sports Hall of Fame during its annual board

retreat last Wednesday.

According to RCS Managing Executive Director Dave Ebert, the first class will be inducted in November 2023, with nominations being done online through a Google Form that will be available on the school's website. Printed copies of the nomination form will also be available at the school. Ebert anticipates nominations will begin to be

accepted at the beginning of the school year and concluded by April 1. Nominations will remain active for five years.

Those eligible for induction to the RCS Sports Hall of Fame include past athletes, teams, coaches or administrators and others who have made significant contributions to Roxboro Community School athletics.

According to the criteria

that were approved by the board, "nominations will be accepted for any athlete, team, coach, administrator or contributor who through his/her commitment, sacrifice and dedication to the Roxboro Community School athletic program has brought pride and distinction to the school and community."

Athletes and teams will be eligible for nomination

10 years after graduation or accomplishment. Coaches and administrators will be eligible with a minimum of five years of service in their capacity at RCS, but cannot currently be serving in those roles.

Ebert indicated that there would be no minimum number or limit of inductees in a particular year.

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South Boston Speedway to celebrate 65th anniversary with August events

By **JOE CHANDLER**
Public Relations Director, South Boston Speedway

SOUTH BOSTON, Va. --- South Boston Speedway will celebrate its 65th anniversary with a pair of August events, both of which will feature the excitement of today's racing action and a pair of special appearances that will give fans a glimpse of the track's racing history.

There may be some surprises as well.

The first of the two events is the Davenport Energy Night event on Saturday night, August 6. To commemorate the track's 65th anniversary the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors will battle it out in twin 65-lap races.

In addition to the pair of NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division races, the night's action will include a 50-lap race for the Budweiser Limited Sportsman Division, a 25-lap race for the Southside Disposal Pure Stock Division and a 20-lap race for the Virginia State Police HEAT Hornets Division.

A glimpse into the past will come when the competitors of the Southern Ground Pounders Vintage Racing Club hit the track in their high-horsepower vintage Modified and Late Model Sportsman racers for a 25-lap race.

South Boston Speedway's 65th Anniversary celebration will continue on Saturday night, August 20 with the Italian Delight Family Restaurant presents South Boston Speedway's 65th Anniversary Celebration event.

Triple 65-lap races are scheduled for that event including twin 65-lap races for the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Late Model Stock Car Division competitors and a 65-lap race for the Budweiser Limited Sportsman Division.

Also scheduled that night are a 25-lap race for the Southside Disposal Pure Stock Division and a 20-lap race for the Virginia State Police HEAT Hornets Division.

Fans will get another look back to the early days of racing courtesy of the members of the East Coast Flathead Ford Racing Association who will wheel their vintage cars in a 25-lap race.

"South Boston Speedway has a rich history," said South Boston Speedway General Manager Chase Brashears, "and we will be calling special attention to the track's history and its long-standing tradition of being among the most prestigious short tracks in the country. Many of the legendary stars of NASCAR including Richard Petty, the late Dale Earnhardt, Darrell Waltrip, Cale Yarborough and Bobby Allison as well as current stars such as Denny Hamlin have all raced here at South Boston Speedway. Future racing stars are cutting their racing teeth in front of our eyes every event."

"The celebration of the speedway's 65th anniversary has been ongoing throughout

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Riggs making Truck Series debut

Local racer Layne Riggs is going national this upcoming weekend.

Riggs, a Bahama resident who has nine wins in 13 starts at South Boston Speedway this season among Late Model Stock Car division racers, will be driving Halmar Racing's No. 62 car in NASCAR's Camping World Truck Series race tomorrow at Indianapolis' Lucas Oil Raceway.

The race, which will be nationally televised on Fox Sports 1, starts at 9 p.m.

After competing at SoBo's Davenport Energy Night next Saturday, Riggs will head up to Richmond for his second Truck Series race.



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Butch O'Briant (center), a lifetime Roxboro native who spent the past two years on the Roxboro Community School high school volleyball team's coaching staff, passed away on Wednesday, July 20.

O'Briant's unfortunate passing leaves many sad

Butch O'Briant was a glowing figured loved by all he encountered.

He was described as a beacon of positivity. He went out of his way to help his family and friends.

O'Briant was a father of two beautiful children – James and Alison, plus a wonderful husband to Tracey.

Unfortunately, O'Briant passed away the evening of Wednesday, July 20 after working out with his wife and daughter.

"I spoke with him Tuesday night and he sounded fine," former Roxboro Community School middle school head coach and current high school assistant Jimmy Ray Long said. "Same old Butch. I asked my daughter, Baylee, how Butch was doing this week and she said, 'it's a little easier.' But last night (Wednesday), there were a whole lot of cops around the gym and I recognized one of them. I called him and asked him what happened – he didn't know. He called me five minutes later and it finally became reality."

O'Briant and Long, indirectly related because of Long's wife, Kristy, were more than just family.

O'Briant gave Long his head coaching job at RCS, working with him for a

year before moving up to the high school team with Alison.

"Butch mentioned to me one day, 'hey, I think you'd be great for the girls,'" Long said. "We worked well together that first year – we only lost 3-4 games. I learned a lot from him – he's a smart, intelligent man. He doesn't yell and get bent out of shape, he's really down to earth."

As influential of a

coach O'Briant was, Long learned greater lessons from him off the court.

"He was a great father and a leader," Long said. "He taught more than just a volleyball game. He was a great father to Alison and James – that kind of rubbed off on me. He was also a father figure to all these girls. It didn't matter the day he was having, he always had a smile, shook your hand and greeted

you. He was a very kind, tender-hearted gentleman."

Hayden Rigsbee became the RCS high school volleyball program's head coach in 2019, and Butch was a huge help in the transition – Tracey's mom and Rigsbee's grandmother are sisters.

