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## Police say fatal train collision was a suicide

BY WILLIAM HOLLOWMAN  
Staff Writer

The Mount Olive man who parked his vehicle on railroad tracks Wednesday afternoon and was killed by an oncoming freight train was an apparent suicide, according to investigators.

The incident claimed the life of 27-year-old Antonio DeMarco Davis, a local resident.

It occurred at 3:05 p.m. at the automated rail guard crossing at North Center Street and Talton Avenue, police said.

Two town employees witnessed the incident, town

• **Eyewitnesses said man drove around guardrails, then stopped on the tracks in front of oncoming train.**

manager Charles Brown said.

Investigators said Davis was traveling east on Talton, and the guardrails were down and lights flashing when he pulled around the rails and stopped on the tracks.

His body was removed from beneath a car several lengths behind the front engine, officials said.

The CSX train was traveling in a southern direction.

Officials said the man had been depressed over a relationship.

It is the second apparent suicide on railroad tracks here in recent years.

Another incident occurred when a man holding a Bible walked in front of a freight train near the South Center Street/County Road intersection several years ago.

Police and railroad authorities are investigating.

Town manager Charles Brown said counseling was provided to the two town employees who witnessed the fatality.



**FATAL COLLISION** - This Jeep SUV was intentionally parked by its driver in front of an oncoming train Wednesday, according to investigators. (photo by BOBBY WILLIAMS)

## Drug sting nabs 18 suspects

BY WILLIAM HOLLOWMAN  
Staff Writer

It was late morning when the hammer came down, and it all kicked off from a headquarters set up in the Calypso Fire Department.

Fifty-one officers from six different law enforcement agencies swooped down to nab 18 drug suspects in Mount Olive.

It was Operation Clean Streets, the culmination of a five-month drug probe aimed at street level alleged drug dealers.

Mount Olive Police Chief Tommy Brown said the operation succeeded due to cooperative efforts and hard work.

In addition to the local department, other agencies he credited with working on the sting included the Wayne and Duplin County Sheriff's departments, the Wayne County Detention Center, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the FBI Violent Gang Force, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), NC Probation and Parole, Department of Human Health Services, and the Wayne County Magistrate's office.

Chief Brown said, "Without the help of all these agencies, this operation would not have had the success it had."

"Everyone has my heartfelt gratitude," he added.

Those arrested included:

- Aaron Jermaine Smith, 30, of 426 East Hillsboro Street, sale, delivery and possession of marijuana.

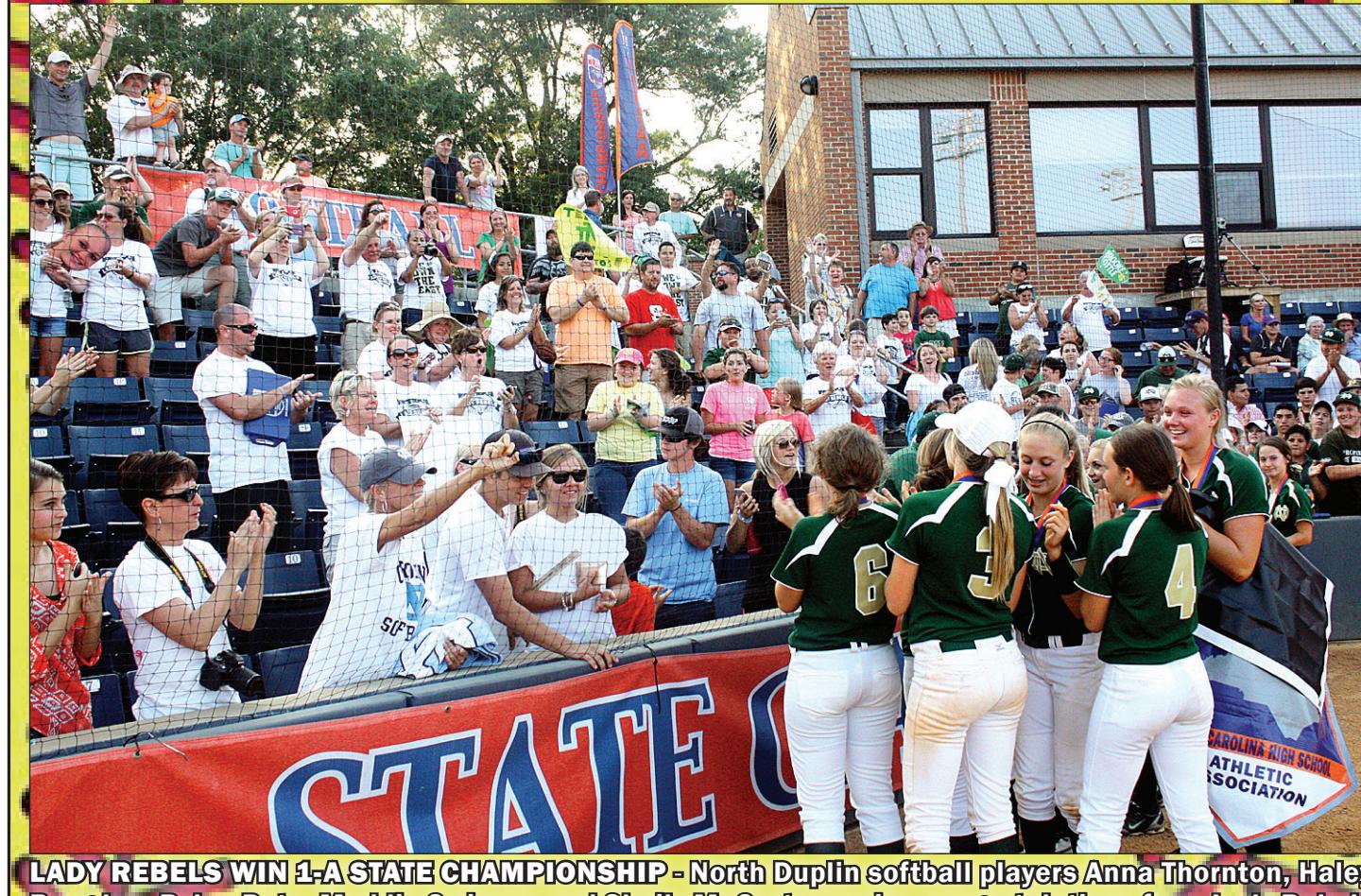
- Larry Allen, 53, of 504 Bell Avenue, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

- Willie Thomas Smith, 43, of 204 Slocumb Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

- Antonio Artis, 20, of 721 Oliver Street, sale, de-

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## Simply the best!



**LADY REBELS WIN 1-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** - North Duplin softball players Anna Thornton, Haley Brogden, Rylee Pate, Maddie Swinson and Shally McCarty receive congratulations from Lady Rebels fans shortly after receiving the trophy and banner for winning the 1-A state softball championship Saturday evening at the UNC Greensboro Softball Stadium. North Duplin, which finished the season 20-4-1, lost Game 1 of the best-of-3 series Friday night, but won the final two games of the series to claim the school's first-ever state title in softball. See page 7 for a full report on the series and additional photos. (staff photo by BARRY MERRILL)

## MO passes budget, tax increase

BY WILLIAM HOLLOWMAN  
Staff Writer

For the first time in 40 years, the Town of Mount Olive has enacted a property tax increase.

The town's new budget of slightly more than \$6.2 million was adopted at last week's monthly town board session by a 3-1 vote. The budget included a five cents per \$100 valuation tax hike, making the tax rate 64 cents.

District 1 Commissioner Kenny Talton cast the dissenting vote.

Commissioners Ray Thompson, Joe Scott and Jerry Armstrong voted for the budget.

Talton, in a prepared statement he provided to the media, said he did not support the budget.

He called for "re-evaluating it."

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Talton

## Board gives WATCH a partial reprieve

BY JOHN CATE  
Editor

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners found itself facing significant community opposition over its intended plan to drop funding for WATCH (Wayne Action Teams for Community Health), and ultimately compromised on those intentions during a budget worksession held following the board meeting last Monday.

WATCH, a community group that helps local residents receive medical care, monitor health problems, and facilitate adequate care to those in need among other services, has received funding from the board for a number of years. Last year, it received \$220,000 from Wayne County, a sum that accounted for about one-

third of the agency's budget, according to Dr. Clark Gaither.

Dr. Gaither, WATCH's medical advisor, was one



**TALKING BUSINESS** - Kate Daniels (left) and Charity Johnson of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce gave the Wayne County Board of Commissioners an update on what the Chamber is doing last Monday. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)

receive help after WATCH secured additional funding,

and that it had saved his life. He said he had dangerously high blood pressure and had been a stroke risk.

The board made no decision about reconsidering

funding for WATCH during the morning session, but did return for a worksession following a lunch break.

At this time, a compromise was reached whereby WATCH will receive half of its 2014-15 funding—a total of \$110,000—but the board

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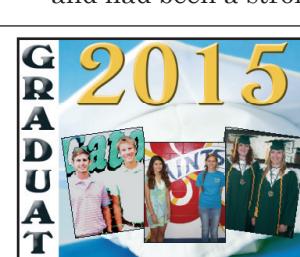
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## ANNUAL GRAD SECTION

**B** MEET THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2015 at all three local high schools in the Tribune's annual pull-out section.