"When I graduated from college, I knew I wanted to coach a four-year, high school program year-round," Rigsbee said. "That's when Tracey texted me

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Butch O'Briant (front row, right) was described by family and friends as someone who would always lend a helping hand.



Summer teammates

Local baseball teammates Bryce Thaxton (far left) and Hayden Hester (far right) are shining on the summer travel ball circuit for the 2023 Carolina White Sox. Thaxton leads the White Sox in fielding percentage as the team's catcher, while Hester tops the Sox in batting average. Aiden Byington (middle), from Dobyns-Bennet High School in Kingsport, Tenn., leads the Sox in strikeouts.

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and said, 'RCS is looking for a volleyball coach.' Tracey and Butch gave me insight on the program."

Rigsbee thrived in her first year, leading the Bulldogs to a first-round playoff upset of Neuse Charter.

Butch moved up the next season, having a greater impact on Rigsbee than she would ever realize.

"Butch meant a lot to the program," Rigsbee said. "We definitely reconnected when we started coaching together. We communicated a lot that first year I coached. Butch was there coaching with me in my second year. He was just very helpful and always willing to lend a helping hand whenever he could. The thing I will miss most about having him there, however, was that he would literally think of stuff before it even came through my brain. He had planner documents ready for me."

Any of the success RCS experienced over the last three years, particularly the run to the 1A East Regional Final against Neuse Charter last year, would not be possible without O'Briant.

"He was an assistant by title, but this program

can't just run off my brain," Rigsbee said. "When you have assistants helping, it's collective ideas that make the program go round. Butch was someone I would frequently call and ask, 'hey, a situation came up. What do you think?' He was just very good at providing insight and dealing with the program as a whole."

Rigsbee, someone who has a strong spiritual connection, does not know what is going to happen with the upcoming season.

She knows that whatever game the Bulldogs play in, whatever the result and whoever is slamming down that last kill, Butch is going to be watching over Alison and the rest of the team.

"Butch will give us signs and direction from heaven above," Rigsbee said. "I have a lot of faith that he will help us move forward, as if he was here with us. It's just very sad to see the family go through this, especially Alison, being that she is one of the athletes on the team. Butch's passing hurts really bad as a coach – seeing people struggle like that and knowing there's nothing you can do to bring him back. We're going to try and help her through these times as best as we can."

Grace Hawkins, who played under the guidance of Butch during

her senior season in 2021, called Butch the biggest encourager she knew.

"Even with rough days, he'd be there to lift us up," Hawkins said. "He taught us to not dwell on our mistakes and focus on the good we were doing. He was also someone we could go to for advice in the real world, outside of volleyball. The RCS volleyball community will miss his presence."

O'Briant was a coach who believed in his players.

One girl he gave a chance to see extensive court time, right away, was sophomore libero Delayna Welch.

"Butch supported Delayna in any way possible last year," Nicole Welch, Delayna's mother, said. "If Delayna got down on herself for not making a play, Butch went over and gave her a pep talk. He was always giving positive feedback. They could be losing, but he was always there, on the sidelines, giving high-fives. Butch had a definite love for volleyball, but also for those girls. It was a sad day for Bulldog volleyball, but I know he's with the good lord."

Melinda Goodson, RCS' high school athletic director, spoke to a peppy, vibrant O'Briant last Monday when she opened up the Dog House for volleyball

workouts.

Knowing this made O'Briant's passing tough for her.

"Once I learned of his passing, it really hit hard," Goodson said. "I've always had pleasant conversations with Butch. He's a staple inside the gym. I've seen him in each of my six years as AD. He's very supportive of our programs. I am sorry for his entire family, specifically his teenage daughter. All the girls seemed to gravitate toward him on varsity over the last two years. We will probably honor him before the first game, but of course, I want to talk with Hayden and the girls about it."

Impact spreads beyond the gym

The person hit the hardest by O'Briant's passing, outside of his family, was his best friend, Jimmy Jeffreys.

Jeffreys was at Duke Regional Hospital, where he works as an ICU nurse, when he got

the news.

"It was hard when I heard of his passing," Jeffreys said. "It surprised me more than anything when I got that phone call. I was at work when my brother told me about it. A big part of me is gone now. I'm trying to preserve it and hang onto it. It will always be hard not having him here to share life with now. I'm just so sad and scared for Butch's wife and kids."

O'Briant and Jeffreys attended Person High School in the mid-80's and played on the football team as linemen, helping the Rockets win the 1983 Big Six conference championship, by taking down undefeated Northern Durham in front of a packed Rocket Stadium.

"We had a pretty good team," Jeffreys said. "We were the team who put The Rock on the field. We were big football players. We were practicing when not playing. My aunt nicknamed us the Bruce brothers. We

cruised down Madison Boulevard during our high school years and listened to a lot of Journey. We thought we were cool like that."

O'Briant and Jeffreys' friendship extends much earlier – back to the days of pee-wee football with the Person County Arts, Recreation and Parks Department.

"We've been friends since we were about 6-years old," Jeffreys said. "We both grew up at North Roxboro Baptist and were in the same Sunday school class. We were at each other's houses all the time. Growing up, even through high school and after, it was always 'Jimmy and Butch,' or 'Butch and Jimmy.'"

As O'Briant and Jeffreys grew older, they did not spend much as much time together.

The pair somehow maintained to stay close – through COVID, different jobs and traveling with their families.

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Massive catch

Logan Revels enjoyed his own celebration over the Fourth of July weekend. The young angler nabbed first place when he caught a 10 lbs., 14 oz. bass with his dad, Alan, at a Mayo Lake Park tournament on Friday, July 1. Revels' catch is estimated to be one of the biggest, if not the largest, bass caught at Mayo. More than 70 anglers were on tap for the tournament.



Swinging for the fences

Emma Brandon (left) and Karrie Obie, both Roxboro Community School high school softball teammates, competed against each other in a travel ball tournament over the weekend at UNC-Greensboro's softball stadium.

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"We were close enough where if we spent 5-10 minutes talking on the phone, we were right back where we were in high school," Jeffreys said. "He was more like a brother than a friend. He's a great leader and role model, always like the backbone of everybody. He was always keeping everybody's spirits up. Butch would smack you upside the head, then the next minute, he'd be rolling over laughing. They don't make people like Butch

anymore." Jeffreys, who has two children at RCS, keeps up with Bulldog athletics. He highlighted how the greatest way to honor O'Briant, would be for Alison to continue playing volleyball. "I hope she rededicates herself to playing," Jeffreys said of Alison. "They were close because of playing. The girl has a chance to be really good. Her playing would make Butch happy more than anything." O'Briant, a person of strong faith as well, was part of the search committee that brought his pastor, Ben Durand, to

North Roxboro Baptist Church. "I've known him about 20 years," Durand said. "He and Tracey have been members of the church. He's very supportive. He's been a good friend who loved my children. He could diffuse a tense situation if there was a serious issue. He was a man's man. Butch was dependable. If you needed him, you could call and count on him." The pair's relationship extended outside of the church, with Durand calling O'Briant a close friend and father figure to his four sons.

"To put things in context, Butch had unique relationships with all of our sons," Durand said. "Alison is the same age as Jonathan. Jesse, our third-born son, is entering the eighth grade at RCS this fall. Maybe Butch saw a little bit of himself in Jesse because he's mischievous. Butch loved to feed Jesse and they both loved football. I didn't play any football growing up, so when Jesse played (Midget League football), I told Butch to come check him out. He came to Jesse's football games and helped me make sure I had all his equipment on

correctly." One of the most selfless things O'Briant did, according to Durand, was reach out to him before he departed Roxboro on a 17-day mission trip in 2020. "Butch reached out to (my wife) Betsy and encouraged my family to do stuff with them while I was gone," Durand said. "He cared for our family and looked out for me. We didn't see eye to eye on everything, but we were like-minded on big things in life." The greatest impact O'Briant had on Durand, however, was him praying for Durand and his

family. "He said 'brother, I pray for you and your family,'" Durand said. I think he took praying seriously. It wasn't like he was the son of a pastor, but he was in leadership of the church. He was aware of the challenges that come with being a preacher because he was my friend. His loss in our community is profound – we all need those kinds of people." The sting of Butch's passing will not ease up for a while. When you have someone as positive and selfless in your life like Butch, you remember that forever.

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Rec department to offer NYC trip

The Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department is hosting a trip to New York City beginning Oct. 28 and returning Nov. 1.

On day one, the group will depart Huck Sansbury at 8 a.m. the morning of Friday, Oct. 28 and will travel by motor coach to New York City where after dinner participants will check into an area hotel.

One day two, group members will explore Manhattan, Central Park, Time Square, and much more on a guided tour. Later, after dining at a New York City restaurant group members will have some free time in the city.

Day three will consist of a guided tour with a visit to the One World Observatory located on floors 100-102 of One World Trade Center. This evening, participants will enjoy



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a dinner party with entertainment.

Trip participants will visit Ellis Island – the gateway to the United States for millions and Liberty Island – home of the Statue of Liberty.

There are four breakfasts and four dinners included in the tour price. The prices per person are: \$650 double occupancy; \$888 single occupancy

There is a \$75 deposit due at registration and

the final payment is due no later than Aug. 21. Proof of COVID vaccinations are not required, but trip participants must sign a COVID waiver. If registering after Sept. 21, payment in full is due at registration.

There is a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 52 participants for this trip.

For more information or to register, call the recreation department at 336-597-1755.



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Group members will take a horse and carriage tour of Charleston seeing historic houses, parks and more.

Rec department offering trip to Charleston

The Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department is offering a historic a five-day, day-night trip to historic Charleston, S.C., from Dec. 5-9.

The trip will begin with departure from Huck Sansbury at 8 a.m. the morning of Monday, Dec. 5 and return on Friday, Dec. 9. The participants will travel by motor coach to Charleston where after dinner they will check into a hotel for a four-night stay.

On day two, the group members will visit the Middleton Place, a National Historic Landmark, now used as a museum and home to the oldest landscaped garden in the United States. The group will also enjoy a cruise around the Charleston Harbor.

On day three, the group members will visit the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, one of the oldest plantations in the South and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. After this, group members will take a horse and carriage tour of Charleston seeing historic houses, parks and more. This evening, members will enjoy a beloved Lowcountry tradition — the Holiday Festival of

Lights. This is a three-mile drive-thru light show featuring approximately two million shimmering lights.

Day four will include a guided tour of Charleston emphasizing African Black History and Gullah History including a visit to the Charleston Tea Plantation, the only tea plantation in the United States. A tour of a historic Charleston home is also on the itinerary for day four.

After a continental breakfast, the group will be returning home on day five.

There are four breakfasts and four dinners included in the tour price. The prices are per person: \$659 double occupancy; \$935 single occupancy; \$675 triple occupancy.

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Criteria used to select inductees include athletic accomplishments, service to the school and the community, as well as character and reputation.

The selection committee includes the RCS athletic directors, RCS middle school and high school principals, and the school’s managing executive director.

School raising money for home softball field

The RCS Board of Directors approved two more items related to athletics during last week’s meeting. The board approved a plan to begin fundraising for athletics with the goal of building a softball field at Optimist Park.

The idea of building a softball field behind the right field fence at the Optimist Park baseball field was initially brought up during the board’s June meeting and re-introduced last week.

According to Ebert, the goal is for the school’s softball teams to play at Optimist Park by this coming Spring, but that is “depending on what kind of money we raise.”

Ebert said that the plan is to use the area where a softball field once sat at the park with the first steps being to put a fence around the playing area, and do the basics to make the field playable.