## STOP BRAIN DRAIN!

**2** DUPLIN MANAGER Mike Aldridge says the county needs to raise taxes to pay, hire and retain quality employees.

## Weather Forecast in and around Mount Olive, NC

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>89</b> 70	<b>91</b> 72	<b>92</b> 73	<b>93</b> 72	<b>89</b> 70
Partly Cloudy	PM Thunder Storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Scattered Thunder Storms

## Duplin manager urges tax hike to prevent additional brain drain

By JOHN CATE

Editor

Getting a tax increase passed in fiscally conservative Duplin County is always a challenge, and County Manager Mike Aldridge has only been partially successful in convincing the county's Board of Commissioners that one is



Aldridge

needed in the 2015-16 fiscal year budget that will take effect on July 1.

Earlier this spring, Aldridge presented the board with a draft budget that called for a three cents per \$100 valuation increase in the property tax rate. He told the board that the increase was necessary in order for Duplin County to be able to pay competitive salaries to its employees and not continue to lose them to other governmental agencies that

pay more.

The nearly completed budget was a topic of discussion at the June 1 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, where salary increases for employees in the upcoming budget were discussed.

In worksessions over the last month, the board rejected Aldridge's proposal in favor of a compromise. A two percent step increase was approved for existing Duplin County employees, but a concomitant 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), which would have benefited both new employees (by way of a higher starting salary) and existing ones, was removed from the budget.

They reduced the proposed tax increase from three cents to just one cent, setting the proposed tax rate for 2015-16 at 74 cents per \$100 valuation. This still leaves Duplin County comparable to other counties with similar populations, such as Sampson (83 cents), Lenoir (83.5) and Wilson (73). The one-cent

increase will raise an additional \$390,000. To balance the budget, the county will draw approximately \$1.3 million from its reserves, leaving the county with a budget of roughly \$54 million, an increase of \$1.7 million over last year.

Removing the COLA saved the county about \$200,000. However, Aldridge is still concerned that doing so will make it harder for the county to hire quality workers. Because the step increase only applies to existing employees and not to new hires, the starting salaries offered by Duplin are still not competitive with other counties in the area.

"We really need to address the cost of living issue for the employees next year, or we're going to have a recruitment problem," Aldridge said.

The board did briefly discuss the possibility of implementing both salary adjustments, but no motion to do so was offered by any of the commissioners.



**HERE'S THE PROBLEM** - Faison Town Attorney Garrett Ludlum (center) explains to Mayor Elmer Flake (left) and Public Works Director Jimmy Tyndall what the impact would be if the town chose various options in order to accommodate a conditional use permit request from Southern Produce. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)

## Faison calls for public hearing on controversial permit request

By JOHN CATE

Editor

The Town of Faison wrapped up its budget planning for the 2015-16 fiscal year ahead of most other towns in the area, unanimously approving several resolutions amending the current year's budget and then adopting the one for the fiscal year starting July 1.

But that wasn't the most contentious issue that faced the town's Board of Commissioners in a meeting last Wednesday night that ran for close to two hours, about twice the length of a typical monthly meeting for

Faison's elected officials.

The public hearing and budget adoption process went as planned. The board's budget for the upcoming fiscal year is \$1,293,760, an increase of \$18,308 over last year.

The key issue, as it turned out, involved the follow-up to a proposal made by Stewart Precythe, the CEO of Southern Produce Distributors, at the board's May 6 meeting. Precythe presented a proposal to refurbish the old Faison Root Vegetable Exchange building, which he had recently purchased, **SEE FAISON, PAGE 6**

## Wayne Commissioners approve fare reduction for GATEWAY

By JOHN CATE

Editor

Passengers who frequently use public transportation offered by the Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority (GATEWAY) will get good news starting July 1.

GATEWAY Director Fred Fontana asked the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to allow the agency to lower its one-way trip fare from \$8 to \$5 starting next month, a surprising request that nevertheless won unanimous approval from the board after Fontana explained why it would benefit local residents while not affecting GATEWAY's financial solvency.

Commissioner Ed Cromartie asked Fontana several questions about the proposed reduction, all of which were answered to the

board's satisfaction.

Fontana explained that GATEWAY receives funding from the state based on the amount of the fares that they take in, with the state making up any shortfalls regardless of what that amount is. However, GATEWAY doesn't anticipate that a fare reduction will cause any reduction in revenue at all. GATEWAY officials believe that use of the service will increase if the cost were reduced, leading to additional income.

The reduction in fare also brings GATEWAY's rates in line with what other locales offering the same services presently charge, according to Fontana.

In other business, the board voted to name a western portion of the new US Highway 70 bypass in honor of William Gary Bailey, a

local firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty in March. The formal naming cannot occur until one year after Bailey's death, so the request is to reserve a part of the road until it can be so named. Johnston County is also planning a resolution to support this move.

The board also approved a budget amendment to transfer approximately \$400,000 to the school system. This occurred due to the fact that Wayne County's sales tax revenue was much higher last year than anticipated, and therefore the county needs to give the schools their share of the money.

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**CHIEF SWORN IN** - Interim Mount Olive Police Chief Tommy Brown was officially sworn in during ceremonies before a large supporting crowd and the Board of Commissioners last week. Shown here with Brown is his wife, Carie, two of his four children, and Mayor Ray McDonald Sr. His two youngest children shown here are son, Noah, and daughter, Leighton. The new chief told a large gathering he is honored, credits his wife, and town officials, and pledged to provide law enforcement at "110 percent" for the citizens of Mount Olive. (Staff photo by WILLIAM HOLLOWMAN)

## EVENTS

### IN THE AREA

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#### Community vegetable garden almost ready

The community vegetable garden located at the corner of S. Southerland and W. Pollock streets will soon have produce available for the community. Chicken eggs are available most days. Help from the community is welcomed to chop weeds or clean up in the garden. They generally meet on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. when the weather permits. Monetary contributions to keep the garden growing would also be welcome. Please send your check to Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 158, Mount Olive, NC 28365 with a notation for the "Community Garden Fund." We dedicate this year in memory of George

Fulghum who was so instrumental in getting the garden started five years ago.

#### ALS Support Group to meet again on June 17

The monthly meeting of the Down East ALS Support Group/Greenville Area Resource Group (Lou Gehrig's disease) will be held June 17, at 5:30 p.m., in the Vidant Rehabilitation Center Classroom (located behind the children's hospital), 2100 Stantonburg Road, Greenville.

Please contact Phyllis Hazel, MSS, at phazel@catfishchapter.org for more information. Phone: (877) 257-7491 x709; Cell: (302) 388-4553.

#### TOPS meets every Monday at train depot

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Monday night from 5:45 to 7 p.m. at the historic Train Depot. For more information, call Alisha Gregory at (919) 222-3431.

#### REAP offering free exercise classes

Free exercise classes are offered every week through REAP at Rones Chapel United Methodist Church. Classes are held Monday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The building opens a half hour before class starts for new participant sign-up, use of exercise equipment, and

self-monitoring of blood pressure and blood glucose. Supplies are provided free. REAP is a free community wellness program with exercise classes and monthly wellness talks.

Rones Chapel is located at 138 Garner Chapel Road, near the intersection of Highway 403, Summerlin's Crossroads Rd, and Rones Chapel Rd.

#### WCC offering nonprofit management courses

Wayne Community College Continuing Education Services will offer a non-profit management certificate program this spring and summer.

The program consists of eight classes designed to teach how to grow and manage successful non-profit organizations.

Remaining sessions are:

Partnership, Collaboration, and Community Organization, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., June 13;

Strategic Planning, 6-9 p.m., July 9; and

Promotions and Public Relations, 6-9 p.m., July 23.

Details about each class can be found at [www.waynecc.edu/continuing-ed/non-profit-management-certificate-program](http://www.waynecc.edu/continuing-ed/non-profit-management-certificate-program).

All will be taught in Room 161 of the Wayne Learning Center on the college's main campus. Cost for each session is \$70. To register, go to the Continuing Education Services Customer Service Desk at the east entrance of the Walnut Building.

Contact Monica Edwards at (919) 739-6933 or [md-edwards@waynecc.edu](mailto:md-edwards@waynecc.edu) for more information.

#### Carver Alumni reunion coming up in July

The Carver Alumni 2015 Annual Reunion will be held July 2-5, 2015 in Mount Olive. Classes being honored are 1945,'50,'55,'60,'65, and '70.

All ads for the program booklet are due by June 1. Whole page, \$50, half page, \$25, quarter page, \$15. If you need a form, call Linda at (919) 658-9731. Mail forms and payment to Carver Alumni, c/o Cassandra Rush, 2221 Hampshire Dr., Adelphi, MD 20783.

#### Legion Post 103 to host concert June 20

American Legion Post #103 of Mount Olive would like to present The Harmony Boys of Mount Olive and Jimmy Martin with the Grace Way Singers on Saturday, June 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 709 N Chestnut St. Come out and join us for a night of fun and great music. For more information, contact the Legion at (252) 526-1794.

#### United Way wants to help you with utility bills

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### MOPC to host VBS at end of June, early July

Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, 105 N. Breazeale Ave., invites you to join them at Vacation Bible School from June 28 through July 2 at 5:30 to 8:30 each evening.

At Everest VBS, you'll explore one of the most majestic, beautiful (and sometimes dangerous!) places on earth. Kids will join Climbing Crews to trek through discovering God's power and promises all along the way. Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, teamwork-building games, yummy treats, cool Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos are all part of the fun as we learn to look for evidence of God all around us. Registration begins 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 28. A simple dinner is served each evening.

### Snow Hill OFWB to have Homecoming

Snow Hill Original Free Will Baptist Church, 1224 Red Hill Rd., will observe Homecoming on Sunday, June 14, at its 11 a.m. worship service, following by lunch in the fellowship hall.