The Bulldogs’ softball teams currently play their home games at Bushy Fork Ballpark.

“There’s certainly nothing wrong with Bushy Fork, but it would be nice to have our girls and boys playing at the same place and playing in Roxboro,” Ebert said. “We’re trying to do some fundraising to make that happen. There are some times when the girls are playing and they’ll finish up and go watch the boys and vice versa it just makes it easier for everybody and creates some camaraderie.”

Ebert indicated that the school is targeting \$125,000 in donations for athletics that will go towards building

a softball facility at Optimist Park, but also other items including fencing and improvements at the school’s on-campus field that hosts soccer and lacrosse games.

Ebert said that items on the softball field, such as lights, permanent dugouts and irrigation systems could be added on later, and that the school is certainly interested in working with community members who would be willing to donate time, effort and resources.

“What I told the board is that goal is simply to have (the softball field) playable (by Spring),” Ebert said. “I’ve talked to the coaches and they’re gung-ho about it, but of course, all of this hinges on whether we’re able to raise the money to pull that off.”

Head coaches to receive supplements

For the first time, Roxboro Community School will be offering supplements to their head coaches. The board approved that during last week’s board retreat.

Middle school head coaching supplements will be set at \$300 per sport, while high school coaches pay will range from \$300 for JV to a maximum of \$600.

Ebert said that pay will vary based on the number of events the specific sports play.

The supplements will cost the school \$11,400.

According to Ebert, coaching supplements was something he wanted the school do in previous years, but COVID put those plans on the back burner.

“I know you don’t coach for the money,” Ebert said. “You coach because you love the kids and you love the sports. If nothing else, if we can at least return a little bit to them, that would be good. I just want people to see the importance of it. Athletics keeps a lot of kids in school. We’ve seen it over and over, for some kids, that’s the main reason they’re there and once they’re here, we can do things academically, but we have to get them here first.”

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For more meeting details, please contact John Hill at 336-597-1755 or via email at johnhill@personcountync.gov.

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PSALMS 126:2

*Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen,
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Unbridled intemperance

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20 ESV)

In our last two installments, we have looked briefly at “be quick to hear, slow to speak.” Today, let’s take a brief look at what it means to be “slow to anger.”

For a great many years, I struggled with anger. My anger has broken friendships, ended jobs, and even found me justly cuffed and carted away. My grandmother said something to me once that startled me, hurt me, and helped me; she said, “Your temper is going to get you in a lot of trouble, and your pride is going to keep you there.” I am literally a walking example of the negative use and effects of anger.

Today, I don’t speak only as a pastor or theologian, but as an expert on the topic of anger. Especially, sadly, I speak in the sense of the experiential, negative expression of anger.

Anger is a struggle for many, and, if you are willing to admit that, you’re (1) in the minority, and (2) I’d urge you to get help and education. I cannot tell you how many people I’ve pointed to Chip Ingram’s brilliant book and study, *Overcoming Emotions that Destroy*.

You might be surprised that struggling with anger doesn’t only manifest with angry outbursts; it can also manifest in bitterness, stuffed feelings of disgust or contempt or unresolved conflict, seeping comments that come out as sarcasm, withdrawal from settling conflicts, and many, many other ways.

Make no mistake, not all anger is negative. For example, Psalm 7:11 says, “God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.” (ESV) One paraphrase, *The Living Bible*, puts it like this: “God is a judge who is perfectly fair, and he is angry with the wicked every day.” In plain speech, that paraphrase goes on to represent Psalm 7:12 like this: “Unless they repent, he will sharpen his sword and slay them. He has bent and strung his bow.” In other words, there is such a thing as righteous anger, and righteous anger very often leads to righteous action.

There is such a thing as right-

eous anger. Probably the clearest example of that is found in Mark 11:13-15, where, in righteous indignation, Jesus flipped the tables of some merchants who were taking advantage of people in the Temple area for profit.

Of course, we also know religious zeal can manifest negatively too. Not all who’ve been burned at a stake deserved it! In his commentary on this verse, 18th century English Methodist minister Joseph Benson wrote, “Intemperate religious zeal is often accompanied by a train of bad passions, and particularly with anger against those who differ from us in opinion.” Benson’s turns of phrases caught my eye; his saying both “intemperate religious zeal” and “a train of bad passions” are worthy of our contemplation when it comes to mistaking intemperance for righteous anger.

Most pointedly, here in James, honoring the context, I don’t know of anyone more succinct and pointed than Matthew Henry. In Henry’s commentary, we read, “Instead of blaming God under our trials, let us open our ears and hearts to learn what he teaches by them. And if men would govern their tongues, they must govern their passions. The worst thing we can bring to any dispute, is anger. Here is an exhortation to lay apart, and to cast off as a filthy garment, all sinful practices. This must reach to sins of thought and affection, as well as of speech and practice; to everything corrupt and sinful. We must yield ourselves to the word of God, with humble and teachable minds. Being willing to hear of our faults, taking it not only patiently, but thankfully. It is the design of the word of God to make us wise to salvation; and those who propose any mean or low ends in attending upon it, dishonor the gospel, and disappoint their own souls.” Because Henry’s language is over 300 years old, we may need more than one reading of that paragraph, so soak in it, dear reader.

If at the facing of our own sin and faults – if hearing the word of God is prevented by slow hearing, quick speaking, or angry denial – we quench the Spirit or become deaf to the counsel of God, we are likely to miss something from Him and even more likely to be ruled by unbridled intemperance.