During the worship service, the 2015 graduates will be recognized for their achievements. At 1:45 p.m., a memorial service will be held in remembrance. Everyone is welcome to attend. See [www.snowhillchurch.org](http://www.snowhillchurch.org) for more information.

### Northeast Chapel to celebrate 150th anniv.

The members of Northeast Chapel are excited to be celebrating 150 years of God's Mercy and Amazing Grace. We are the oldest African-American church in the town of Mount Olive. Northeast Chapel was established in 1865 and the town was incorporated in 1867. We feel that one hundred and fifty years of existence is truly worth celebrating and we hope you will join us for this special occasion.

We will officially celebrate our Anniversary at

our Homecoming Service on Sunday, August 2; however, there will be several other celebratory events leading up to Homecoming.

In addition to joining us for our Homecoming Service, we invite you to be a part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration Banquet to be held at the Lois K. Murphy Regional Center on the campus of the University of Mount Olive on June 27 at 6 p.m. This is sure to be an awesome celebration that you do not want to miss.

We are asking families, churches, and businesses to sponsor a table at the banquet. The donation to sponsor a table is \$250 and will provide seating for 8 people at a special table. The name of your family, business or church will be included in our Commemoration Anniversary Book as a sponsor. Tickets are \$20 each.

The idea is to bring every segment of our community together to not only celebrate the awesome accomplishment of Northeast Chapel but to celebrate how we in Mount Olive bring about unity through our diversity.

Please contact Trustee Al Southerland at (919) 394-0198 no later than June 15 concerning individual tickets or table sponsorships.

### Bowden Comm. Church to have VBS in June

The Bowden Community Church, 144 Warren Rd., Warsaw, is schedul-

ing its 2015 Vacation Bible School, SonSparks Labs, for Wednesday, June 10 through Friday, June 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning with a light supper served each night. Commencement will be Saturday, June 13 at 11 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (910) 267-1634.

### Fisher of Men Ministry has thrift store at Carver

Evangelist Jerry Armstrong invites you to services at Fisher of Men Outreach Street Ministry. Worship services are held every second, fourth and fifth Sunday at 3 p.m.

The ministry also has a Thrift Store located at the Carver Cultural Center on Breazeale Ave. The store is open on the second and fourth Wednesday and Saturday of every month. Hours on Wednesday are noon to 3 p.m., and Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The store offers women's plus-size clothing, toddler clothing, shoes and much more. For more information, call (919) 273-4231.

### Fisher of Men to have Tent Revival this month

Fisher of Men Outreach Street Ministries, 903 SE Center St., will be having a tent revival from June 15 through 27 at 6:30 p.m. nightly. The theme is "Do you know the Word," and the Scripture will be taken from Chapter 1 of the Book

of John. Evangelist Jerry Armstrong and Sis. Andrenette Armstrong invite you. There will be a different minister each night.

### New Beginning has two services each month

New Beginning Ministries Christian Church Inc., 1155 Mills Road in Grantham, has morning services on every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a.m. and Bible classes each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, contact State Evangelist Melvin Robinson at (252) 432-2310 or Missionary Wilhelmina Stewart at (919) 414-4908.

### Thunder Swamp to have Youth Weekend in June

Thunder Swamp Church, 1519 Thunder Swamp Road, two miles outside of Mount Olive on N.C. Highway 55W, is having its Children's and Youth Weekend on Friday, June 12 through Sunday, June 14.

Events begin Friday with a youth service at 7 p.m. A one-day Vacation Bible School will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, and graduation will take place at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Everyone is welcome. To register for VBS, please call (919) 658-8147.

### New Life to open for Sunday services

Worship services are held every Sunday morning except for fifth Sundays at

11 a.m. at New Life Worship Center, 218 Maple St., where Pastor Janice Williams will deliver the message.

### Mighty Warrior's invites all to their services

Mighty Warrior's Deliverance Center, 219 W. Walnut Street, Goldsboro extends an invitation to all to worship with them during any of our services. Sunday Worship Services begin weekly at 4 p.m. with the messages by our pastor,

Bishop David Howell Sr. of Goldsboro. Weekly Bible Enrichment classes are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Come and see what God has in store for you! For more info, please contact Minister Veronica Davis at (919) 922-4629.

### St. Luke M.B. to have Old Fashion Service

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 3414 Summerlins Crossroad Road, Mount Olive, will observe Old Fashion Service on Sunday, June 14 at 11 a.m. The sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Moderator James A. Davis.

Dress code for this service is casual.

The public is invited to attend.

### Winn Chapel has twice-monthly services

Winn Chapel M.B. Church, 110 Smith St., invites you to worship services every second and fourth

Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Pastor Samuel Johnson delivering the Word. Bible Study is held every Tuesday at 7 p.m.

### St. James Church holds services twice monthly

St. James Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, of Mount Olive holds regular services on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. The next service will be June 14 at 11 a.m.

### Deeper Life Church to have Sunday services

Deeper Life Church Ministries, Inc., 900 Eleventh St., Goldsboro, will have services this Sunday, June 14.

Intercessory Prayer will be held at 9 a.m. and the Morning Glory Service at 9:15, with the Extended Glory Service to follow at 10 with Apostle Norbert E. Simmons.

For more information on the church, visit [www.dlc.org](http://www.dlc.org) or call (919) 736-8232.

### Helping Hands Mission has weekly services

Helping Hands United Mission Ministries, 113 Smith St., has Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., with worship services each first Sunday at 11 a.m. Eldress Lula Newkirk is the preacher.

Bible study is held every Tuesday at noon. We are studying the book of Acts verse by verse, followed by a light lunch.

## An Invitation To Worship

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## Keen to address local Rotary on Thursday

Mount Olive Rotary will welcome Steve Keen, Eastern Director of the Office of the Governor, to be their speaker this Thursday, June 11.

Mr. Keen is a Rosewood resident and recently served on Wayne County Commissioners and a term as chairman of that body before resigning to serve as Governor Pat McCrory's appointee. He is expected to speak on the governor's recently proposed bond is-

sue to address infrastructure needs as well as the governor's attention to issues that will particularly impact our part of eastern North Carolina.

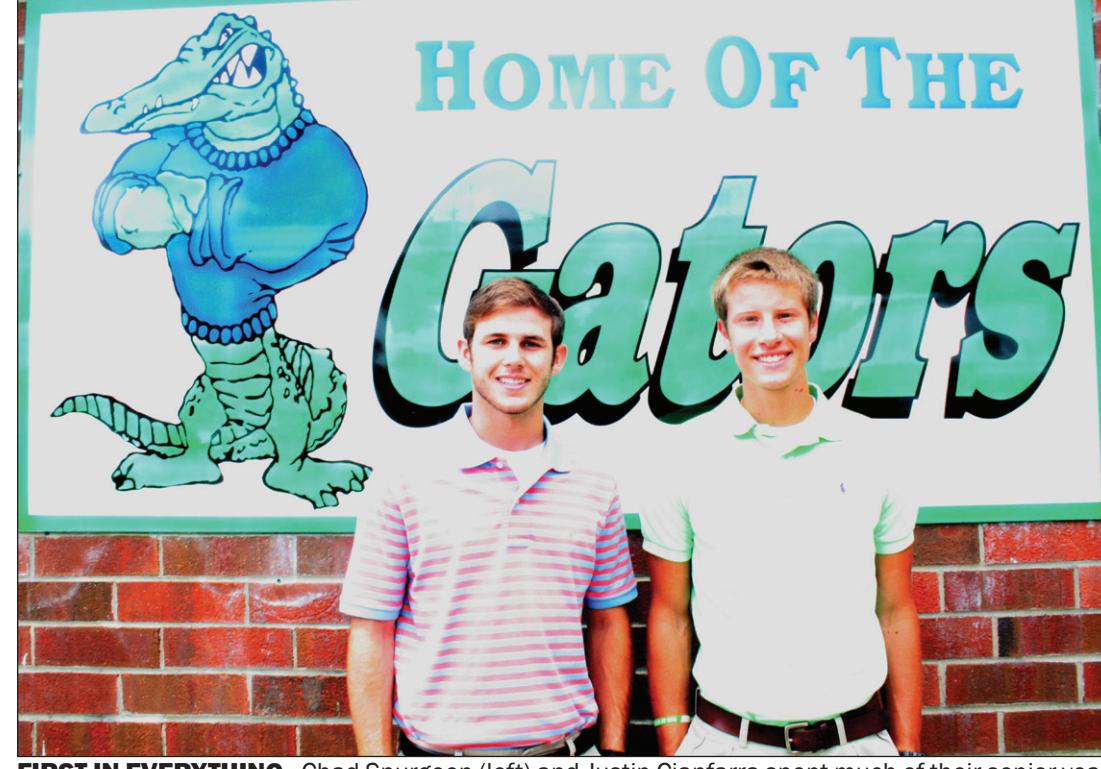
While Rotary meetings are normally closed to the public and for members and their guests only, the club is extending an invitation to the interested public who want to attend. The public would be responsible for their own lunch.

The meeting starts at



Steve Keen

11:45 a.m. and is held in the upstairs meeting room of Ribeyes at 211 NW Center St., Mount Olive.



**FIRST IN EVERYTHING** - Chad Spurgeon (left) and Justin Cianfarra spent much of their senior year adding trophies to the SCHS athletic trophy case. Both were members of the school's conference champion basketball team, and Spurgeon went on to play a key role on the school's conference champion baseball team as well. However, they accomplished even more in the classroom. Spurgeon is the valedictorian and Cianfarra the salutatorian of the school's Class of 2015. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)

## Stars in sports, but even bigger stars in the classroom

By JOHN CATE

Editor

A wildly successful senior year of high school for Spring Creek High School seniors Chad Spurgeon and Justin Cianfarra came down to a few percentage points early in May.