LIGHT STEPS

Tim Bowes

Church news

Roxboro Church of Christ to use Facebook Live

Roxboro Church of Christ will be offering its Sunday Bible Studies and Worship Services, as well as Wednesday night Bible Studies through Facebook Live. The church will continue to broadcast most studies and Worship assemblies by Zoom invitation and now - Facebook Live, Sundays 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., and Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Old Lea Bethel Baptist Church to hold summer revival services

Old Lea Bethel Baptist Church, located at 6035 Ridgeville Road in Leasburg, will hold Summer Revival Services Aug. 7-10. Sunday Morning Services begin at 11 a.m. That evening revival will begin at 6 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday will start at 7 p.m.

Rev. Craig Willingham, Pastor of Berry’s Grove Baptist Church in Hurdle Mills, will be the special speaker.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist to hold morning worship

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in South Boston will hold its morning worship at 9 a.m. The church is located at 3240 Cherry Hill Church Road, South Boston. Those who wish to attend may assemble either in the church parking lot or in the church sanctuary. Safe distancing is practiced at all times. Music will be by the sanctuary choir. Message will be delivered by Pastor Frederick Eily. Visitors are always welcome.

Yoga classes set to start in September

The Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department is offering an eight-week session of yoga classes beginning Sept. 15 and going through Nov. 3. Classes will be held each Thursday evening from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the exercise room of the Sansbury Annex. The class will be taught by Martha Pickett, who has over 200 hours of training in yin yoga.

While “yang” yoga focuses muscles, yin yoga targets deep connective tissues, like fascia, ligaments, joints, and bones. It’s slower and more meditative, giving participants space to turn inward and tune into both mind and the physical sensations. Because you’re holding poses for a longer period of time than you would in other traditional types of yoga, yin yoga helps you stretch and lengthen those rarely-used tissues while also teaching you how to breathe through discomfort and sit with your thoughts.

Have you been told you need to “move more” but have no idea how to start? Try a “yin yoga” class and get started. Anyone can do a yin yoga class and this is an excellent way of waking up your body.

Yin yoga is for everyone. If you are older and need to stretch this is a great class. If you are overweight and need to start moving this is a great way to get started. If you are a seasoned athlete and need to learn to slow down and stretch your tissues to accommodate your muscles and/or learn a mental competitive edge then this is the class for you.

The registration fee for this 8-week session is \$56 per person for the whole session for Person County residents and \$84 for non-residents. The registration deadline is Thursday, Sept. 8 to avoid the \$5 late fee. You can come by the Recreation Department located at 303 South Morgan Street between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or you can register online at <https://personcounty.recdesk.com>. There is no refund after the registration deadline. There is minimum of four participants and a maximum of 10 for this class. You will need to bring your own yoga mat if you have it, if not one will be provided.

For more information call the Recreation Department at 336.597.1755.

Birdhouse painting class taking place in July

The Person County Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department is holding an upcoming craft class with Lisa Mizelle. On July 30, participants will paint their own gourd birdhouse.

Beginning at 9 a.m., participants will work with Lisa to paint gourd birdhouses. All the supplies will be included — even the gourd. Participants will meet in the space under the Sansbury Gym.

The registration fee for this class is \$35 for Person County residents and \$52.50 for non-residents. The registration deadline is Thursday, July 21 to avoid the late fee. Refunds are not available after the registration deadline.

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When Kelly met Simon

I was a bit of a wandering soul for a handful of years after I left high school. Like many 18-year-olds, I was determined to spread my little wings and without the slightest bit of a compass in those wings, I headed east to Greenville. I literally had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and I bounced around majors before leaving East Carolina, finding my way at UNC-Greensboro and evolving into Community Journalist Kelly.

One of my career ideas was that I was going to be a sign language interpreter and work with kids who are deaf.

I did so many things wrong, but along the way I did a couple of things right and had a few unique experiences — one of those was my summer in Minnesota.

For the previous few summers, I worked as a day camp counselor in Person County and loved those times, but wanted to crank that experience up a notch. I searched for camps specific for deaf kids, and stumbled upon Camp Courage North, a sleep-away summer camp in northern Minnesota. The camp was nestled on a beautiful lake about 30 miles or so from the nearest town, and we all lived in log cabins with fireplaces that housed around 15 campers and four counselors. There was a gym, a cafeteria that doubled as an activities room, and so many campsites and hiking paths on this sprawling campus.

There are so many stories I can share from this summer.

Courage North was gorgeous, and I, and a few other staff members got there a day early so we were able to explore on our own.

I thought this was a camp exclusively for deaf kids and I'd spend the entire summer honing my signing skills all the while enjoying the typical camp experiences.

I could not have been more wrong.

The summer at Courage North consisted of week or two-week long camps for a variety of populations — and deaf camp was towards the end of the summer. This was a case of maybe I should have read the fine print before making the voyage to the wilds of Minnesota.

When we were going through orientation, the camp director, who lived year-round on site, walked us through the groups we would be working with — and week one was physically disabled adults. We were told that the overwhelming majority of our campers suffered traumatic brain injuries during their lives and many came

to Courage North year after year.

The idea of offering a unique and fun camp experience to these campers was something I was actually excited about, that is until we got to learning that we, the counselors, would be responsible for all of their care.

That was an intimidating thought. Going into the medical field was nothing I was remotely interested in and the idea that I would basically be serving as a nurse and caretaker was something I was simply not prepared for.

I can freely admit some 20-plus years later that I was not mature enough for this.

The first day and a half were nothing short of a personal challenge for me — and I crumbled.

I would interact with the campers, go with them on hikes and participate in activities, but I'm embarrassed to say when it came to helping at meals or with other basic needs, I would turn into a ghost.

I was nowhere to be seen — and the other counselors noticed and one of them, a big dude midwestern dude named Shawn, got in my face about it.

I was in the midst of a crisis of confidence, and I retreated back to my assigned cabin for an unscheduled and unsanctioned afternoon break/escape.

I thought I was alone.

You have to remember, this was 1990-something and there were no iPhones or even iPods, so if you wanted to listen to music, you had to bust out CDs.

I lugged around this boombox from North Carolina to Minnesota and I sat in the living room area in our cabin and started cranking the first of my two Garth Brooks Double Live CDs.

Again, I thought I was alone, so I played the music kind of loud and sung as only I could do it --- obnoxiously off-key.

The next thing I know, I heard a muffled sound coming from what I thought was the back of the cabin.

One of our campers, unbeknownst to me, was actually enjoying a mid-afternoon nap and I woke him up. Simon was an enormous guy, we figured probably around 6-5 and a solid 275. I remember he had a Scandinavian sounding last name that my southern tongue couldn't pronounce and he always had a big smile on his face.

I found out later that Simon was a defensive lineman at a small college in Minnesota before a catastrophic neck injury ended his playing career, left him with limited mobility and confined him to a wheelchair.

He struggled to speak, but I could clearly understand what he was telling me as I checked on him that afternoon — he said, "Garth!"

Simon wanted to get up and listen to music and we did just that.

For the next couple of hours, we sang about our Friends in Low Places (including that mysterious third verse), we sang about Rodeos, we sang about how Papa Loved Mama, we sang them all and had absolutely the best time.

Simon knew every word to every song on both CDs.

That was easily the highlight of an entire summer filled with awesome experiences.

When Shawn stormed into the cabin ready to rip my head off for ditching work about an hour into our Garth concert, Simon told him to go away. We weren't ready for our good time to end as long as there were songs left to play on the CD.

For the remainder of the two weeks, Simon and I were practically inseparable and I was the primary person who helped him with all of his needs, including feeding him his first ever spoonful of grits and cup of Carolina sweet tea. He loved both.

I'm still not quite sure how I did this, but I pushed him the two miles from camp to the nearby store so he could meet the local celebrity, retired wrestler Baron Von Raschke. I'll have to share that story in another column, but for now, "that's all the people need to know."

For the 10 of you who get that reference and are laughing, you're welcome.

I learned later that Simon was also a big fan of George Strait, but didn't quite appreciate the Carolina Beach Music that I introduced him to.

Simon made what was an uncomfortable experience at first, so much better because he put me at ease by making jokes and we just became friends. For me, I stopped dreading those initially uncomfortable parts of the job. I quit feeling sorry for him, the other campers or myself and started seeing these wonderful people as just that, people with great stories to tell and experiences to share.

Because of Simon, an experience that began with tears as I plotted a way to get home from northern Minnesota, ended with tears as I said goodbye to someone who became a great friend.

I have a picture in a photo album to this day of us hanging out in the activities room in Courage North, with a note he had another staff member write to me before he left — "Thanks for being my Friend in Low Places"

Take care of you

A lot has been happening over the last few years. A lot has changed and a lot of us have had multiple things to deal with at once, making changes and dealing with the unexpected. It is okay to take some time for yourself. There is no wonder that airlines tell you in an emergency to put the oxygen mask on your own face before helping others. If you don't take care of yourself, then you won't have any energy left to take care of the people who depend on you.

So, make sure you are staying hydrated, getting enough sleep, eating healthy, getting physical activity, and make sure you take some "me time" every once in a while. Our mental health is just as important as our physical and emotional health.

Everyone gets overwhelmed at times and worn down. We also feel like we are alone but in reality, everyone is going through their own struggles. Life is hard and it is full of choices. So, choose you and take care of you.

Try the following recipe courtesy of the South Dakota State University Extension at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/family-food-cent-newsletters> or for more information, follow us on a variety of social media sites: Facebook, Instagram and YouTube @persongranvillefcs



FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Jennifer Brown

Tuna Apple Salad Sandwich

serves 4

- 1 apple (such as Fuji)
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- 2 Tbsp reduced fat mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/8 tsp ground black pepper
- 8 leaves lettuce
- 8 slices whole-grain bread

Cut apple in quarters; remove cored and chop. In a medium size bowl, mix all salad ingredients, except tuna. Gently fold in tuna. Make sandwiches, using lettuce and whole-grain bread (toasted, if desired), and fill with tuna apple salad.

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Extension notes

Equine disease communication center

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Calendar Of Events

- Aug. 4 At Home with ECA;
- Aug. 4 Take Control;
- Aug. 9 Corn and Soybean Field Day;
- Aug. 9 Cooking Fresh Veggies Lunch N' Learn;
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The Youth Summer Theater productions are opportunities for the Arts Council to provide educational and fun



experiences to the youth in the community. The Person County Arts Council has been partnering with the Person County Recreation, Arts and Parks Department to do summer theater programs since the 1970’s. The Youth Sum-

mer Theater production of Into the Woods Jr. is presented by the Person County Arts Council, Person County Recreation, Arts and Parks Department and Piedmont Community College and would not be possible without the

support of Family Fare and the North Carolina Arts Council.

Tickets can be purchased at the Kirby Cultural Arts Complex, over the telephone with Visa/MasterCard/Discover/American Express, or online at www.kirbythe-

ater.com. Concessions will be sold before the show.

The Kirby Cultural Arts Complex is located at 213 North Main St., Roxboro, NC 27573. For more information, call the Kirby Box Office at 336-597-1709 or visit

the website at www.kirbytheater.com. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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REC Board seeks a member

The Recreation Advisory (REC) Board has one open seat with a term that expires on Dec. 30, 2023.

The REC Board serves as the advisory body for Person County on issues relative to the department. The Recreation, Arts and Parks Department consults with the REC Board in matters affecting programs, facilities,

policies, finances, the acquisition and disposal of lands and properties, and its long-range, projected plans.

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Federal judge blocks legal action against Stein in 2020 campaign ad dispute

By **MITCH KOKAI**
Carolina Journal

U.S. District Judge Catherine Eagles has issued a temporary restraining order blocking legal action against N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein in a dispute stemming from a 2020 election campaign ad.