The pair, who were teammates for three years on the Spring Creek basketball team that won the Carolina Conference title last winter, have carried on a friendly rivalry at the top of their class since they were in the seventh grade.

"I found out about three weeks ago. (SCHS Principal) Mr. Clingen brought me in, along with some of the counselors, and told me," Spurgeon said. "I was very excited about it. It took years of hard work."

"I'm a really competitive person," said Spurgeon. "Justin and I have always competed for first and second, and I really wanted to be valedictorian."

"I was a little disappointed I didn't come in first, but it was my best friend who got it, so I really wasn't that mad," said Cianfarra.

Both seniors will graduate with an overall weighted GPA of over 4.6, with extra credit for college-level courses. Spurgeon said he can only remember making a grade lower than an A twice.

"I did make a B in my freshman year, in Ag Mechanics," the son of Michael and Lori Spurgeon and brother of 2011 SCHS graduate Chelsea Spurgeon recalled. "I wasn't too happy about that. I made a B last year in AP Calculus, which was a hard class for me. Those were the only two."

While at SCHS, he has also participated in FBLA, served as President of the Student Council, and the National Honor Society.

He hasn't decided yet

what he will say to his classmates when he graduates, but said he "didn't want to make it too serious, I want to keep it light-hearted."

Spurgeon will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall, with plans to earn a degree in business.

"My dad owns a business (C&M Plumbing of Mount Olive), and I grew up in that atmosphere. I don't know if I want to go to school and then come back and work in his business, or go another route. But I'll definitely be studying business."

Spurgeon credits his father with helping him to be successful in school and his other activities.

"My dad has always encouraged me to strive for the best and to be the best I can be," he said. "Here at school, Coach (Taylor) Jones and Coach (Heath) Whitfield have always encouraged me to do my best and be the best man I could be."

For Cianfarra, his parents Nick and Angie were also the ones who played a pivotal role in his excelling in the classroom.

"My parents always encouraged me to do better in school, to do the best I can," he said.

Interestingly, Spurgeon says the achievement he's most proud of was winning the conference title in baseball this spring, something that SCHS had not done in 11 years.

"Baseball means so much to me in my life," he said. "My cousin (Josh Lewis) won it in 2004, and I wanted something to come back at him when he talks about it. We also wanted to win it for Coach Whitfield. He's put in some much hard work and come close before, and he deserved to win it."

In addition to playing basketball for the Gators, Cianfarra ran cross-country. He also participates in

the school's math club and is a member of the Student Council.

In the fall, he will attend N.C. State University, with plans to enter the engineering program.

"It wasn't what I always wanted to do, but in the past year or so, I decided I would like to go into engineering," Cianfarra said.

The achievement he's most proud of was winning the national title in the annual Microsoft Word 2010 certification competition as a freshman.

"I got a complimentary trip to Las Vegas to compete in the world competition," he said.

He said that while he's eager to graduate high school now and move on, he expects that he will miss Spring Creek once he's moved on.

"I probably will," he said. "You'll probably see me around at sporting events and stuff like that."

## WESLEY NEWS

BY MRS. GLENDA WARD



Greetings from the Wesley-Smith Chapel Community.

Happy special birthday to my beautician, Karen George, on June 4.

I would like to say a special thank you to my daughter, her husband, and my grandchildren for the birthday celebration that was held at Logan's Restaurant, and a special thank you to the many friends and family that attended. Thank you to the many birthday messages, all the beautiful cards, the flowers, the gifts, and for the love that you showed me as I celebrated another year on May 29. Thank you, thank you.

Happy anniversary to Elder Anthony and Vivian Atkinson on June 4. Happy special birthday to Elder Shirley Howard Melvin June 1, Patricia Ward Bass of Raleigh on June 12, Charles Davis of Winston-Salem on June 7 from your daughters Schenita and Shalanda and from your grandchildren, Shirley Riddick on June 7, Fred Peacock of Goldsboro on June 14, Minister Michelle Newkirk of Clinton on June 29. Happy 41st anniversary to Joseph and Betty Allen on June 21. May God bless each of you. Happy 40th anniversary to Kenneth and Jerilyn Lee on June 1 from your daughters.

Happy birthday to Brianna Thompson on June 3, from your sister Sakeitha Ashley and your grandparents Lorenzo and Mary Howard. Happy 14th birthday to Jaleek Lewis on June 14, son of Lisa Sprue of Goldsboro.

Happy birthday to Linda Warren of Smithfield on June 6, Jalen Leach (grandson of Katrina Wilson) on June 16, Chandra Bass of Raleigh on June 20, Elder Joseph Warren Jr. of Smithfield on June 26, Alexis Dobson (daughter of George and Cheryl Dobson) on June 2, Hiawatha Jones on June 9 from sister Janet Boone, Katrina Miller on June 15, Shelia Durham on June 15, Nancy Faison on June 2, Elder Lonnie Manley of Benson on June 1, Marlon Coley on June 1, Shirley Riddick on June 7.

St. Luke Church of Christ, 636 Waller Rd., will present a building fund/joy night celebration on Friday night, June 12, at 7:30 p.m., with special guest Elder Donald Wells to deliver the message and music by Women On the Move For the Lord +4. This program is sponsored by the Shepherd Care Committee. Please come

and help celebrate. Minister Cynthia Barnes invites you to come and fellowship.

The Joy Sista of Faison will celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, June 13 at 5 p.m. at Mount Pisgah Harnett OFWB Church, 145 Prospect Church Rd., Erwin, NC. Doors open at 4 p.m., program at 5 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15. Featured are Mondre and Divine, The Gospel Legend of Columbia, SC, Perry Parker and The Jubilaires of Fayetteville, Willis Pittsman and The Burden Lifters of Richmond, VA, and Billy Ray and the Gospelaires of Clinton. To purchase a ticket, visit Karen's Beauty Shop or call 910-336-5905, or contact Glenda Ward at 919-658-1503. No tickets can be sold at the door of the church, so please come and make plans to help the Joy Sista celebrate.

The Best Chapel FWB Church Usher's Anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. with guest preacher Pastor Antonio Blow and Smith Chapel Church Choir and congregation. President Bernice Sutton and Pastor Elder Clifton Jones invite all ushers and friends to come and help celebrate.

Northeast Chapel OFWB Church, 503 E. James St., will celebrate 150 years of God's mercy and grace. The oldest African-American church in Mount Olive will celebrate homecoming on Sunday, August 2 at 11 a.m. with an anniversary celebration banquet on Saturday, June 27 at 6 p.m. at Lois K. Murphy Regional Center. Tickets are \$20 per person or table for \$8, \$250. Tickets can be purchased by family, churches, or businesses. Sponsors' names will be included in the commemoration anniversary book. Contact Trustee Al Southerland at 919-394-0198 by June 15 concerning individual tickets or table sponsorship. Pastor Elder Jesse Warren III and Northeast Chapel Church family invite you.

Northeast Chapel OFWB Church will present a Men of FIC in conjunction to God's people for a purpose, with guest preacher Pastor Charles Foye of Lewes, Del., and Evangelist Frank Gibbs of Salisbury, MD on June 12 at 7 p.m. On Saturday morning, a prayer breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. at the church. All men and boys are invited. The service will climax on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with guest preacher Pastor Charles Foye and music by the Wade Sisters. For more

details and information, contact Trustee Al Southerland at 919-394-0198.

Whosoever Will Disciples of Christ, Newton Grove, Men's Conference will be held Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m. Pastor Gertie Stevens and the men of Whosoever Will invite you.

Whosoever Will Disciples of Christ will sponsor a Black & White Gala on Saturday, June 27 at 5 p.m. More details to come.

Men's Day celebration will be held at Whosoever Will Disciples of Christ on Sunday, June 28 at 11 a.m. Guest preacher is Elder Matron Williams. Pastor Gertie Stevens invites you to come and fellowship.

Winn Chapel MB Church, Smith Street, will celebrate their youth program on Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. with guest preacher Elder Earl Dancy. Sis. Freda Williams and Pastor Samuel Johnson invite all youth to come and fellowship.

New Jackson Tabernacle FB Holiness, Franklin Street, Mt. Olive's 81st Sunday School HYPU convention will be held June 18-21 beginning at 11 a.m. with several churches fellowshiping together. Pastor Betty Faison invites you. Worship service is held every Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

St. James Church of Christ of Christ, Breazeale Ave., will celebrate Men's Day on Sunday morning, June 14, at 11 a.m. with Elder Ernest Watson Sr. delivering the message.

St. Luke Church of Christ BBQ/chicken/turkey plate sale will be held on Friday, June 19 starting at 11 a.m., eat in or take out. Combination plates \$8; one meat, \$7. Coleslaw, string beans, hush puppies, and dessert. BBQ prepared and cooked by Lionel Graham. Please call and place your order - Lionel Graham, 919-223-8266; Cindy Graham Bess 919-221-3172; Thomas (Man) Holmes 919-273-9695. 5 or more will be delivered. For orders at the Mt. Olive Pickle Company, please see Thomas Holmes or Katrina Wilson (919-330-2682). For nursing homes in Mount Olive, contact Ronald and Dorothy Inez Ward, 919-252-1732 or 919-252-1733. WAGES Staff, Michelle Williams, 919-273-1970. Mother Lilie N. Ward, 919-658-3795, or any member of St. Luke Church. Cherry Hospital, contact Minister Cynthia Barnes, 919-394-0975. Barbecue will also be sold by

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## Thunder Swamp Church's

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## Mt. Olive awards scholarships

Mt. Olive Pickle Company's Employees Community Fund has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to children of employees.

Recipients are Daysi M. Ramirez and Dwayne Lewis Brown, students at Wayne Community College, and Zachary Daniel Bowen, a student at N.C. State University. All three graduated from Spring Creek High School in 2014.

Miss Ramirez is the daughter of Mt. Olive employees Laura Hernandez and Arnulfo Ramirez. She will earn her Associates in Arts degree this summer, and has been accepted at East Carolina University for the fall.

She intends to major in elementary education with a science concentration. She plans to return to East Carolina for a second degree in nursing, with an ultimate goal of becoming a midwife.

Brown is the son of Stephanie Brown and Mt. Olive employee Richard Brown. An Eagle Scout, he has been awarded a Golden Leaf Scholarship and a Wayne Foundation Scholarship. Brown intends to graduate from Wayne Community in 2016 with a degree in computer integrated machining.

Bowen is the son of Kathi Bowen and Mt. Olive employee Dan Bowen. He is in the engineering program at N.C. State and is seeking a degree in mechanical engineering. He is also enrolled in the Army ROTC program at N.C. State, and he plans to become an Army officer. Also an Eagle Scout, Bowen is spending part of his summer in Bosnia as part of the ROTC Cultural



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS** - Mt. Olive Pickle Company's Employees Community Fund recently awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to children of employees. Pictured from left are Mt. Olive Pickle President Bobby Frye, ECF Chairman Patrick Muston, scholarship recipients Daysi Ramirez and Dwayne Brown, ECF secretary-treasurer Glenda Linton, and Executive Chairman Bill Bryan. (Contributed photo)



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER** - Zachary Bowen, center, receives a Mt. Olive Pickle Company Employees Community Fund \$1,000 scholarship from Mt. Olive Pickle Company Executive Chairman Bill Bryan, right, and ECF Chairman Patrick Muston. (Contributed photo)

Understanding, and Language Proficiency Program (CULP).

A reception for the three recipients and their families was held May 20 at Mt. Olive Pickle.

The scholarships were created by the Employees Community Fund in 2006. The scholarships are open to employees who are regular, active employees at Mt. Olive for five or more

years and also members of the Employee Community Fund for the past three years. The scholarships are open to eligible employees' children, step-children, or grandchildren who are either high school seniors or full-time college students with at least 12 hours.

Established in 1959, the Employees Community Fund is supported by Mt. Olive employees, who do-

nate 30 cents of every \$100 of their gross wages to the fund. The company then matches employee contributions. This year, the Employees Community Fund contributed \$133,575 to 48 area nonprofit community organizations, in addition to the scholarships.

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and convert it into housing for the migrant workers that his business employs throughout the growing season.

While town officials welcomed the idea of preserving one of Faison's historic buildings, the proposed use generated plenty of concern from everyone involved. There are many single-family residences in the area, and some of the homeowners near the old exchange already have issues with workers loitering in the area while off duty.

During the four weeks between that meeting and the one last Wednesday, Precythe took his proposal before Faison's planning board. He wasn't present at the meeting last week, but Public Works Director Jimmy Tyndall told the board that the planning board had not been able to come to a recommendation due to technicalities in the way that the area was zoned. They said the Commissioners would have to hold a public hearing on a proposed zoning change, or change the town's conditional user permit terms to allow for multi-family dwellings in the agricultural zoning district that the old exchange is in. Doing the latter would affect several other properties in that area that have the same zoning, also allowing multi-family use in those areas.

Town Attorney Garrett Ludlum was heavily involved in the discussion that followed, as he explained the legal ramifications of any decision that the commissioners might choose to make. Ludlum also cautioned the board that if it did make any changes to its zoning or conditional use permit regulations, they would be very difficult to undo.

At one point, he said the best solution, if the board chooses at some point to allow Southern Produce to go forward with the project, would be to detach the area around the exchange from its current zoning district and re-district it for multi-family use.

However, such discussions are for a later date. The planning board voted 4-1 to formally request the Board of Commissioners to call for a public hearing on the matter before giving it further consideration.

One resident in attendance suggested that the board simply refuse to call for the hearing at all, thus letting Southern Produce's proposal die without further consideration. Ludlum said they could, but Tyndall suggested that would be inappropriate, since the planning board had requested the hearing.

Further discussion by the board resulted in a motion by Commissioner Carolyn Kenyon to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at the Faison Rec Center. The meeting will be held there because the crowd expected is too much to handle at Town Hall.

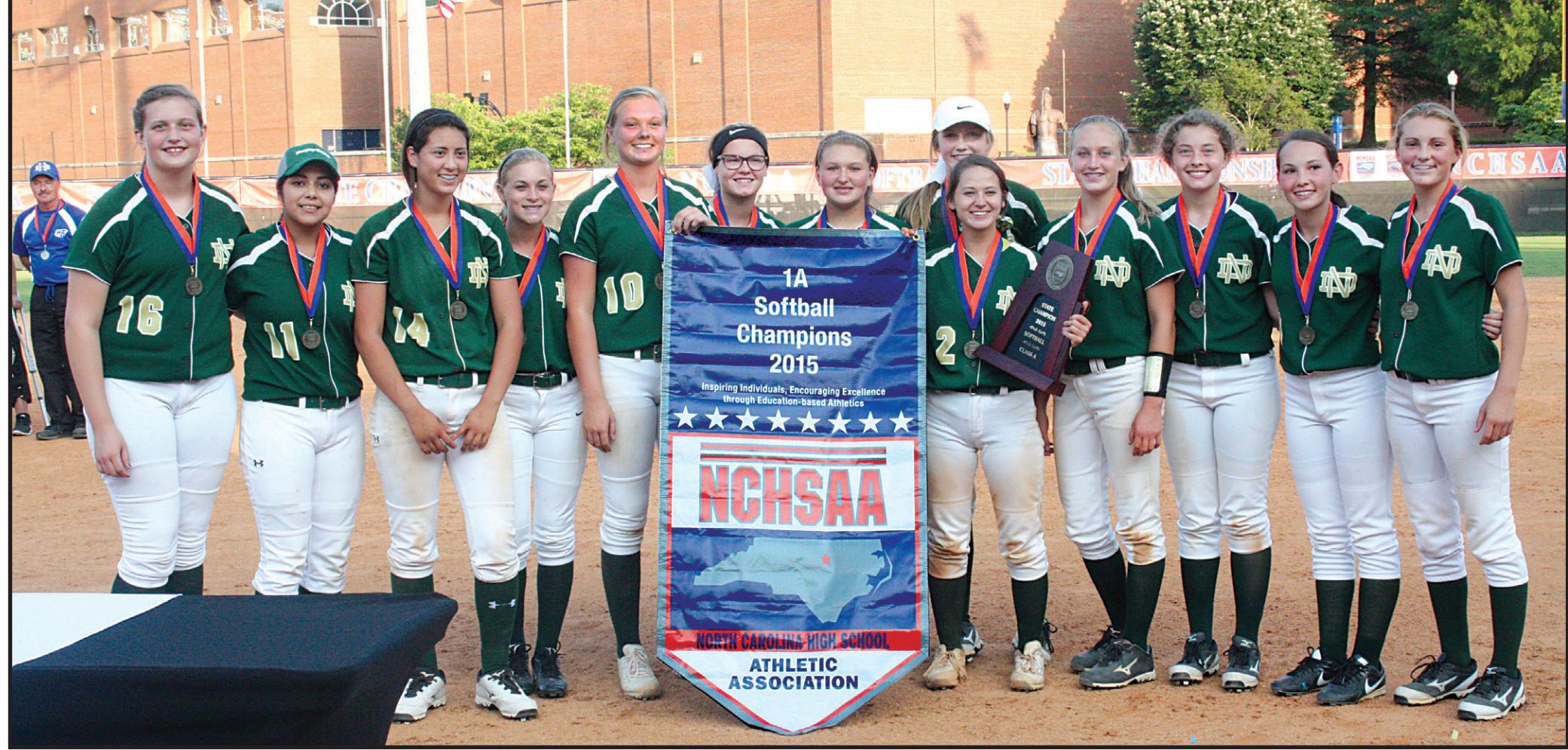
In other business, the board had a discussion about donation boxes in town, which they voted to ban at the May meeting. The one operator of a box received a notification letter requesting that the box be removed, but in the meantime, a second donation box was put up near the laundromat. Kenyon said that the property owner may not have been aware of the ordinance because they didn't get the letter. Mayor Elmer Flake suggested that a letter be sent.

Tyndall asked the board for permission to simply remove any boxes that turn up in town, then inform the owner of the violation and ask that the box be picked up and removed from the town limits. No fines would be levied on a first offense as long as the box was removed.