The order says Wake County District Attorney Lorrin Freeman “is restrained, enjoined, and forbidden” from enforcing a 91-year-old state law against any person connected to the ad. Stein and Freeman will return to court Aug. 4 to determine whether to extend the temporary order into a preliminary injunction that would last until the legal dispute is resolved.

Eagles signed her order at 1:40 p.m. Monday, 10 minutes after issuing it in open court and less than three hours after opening a hearing in the case.

“[T]he plaintiffs have shown a likelihood of prevailing on the merits of their claim that N.C. Gen. Stat. [Section] 163-274(a)(9) is unconstitutional under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; that irreparable injury will result to plaintiffs is a restraining order is not granted by very soon subjecting plaintiffs and other persons associated with the plaintiffs to potential criminal prosecution for violating an overbroad criminal libel statute before a hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction can be heard; that the balance of equities favors an injunction protecting the First Amendment right of the plaintiffs

and other political candidates to free speech; and that an injunction is in the public interest by preservation of the status quo until such time as this Court, with the benefit of further briefing from the parties, may more closely examine the constitutionality of this statute.”

The order applies to Freeman’s “agents, servants, employees, and attorneys.” Any violation of Eagles’ order could lead to punishment for contempt of court.

Stein’s suit filed Thursday in U.S. District Court seeks to have the 1931 state law declared unconstitutional.

The suit suggested that the attorney general and two other plaintiffs expected authorities to take action against them soon based on the disputed state law. In addition to Stein’s political campaign, the other plaintiffs are his campaign’s media firm and a supporter quoted in a television ad.

“This is an action for declaratory judgment and injunction by Plaintiffs who have been subjected for nearly two years to intrusive law-enforcement investigations, initiated by the losing candidate in the 2020 General Election for the Office of North Carolina Attorney General,” according to the federal complaint.

Stein, the incumbent Democrat, faced Republican challenger Jim O’Neill in the 2020 general election. O’Neill was Forsyth County’s district attorney. Stein won re-election by just 13,622 votes out of 5.4 million ballots cast.

Stein and O’Neill clashed

during the campaign over accusations involving untested sexual assault evidence collection kits. Each accused the other of failing to do his job in dealing with the “rape kits.”

The challenger objected to a Stein ad that “truthfully referenced O’Neill’s record of indifference to the large backlog of untested rape kits in his own jurisdiction,” according to Stein’s complaint.

Specifically, O’Neill objected to “a single line from a single Stein Campaign political advertisement,” according to the complaint. Plaintiff Juliette Grimmert, a sexual assault victim policy strategist at Stein’s N.C. Justice Department, “commented on Mr. O’Neill’s failure to act with respect to over 1,500 untested rape kits languishing in the possession of the local law enforcement authorities within Mr. O’Neill’s prosecutorial jurisdiction.”

“When I learned that Jim O’Neill left 1,500 rape kits on a shelf leaving rapists on the streets, I had to speak out,” Grimmert said in the ad.

“O’Neill claimed the ad was false and sought to retaliate,” Stein’s complaint argued. “But he did not do so by pursuing a civil defamation action. Instead, as a sitting District Attorney, he sought to place law enforcement investigators in the position of judging the appropriateness of political speech. The resulting investigations, conducted pursuant to an archaic and never-before-used law enacted in 1931, ... seek to punish Plaintiffs for core protected political

speech and to chill the speech of Plaintiffs and others going forward in clear violation of the First Amendment.”

Stein is asking the federal court to declare the law unconstitutional.

“[T]he Statute – although it has been codified for nearly one hundred years – has never been the subject of a reported indictment or charge against any individual or entity, including any political campaign,” Stein’s complaint claimed. “Nor has it been the subject of any reported case from the North Carolina courts. In 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit held that a nearly identical Ohio statute violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments because it was a content-based restriction that burdened core protected political speech in a manner not narrowly tailored to achieve a state interest.”

N.C. General Statutes Section 163-274(a)(9), declares it unlawful, as a Class 2 misdemeanor, “For any person to publish or cause to be circulated derogatory reports with reference to any candidate in any primary or election, knowing such report to be false or in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity, when such report is calculated or intended to affect the chances of such candidate for nomination or election.”

O’Neill’s campaign cited the disputed statute in a September 2020 complaint to the N.C. State Board of Elections. The Republican challenger’s complaint alleged “that the Stein Campaign and Attorney Gen-

eral Stein were in violation of the Statute on the grounds that candidate O’Neill, ‘who is the elected District Attorney for Forsyth County, has never in his career left ‘rape kits sitting on a shelf’” because he was ‘never in the chain of custody as it relates to rape kits.’”

The challenger asked the state elections board to refer his complaint to Wake County’s district attorney for further action. The board conducted an investigation, including interviews in March 2021, and presented its findings to the Wake County district attorney in July 2021.

The SBI also conducted an investigation during the second half of 2021. The investigation involved “nothing further of substance” from January through May this year.

“Plaintiffs believe that enforcement action under the Statute is forthcoming,” according to Stein’s complaint. “In addition, Plaintiffs desire to continue to engage in the dissemination of information concerning political issues and candidates without the prospect of being dragged before governmental agents who seek to sit in judgment of the truth of political speech and who, in any event, can subject Plaintiffs and others to extensive and intrusive investigations under threat of criminal prosecution on subjects constituting core political speech.”

Eagles’ order prevents Freeman and her colleagues from moving forward with any legal action.

World Golf Hall of Fame relocating to N.C.

By **THERESA OPEKA**
Carolina Journal

The United States Golf Association recently announced the relocation of the World Golf Hall of Fame from St. Augustine, FL, back to its original home of Pinehurst in 2024.