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# Lady Rebels capture first state championship

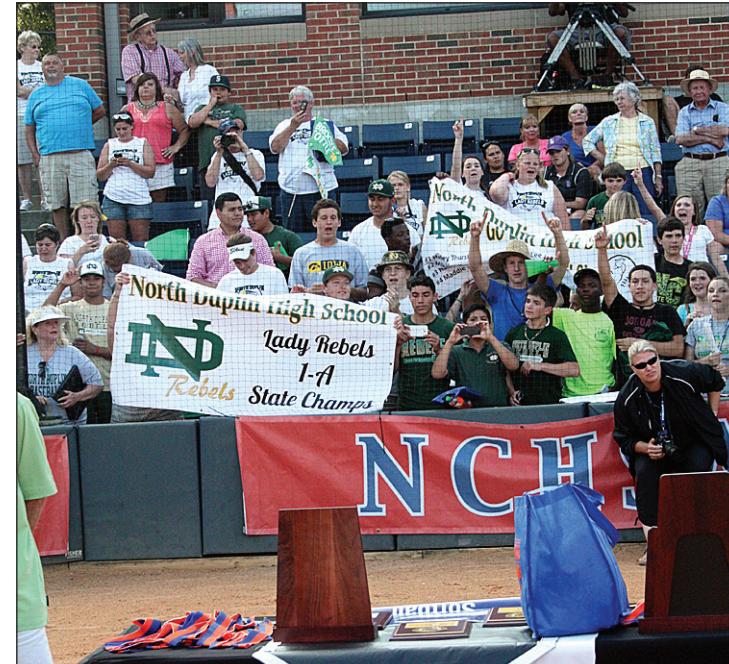
By JOHN CATE

Editor

After easily winning game one of the N.C. High School Athletic Association 1-A state championship series on Friday night at the UNC-Greensboro Softball Stadium, many fans of West Regional champion Hiwassee Dam High School were speaking as if their school's first-ever title were assured.

Better luck near year.

After a disastrous first three innings of Friday's game doomed North Duplin to a 7-0 defeat in Game 1 of the series, the Lady Rebels battled back on Saturday and defeated the Lady Eagles twice, 2-1 in Game 2 behind a masterful pitching (and hitting) performance from No. 2 starter Haley Brogden, and then 7-3 in the deciding Game



3, when series MVP Rylee Pate avenged her Game 1 loss and gave North Duplin its first state championship ever in softball.

The Lady Rebels, who

went 8-1 in the playoffs, finished with an overall record of 20-4-1. Hiwassee Dam completed its season with an overall record of 25-5.

North Duplin struck early in the decisive Game 3, which began Saturday evening shortly after the Lady Rebels had won the second game. A flurry of hits in the top of the first inning against Hiwassee starter Haylie Shope staked North Duplin to an early 4-0 lead. Mikayla Koch led off the game with a single, and she drew first blood on Shaily McCarty's one-out single. Alyssa Santos drove in a second run with a single of her own, and the inning continued with bunt hits by Brooke Cottle and Maddie Swanson driving in two more runs.

The Eagles struck back against Brogden, scoring an unearned run in the bottom of the first. They turned up the heat in the second, when a walk to Tasha Raper and a single by Kaley Wiggins put two runners on base for Hiwassee with one out. Morgan Helton lashed a single to center field, and the Lady Rebels' lead was down to 4-3.

With Hiwassee finally having some success



**WE DID IT!** - Members of the North Duplin softball team come together near home plate seconds after the last out was recorded in the title-clinching Game 3 of the championship series. Lady Rebel catcher Mikayla Koch (left) tries to get her gear off so she can join the celebration. In the photo at left, North Duplin fans never lost faith in their team. Fans brought banners proclaiming the Lady Rebels as 1-A state champions to Saturday's game, despite their team losing 7-0 on Friday night, and unfurled them when they earned what the banner claimed. (staff photos by BARRY MERRILL)

against Brogden, North Duplin head coach Ricky Edwards called Pate in from second base, where she'd played in Saturday's first game, to hold off the Eagles. Pate had allowed 11 hits in Friday's loss, but only three after the third inning, finishing the game with four innings of shutout ball.

Despite throwing 140 pitches the day before, Pate was ready to go, and had taken the measure of the Hiwassee Dam hitters the night before. She got two quick outs to get the Lady Rebels out of the inning with no further damage.

For the next few innings, the game settled into a pitcher's duel, as Shope, who had pitched a one-hitter on Friday and allowed just four hits Saturday's first game, put up zeroes in the second, third, and fourth innings.

The Lady Rebels moved ever closer to the state championship in the fifth. Pate greeted Shope with a single to begin what was the conclusive rally. After Santos walked, both runners were able to advance into scoring position with one out. Cottle smacked a single into left field, sending both runners racing home and giving North Duplin a 6-3 advantage.

Hiwassee tried to battle

back in its half of the fifth, with a leadoff single by Cameron Forrister followed by a walk to Shope with one out. But Pate retired the next two batters to quash the threat.

Pate drove in a seventh

Lady Rebel run in the top of the sixth with a double.

The Eagles fought to

the end, but Pate was too

strong. A single and a walk

put two on with two out in

the sixth, but she got the third out with no damage being done. In the seventh, Shope, a junior who has already committed to play collegiately at the University of North Georgia, singled with one out. Pate then nailed down the last two outs for the state championship.

It was a remarkable outcome for a team which had entered the 2015 season completely unheralded. North Duplin wasn't expected to even win its own conference, and it didn't, finishing second to longtime Carolina Conference bully Princeton, and entered the playoffs as an 11th seed.

But the Lady Rebels, who could have won their conference had they not lost twice in the last week of the regular season, responded brilliantly. North Duplin

played the toughest possible opponent in every round of the playoffs, and defeated them all--22nd seed Chatham Central (5-0), No. 6 Roxboro Community (7-1), No. 3 Granville Central (11-0), and then top-seeded and previously unbeaten Northside-Pinetown (3-0, 1-0) for the East title. Hiwassee Dam was not only the top seed in the West, it also came into the finals as the state's top-ranked 1-A team in the MaxPreps.com power ratings.

The Eagles looked the part on Friday night. The first inning was as much bad luck as anything else.

Hiwassee's Morgan Helton led off the game with a single that Pate just got a glove on, but only enough to slow down the ball just enough to where second baseman Brogden couldn't throw Helton out at first.

Pate then fanned the next two Eagle batters, but the speedy Helton managed to steal second base.

Shope then blooped a Texas League popup eight feet behind first base, a foot inside the foul line. Helton, running with the contact, raced home to give Hiwassee a 1-0 lead.

The next two innings were disastrous for the Lady Rebels, who committed five errors and allowed eight hits. The Eagles

scored three runs in each frame, and trailed 7-0 with four innings left to go.

At the time, things didn't look good for the Lady Rebels. But for the remaining 18 innings left in the 2015 NCHSAA 1-A Championship Series, North Duplin

was the better team.

It didn't matter much for the rest of Friday's game. Neither team scored the rest of the way. The Lady Rebels should have scored

in the fifth and sixth, but in both cases, were denied on brilliant defensive stops at second base by Forrister with runners in scoring po-

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**SERIES MVP** - Rylee Pate receives the MVP award for the 1-A state championship series during the awards ceremony following Game 3. Pate was the losing pitcher in Game 1, but won Game 3 and finished the series with 9 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings of work. (staff photo by BARRY MERRILL)



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**WINNING GOLD** - The Lady Rebels' Haley Thurston (1) receives her state championship medal from an official of the NCHSAA after the team's Game 3 win on Saturday. (staff photo by BARRY MERRILL)



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At the time, things didn't look good for the Lady Rebels. But for the remaining 18 innings left in the 2015 NCHSAA 1-A Championship Series, North Duplin

was the better team.

It didn't matter much for

the rest of Friday's game.

Neither team scored the

rest of the way. The Lady Rebels

should have scored

in the fifth and sixth, but

in both cases, were denied

on brilliant defensive stops

at second base by Forrister

with runners in scoring po-

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## REBELS

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sition.

Officially, Game 1 went into the record books as an embarrassing 7-0 loss in which the Lady Rebels were held to one hit. But the Lady Rebels knew they were a better team than that. After a dreadful start, they'd played every bit as well as the West champs, and maybe a little better.

That was clear in Saturday's first game, in which Hiwassee went for the title.

The Eagles went for the jugular, starting Shope again. Coach Edwards opted for Brogden, who was 4-1 with an 0.81 ERA during the regular season. Her last appearance had been on May 4, when she allowed no earned runs but lost 2-0 to Princeton.

If you can handle perennial powerhouse Princeton, you can handle just about anybody, and Brogden was up to the task. She was perfect through three innings, and at one point struck out six consecutive Hiwassee batters.

The Eagles finally broke through in the fourth. Helton led off the inning with a single and advanced to third on an error. Forristor's groundout brought her home.

Fortunately, that only tied the game. In the top of the third, the Lady Rebels had taken a 1-0 lead after Mikayla Koch had reached on an error by Helton, advanced to third on a bunt



and then raced home on a wild pitch.

Brogden allowed only a two-out single in the fifth and nothing in the sixth. In the top half of the sixth inning, Pate smashed a leadoff double, ending a streak of nine in a row retired by Brogden to end the game.

Two and a half hours later, it was the North Duplin faithful who were able to celebrate.

Oh, and about that better luck next year? The Lady Rebels won the title without a single senior on their roster. The road to the 2016 1-A state championship will go through Calypso, North Carolina, population 538.

After North Duplin failed to score in the seventh, Brogden had to get three outs, with no margin for error, in order to extend

the 2015 softball season to its greatest possible extent.

The first one was the toughest of all-Shope. She cut down the Eagles' star swinging on a 1-2 pitch. The next batter grounded out to Pate at second, and the final hitter hit a comebacker to Brogden to end the game.

Anyone wanting to deride them will likely need it.