“There’s no better connection to golf’s past, present, and future than Pinehurst, and no organization that works harder than the USGA to preserve the history of this great game,” said Mike Whan, CEO of the USGA. “We look forward to celebrating the greatest moments and golf’s greatest athletes by including the World Golf Hall of Fame as an important part of our

new Pinehurst home. Simply put – it just makes sense, and together with the Hall of Fame, we’re more committed than ever to delivering experiences that build even deeper connections between golf fans and those who have truly led the way in this great game.”

The World Golf Hall of Fame was founded in Pinehurst in 1974 but moved to St. Augustine in 1998.

The N.C. General Assembly recently awarded the USGA \$7 million toward the World Golf Hall of Fame project.

Golf is big business in North Carolina. According to the N.C. Department of Commerce, a 2017 study stated that golf generated

\$2.3 billion in direct spending and a total economic impact of \$4.2 billion in the state, including nearly 53,000 jobs and total wage income of \$1.3 billion. The increased interest in the relocation will mean an even bigger economic boost to the state.

The USGA broke ground on its six-acre Golf House Pinehurst campus last month, located on Carolina Vista Drive on the Pinehurst Resort and C.C. property. According to the USGA, it’s their latest commitment to enhance the region’s stature as the “Home of American Golf” and to more deeply invest in North Carolina.

The Hall of Fame will be a part of the USGA Experience

building. According to the USGA website, many of the items in the Hall of Fame’s existing collection will be relocated to Pinehurst for the creation of a new Hall of Fame locker room, which will be located on the second floor of the building. The first floor will house the USGA Experience galleries.

Artifacts to be displayed in the Hall of Fame include Johnny Miller’s clubs, ball, and champion’s gold medal from the 1973 U.S. Open at Oakmont, where he shot a record 63 in the final round; a shirt worn by Annika Sorenstam in the first round of the 2003 Colonial, becoming the first woman to play in a PGA Tour event since 1945; and

Jack Nicklaus’ MacGregor golf bag from the 1965 Masters.

Pinehurst, a USGA anchor site, recently hosted the inaugural U.S. Adaptive Open Championship at Pinehurst No. 6 and will also host the 2023 U.S. Adaptive Open next July, as well as five future U.S. Open Championships between 2024 and 2047.

Additionally, World Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will be held in Pinehurst in 2024 and 2029 to coincide with the 124th U.S. Open on Pinehurst No. 2 in 2024 and the return of back-to-back U.S. Women’s Open and U.S. Open Championships, also on Course No. 2. In 2029.

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Christy Wilkerson Burton, Administratrix
81 Hutch Lane
Roxboro, NC 27574
7/28; 8/4, 11, 18/2022

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
PERSON COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
File # 22 E 122

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate **SHIRLEY SCOGGINS JACOBS**, late of Person County, North Carolina, is publishing this Notice pursuant to §28A-14-1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of October, 2022, or this Notice will be pled to bar recovery. All persons indebted to the said decedent or said estate shall please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of July 2022

Brady Jacobs, Administrator
224 Wiley Bradsher Road
Hurdle Mills, NC 27541
7/14, 21, 28; 8/4/2022

Legal Notice

The Roxboro Stor-N-Lock

Has possessory lien on goods in unit.

- R213 Sam McCain, Jr.
- M328 Sam McCain, Jr.
- M157 Ronetta McGee
- M489 Tracey Bradsher
- O551 Bridgette Yankovich
- M438 Jasmine Clay

All items of personal property are being sold in order to collect the amount due from you on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 10 a.m. The sale will take place at 909 Ridge Road, Roxboro, NC 27573.
7/21, 28/2022

LEGAL NOTICES

RENTAL APARTMENTS UNFURN.

The Oaks Apartments

1574 Red Oak Dr.

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Candidate must be able to perform a variety of general office duties to include, but not limited to: answering telephones, respond to customer-facing requests, record and distribute messages, take payments, file and maintain customer records, and operate a personal computer for the purpose of data entry, word processing, spreadsheets, email and internet.

If you wish to apply, please send resume to: harry.walters@ncfbins.com



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



The City of Roxboro is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Water Treatment Plant Operator
Closing Date: August 10, 2022

Water Treatment Plant Lab Tech
Closing Date: August 10, 2022

Meter Reader
Closing Date: August 10, 2022

Public Utilities Worker
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Street/Grounds Maintenance Worker
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Full job postings and applications available at www.cityofroxboro.com.

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Free Tuition for Career & Technical Programs!
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Workforce Training with Scholarships:

Medication Tech	8/8
HVAC Electrical	8/9
Truck Driver CDL Class A	8/12
EMT	8/13
IT: CompTIA A+ & SEC+ Cert	8/15
Excel Associate	8/15
Database Concepts:	
Azure Data	8/15
Nurse Aide	8/15
Manicure/Nail Tech	8/15
Natural Hair Care	8/15

Gunsmithing Level I	8/15
Certified Logistics Tech	8/22
Paramedic Session II	8/22
Basic Welding	8/22
Small Engine Repair	8/23
BioWork Process Tech	8/30

Other Classes in August:

Notary Public	8/8
Defensive Driving	8/9
FREE – Employability Lab	8/15
HeartSaver First Aid/CPR	8/20
Spanish for the Workplace	8/24

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Courier-Times, the weekly newspaper of record in Roxboro, N.C., is seeking applications for the position of office manager.

This position will manage the day-to-day operations of the office with responsibilities that include: greeting customers on the phone and in person and directing them to the proper person in the office, receiving payments, organizing and maintaining the newspaper archive, managing newspaper circulation with vendors, and assisting the publisher and advertising manager with other duties, as needed. The ability to be a great teammate with a friendly demeanor and go-getter attitude is a plus as are basic computer skills.

To apply, email C-T Publisher Kelly Snow at kellysnow@roxboro-courier.com or come by the office at 111 North Main Street, Roxboro to receive an application.

The Courier-Times

Your Connection to Roxboro and Person County!