**ALYSSA'S ARMY** - North Duplin's Alyssa Santos (pictured at left) saved the Lady Rebels from the indignity of being no-hit in Friday's Game 1 loss, collecting a single for her team's only hit. Santos' family was out in force to cheer her on during the championship series. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)



**CHEERING FROM THE DUGOUT** - Even in losing 7-0 on Friday night, North Duplin never gave up on itself. Here, Mikayla Koch, Kenzie Taylor, Rocio Ramirez, Anna Thornton, Haley Thurston, and Courtney Brock cheer on their teammates. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)

# BASEBALL

## EASTERN CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Team	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
D.H. Conley	10	2	.833	20	5	.800
<b>C.B. Aycock</b>	9	3	.750	23	6	.793
South Central	7	5	.583	14	7	.667
Eastern Wayne	6	6	.500	12	8	.600
New Bern	4	8	.333	13	11	.542
Rose	4	8	.333	11	11	.500
Southern Wayne	2	10	.167	5	17	.227

### State 3-A Championship

Friday, June 5

Marvin Ridge 2, C.B. Aycock 0

Wednesday, May 27

C.B. Aycock 4, Lee County 0

Thursday, May 28

C.B. Aycock 3, Lee County 2,

C.B. Aycock wins series 2-0

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Rose	2	10	.167	2	13	.133
Eastern Wayne	2	10	.167	2	17	.105
Southern Wayne	2	10	.167	2	16	.111

Tuesday, May 26

D.H. Conley 2, Apex 1

Wednesday, May 27

D.H. Conley 6, Apex 2,  
D.H. Conley wins series 2-0

State 4-A Championship

Friday, June 5

North Davidson 3, D.H. Conley 2

Team	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
<b>D.H. Conley</b>	12	0	1.000	27	3	.900
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Rose	2	10	.167	2	13	.133
Eastern Wayne	2	10	.167	2	17	.105
Southern Wayne	2	10	.167	2	16	.111

Saturday, July 6

D.H. Conley 5, North Davidson 0

D.H. Conley 1, North Davidson 0,

D.H. Conley wins series 2-1

End of Season

D.H. Conley wins 4-A state title

Team	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
<b>D.H. Conley</b>	12	0	1.000	27	3	.900
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## Trojan volleyball coach chosen for WUG

University of Mount Olive head men's volleyball coach David Heller has been selected as an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2015 World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea. The men's volleyball competition at The Games takes place July 4-12. The team will begin training later this month at the USA Volleyball National Team Center in Anaheim, Calif.

The announcement was made Thursday by USA Volleyball.

Heller completed his third year guiding the Trojan men's volleyball team. He has a career record of 52-29 record (.642 winning percentage). Heller also serves as assistant coach

for the UMO women's volleyball team.

UC Irvine head coach David Kniffin will serve as head coach of Team USA. Heller has worked with Kniffin in various facets.

"I served on a committee with Dave Kniffin and also worked with him at camps when he was at Illinois," said Heller, who is a graduate of and former volleyball player at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill. "When I was offered a chance to represent the United States in an international competition, I could not turn that down."

Joining Heller as an assistant coach for Team USA is Ball State head coach Joel Walton. Heller and Walton

will share the same bench after coaching on opposite sides in each of the last three years as the Trojans have faced Ball State each year. Heller has coached at Mount Olive. The Trojans took the perennial national power to four sets in each of the two matches at Korgney Arena, including this year's season opener.

Participating teams in the men's volleyball competition have not yet been announced, but Heller said among the teams will be Australia, Czech Republic and the host country South Korea, as well as men's volleyball teams that compete in the Olympics.

Team USA is comprised of 12 players represent-

ing seven universities. Three players are from 2015 NCAA Championship semifinalist UC Irvine and two each from University of Southern California and Stanford, as well as two from this year's national runner-up Lewis University. The remainder of the team includes one player each from George Mason University, Penn State University and Princeton University.

While specific duties have not yet been assigned, Heller expects to work with the libero and primary passers, as well as with floor defense.

Heller says he is excited not just for himself, but also for Mount Olive and the



Dave Heller

conference.

"I think this is a great opportunity, not only for myself, but also for University of Mount Olive and Conference Carolinas," said Heller. "The experience I'll gain coaching at the international level, I'll get to bring back to the school and to the conference."

## UMO has best finish in Director's Cup since '08

Buoyed by four teams represented in NCAA Championships, University of Mount Olive finished in the Top 100 in the 2014-15 Division II Learfield Directors Cup. Mount Olive was ranked 93rd out of 252 Division II schools.

Administered by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), the Directors Cup ranks NCAA schools in each division based on participation and finishes in NCAA Championships.

Mount Olive compiled a total of 215.50 points in the Directors Cup. Men's Basketball led the way with 73 points for a fifth-place national finish. The Trojans won the Southeast Regional and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight.

Baseball added 50 points for a 17th-place finish. The Trojans finished third in the NCAA II Southeast Regional.

Mount Olive added 37.5 points for Men's Cross Country and 30 points for Men's Outdoor Track and Field. The Trojans finished 19th at the 2014 NCAA II Men's Cross Country Championship and 30th at the 2015 NCAA II Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship. Akiharu Kitagawa and Austin Steagall competed in the 5000 meters at the track and field championship.

The ranking in this year's Directors Cup was the second highest in school history for Mount Olive. UMO finished 84th out of 231 schools in 2007-2008, thanks in large part to the Trojans winning the 2008 NCAA Division II Baseball National Championship. In addition, Mount Olive reached the semifinal round of the 2008 NCAA II Women's Basketball East Regional and the first round of the 2008 NCAA II Men's Basketball East Regional. The Trojans also placed 34th in the 2008 NCAA II Men's Golf Championship.

Mount Olive has been represented in at least one NCAA Championship in all but one year since reclassifying to NCAA Division II in 1995-96.



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also said it has no plans to fund the group at all beyond the upcoming fiscal year.

### Literacy Connections funded with stipulations

A second non-profit which offers services to Wayne County, Literacy Connections, managed to convince the board to fund at a level close to its previous level, but with reservations.

Literacy Connections learned in late May that it would receive slightly more than \$100,000 in funding in the upcoming budget, with a cut of only about \$7,000. However, several Commissioners have expressed concern that county funds provided to LC are being used to benefit clients who are not United States citizens or even living in Wayne County legally.

Pat Yates, the director of Literacy Connections, addressed the board during its morning session, and remained throughout the day

to answer further questions as they came up in budgetary discussions.

Literacy Connections provides its services to local residents, many of whom are not U.S. citizens and some of whom are likely residing in the country illegally.

Ms. Yates told the board that her group would not use funds provided from the county in order to provide services to anyone who is not a legal resident of Wayne County.

This elicited a response from Commissioner Ray Mayo, who pointed out that LC receives funding from other sources besides the county, and wanted to know how they would differentiate between services provided to Wayne County residents with county monies and non-residents with other funding. Commissioner Bill Pate also had similar concerns.

Yates stated that LC



**BOARD MEETING** - Commissioners Ed Cromartie, Wayne Aycock and Joe Daugherty discuss a request from WATCH officials to restore funding. The board later chose to restore half of the \$220,000 it had originally cut. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)

would keep an open-door policy, but that services would only be available to non-residents if private funding were available to provide services. Legal issues prevent LC from using the national E-Verify system to identify illegal aliens, but they will make efforts to identify each client's immigration and citizenship status.

Literacy Connections offers services to local residents that go beyond literacy education. During her presentation to the board,

Yates offered an example of other services they provide, using a Haitian woman who was legally employed at Butterball. The woman had paid her auto insurance premium in Mount Olive, but the person she paid it to was later identified as a con man. He failed to turn in her payment, resulting in the woman losing her insurance and tags. She was in danger of being arrested, because she couldn't read the warning letters she'd received. LC helped her by finding an attorney to do-

nate time and fix the legal issue.

A few other people addressed the board during the meeting:

• Kate Daniels and Charity Johnson thanked the board for their support of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and gave a report on what they're doing.

• Tom Drew of Goldsboro told the board in the public comments section that Wayne County needed more internet cafes so that it can "get caught up on the internet."

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the pound. You can also contact yours truly to place an order, 919-658-1503.

New Life Worship Center will hold a Men's Day Celebration on June 14 at 11 a.m. with guest preacher Elder Edmond Edward of St. John OFWB. Music by Bro. Linwood Darden and the men of New Life. Men's Month will conclude with service on Sunday morning, June 28, at 11 with guest preacher Dr. Donald Wells of St. James Church of Christ, Vanceboro, and music by New Beginning Gospel Choir. At 3 p.m. a youth extravaganza will be held featuring Best Chapel youth choir of Seven Springs, Winn Chapel youth choir, soloist Jalen Leach, and others to be announced. All youth are invited to come and fellowship. Pastor Janice Williams invites all men to come and fellowship, and all youth to come and enjoy Jesus. Youth come with jeans and t-shirts. For more information, please call Jenita at 919-221-0287 for youth information and Pastor Janice Williams at 919-330-2124. A guest speaker will lecture about different types of drugs.

Apostle Norbert Simmons and The Gospelaires of Goldsboro invite you to the annual Gospel Fest on Sunday, June 14 at Deeper Life Church Ministries, Goldsboro. Doors open at 4 p.m. and program will begin at 5. Featured are Perry Parker and the Jubilaires of Fayetteville, Tru-Praise Gospel Singers of Smithfield, Apostle Norbert Simmons and The Gospelaires, Kingdom Builders of Goldsboro, Deacon Ed Jones and Temple Singers of Richland. Must arrive before 5 p.m. to qualify for free cash giveaway. Admission is free.

Mt. Carmel FWB Church, 835 N. John St., Goldsboro, will celebrate their sixth

annual church anniversary on Sunday, June 14 at 3:00 with special guest Dr. Isaac Burnett Jr. Central Heights Free Will Baptist Church Family of Goldsboro will render the service. The pastor, Dr. Ronald Mayo Sr., and the program director Deacon Willie Martin, invite you.

Union View OFWB Church, 12167 Old Smithfield Hwy., Bailey, will hold revival on June 24, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. with revivalist preacher Dr. Hattie Lofton. Bishop J.N. Perry invites you.

On Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m., First Baptist Church Calypso will celebrate their pastor, Elder Anthony Ezzell's, pastor anniversary with guest preacher Elder

Clifton Jones. Best Chapel Church will render the service. First Baptist Church's Pastor Aid Committee will sponsor a Pastor banquet on Saturday, June 20 at the community building in Faison at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Contact any member of First Baptist Church, or Pearl Allen Faison.

Alpha and Omega Christian Center, 1210 Clingman St., Goldsboro holds worship service every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Pastor is Apostle Frank Dawson.

August 2-7, Apostle Frank Dawson will celebrate his 23rd pastoral anniversary. More details to come.

Mt. Gilead M.B. Church of Mount Olive invites you to worship service on the first, second, and fourth

Sunday mornings at 11 a.m., with Bible study every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sunday school is 9:30 a.m. Intercessory prayer is every Thursday at noon. Pastor Rev. Michael McDougald invites you.

Apostle Lester Coward, pastor and founder of Deliverance Temple Revival Center, Old Mount Olive Hwy., Dudley, invite you to worship service.

New St. Delight UHC, Suttontown Rd., Mt. Olive will observe Men's Day on Sunday, June 21 at 11 a.m. with Bishop Quincy Gardner to deliver the Word. Worship service is held every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with Bible study every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

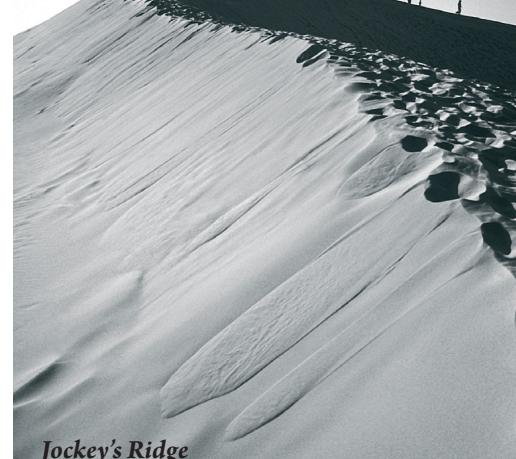
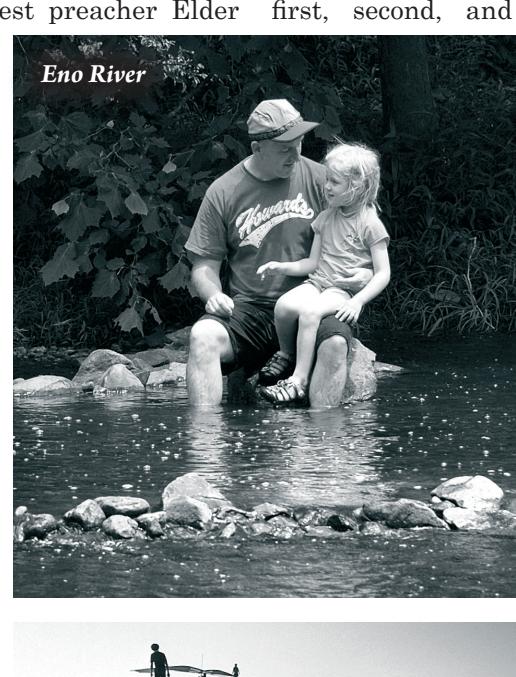
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Until next week, remember, love is not love until you show it, so let's show love to our fathers, brothers, and sons. Happy Father's Day, in memory of my daddy, Vancie Ward, whom I miss so much. Happy Father's Day to Uncle Ezekial Ward.

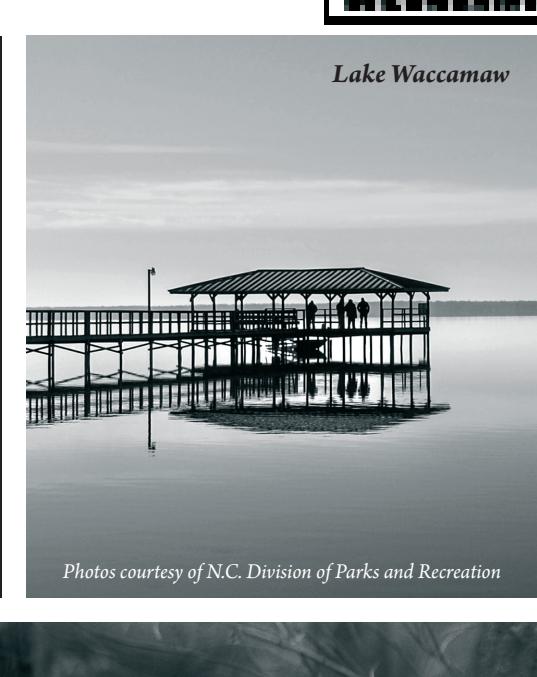


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ESTATE OF: HENRY VANN WILLIAMS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Limited Personal Representative of the Estate of HENRY VANN WILLIAMS, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Wayne County, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present the same to the undersigned on or before SEPTEMBER 2, 2015, said date being at least three months from the date of first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

That certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Brogden Township, Wayne County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

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This 2ND day of JUNE, 2015.

Name and Address of Limited Personal Representative:  
AVERIL V. WILLIAMS  
101 N. TORHUNTA DRIVE  
GOLDSBORO, NC 27534  
Dates of Pub.: JUNE 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA  
WAYNE COUNTY  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, Alton Gene Curtis, Jr., having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of Ella Mae C. Hobbs, deceased, late of Wayne County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present the same to the undersigned at Post Office Box 547, Mount Olive, NC 28365, on or before the 10th day of September, 2015, said date being three (3) months from the date of first publication hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar to their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2015.

ALTON GENE CURTIS, JR.  
EXECUTOR  
ESTATE OF ELLA MAE C. HOBBS

W. CARROLL TURNER  
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Dates of Pub.: June 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2015

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
WAYNE COUNTY  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE  
OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY  
JESSE A. QUINN DATED JANUARY 16,  
2009 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 2675  
AT PAGE 434 IN THE WAYNE COUNTY  
PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at **3:30PM on June 17, 2015** the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Wayne County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

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

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The date of this Notice is May 26, 2015.

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15-068717  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
WAYNE COUNTY  
15SP91

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE  
OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED  
BY ERIC W. CZARNOWSKY AND TARA  
CZARNOWSKY DATED JANUARY 24,  
2013 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 2987  
AT PAGE 821 IN THE WAYNE COUNTY  
PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at **10:00AM on June 23, 2015** the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Wayne County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Lot No 130, Woodcroft Subdivision, Section Five, according to a map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Cabinet L, Slide 13-J, in the Wayne County Registry.

And Being more commonly known as: 303 Johnson Branch Rd, Goldsboro, NC 27534

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Eric W. Czarnowsky and Tara L. Czarnowsky.

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The date of this Notice is June 2, 2015.

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14-061711 IN THE GENERAL COURT  
OF JUSTICE  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
WAYNE COUNTY  
14SP384

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE  
OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY  
KEVIN S. ABENDSCHOEN AND SONYA  
L. ABENDSCHOEN DATED SEPTEMBER  
27, 2001 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1881  
AT PAGE 726 IN THE WAYNE COUNTY  
PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

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notice to the landlord. You may be liable for rent due under the agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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## 15-068623

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
WAYNE COUNTY  
15SP154

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE  
OF A DEED OF TRUST EXECUTED BY  
LINDA A. LOFTON-WOODHEAD AND  
RONALD H. COLEY DATED NOVEMBER  
14, 2007 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 2588  
AT PAGE 574 IN THE WAYNE COUNTY  
PUBLIC REGISTRY, NORTH CAROLINA

## NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the above-referenced deed of trust and because of default in the payment of the secured indebtedness and failure to perform the stipulation and agreements therein contained and, pursuant to demand of the owner and holder of the secured debt, the undersigned substitute trustee will expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the usual place of sale at the county courthouse of said county at **10:00AM on June 23, 2015** the following described real estate and any other improvements which may be situated thereon, in Wayne County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING all of Lot 41, OLDE FARM Subdivision, Section III, as shown on map thereof recorded in Plat Cabinet L, Slide 76-A, Wayne County Registry.

And Being more commonly known as: 1205 Sunset Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27534

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Linda A. Lofton-Woodhead and Ronald H. Coley.

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BEING ALL OF LOT NO. 26 OF THAT CERTAIN SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "THE VILLAGE, PHASE TWO" AS SHOWN ON A MAP OF THAT SUBDIVISION WHICH MAP IS DULY RECORDED IN PLAT CABINET L, SLIDES 62-H, I, & J OF THE WAYNE COUNTY REGISTRY. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THOSE CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS PERTAINING TO THE VILLAGE, PHASE TWO, WHICH COVENANTS ARE DULY RECORDED IN BOOK 1865, PAGE 370 OF THE WAYNE COUNTY REGISTRY.

And Being more commonly known as: 400 Wesley Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27534

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

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The date of this Notice is May 12, 2015.

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Registry to which reference is hereby made. And Being more commonly known as: 405 South Cottonwood Dr, Goldsboro, NC 27530

The record owner(s) of the property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds, is/are Russell Alan Bartlett and Laura Snively Bartlett.

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# Dudley man jailed on gun theft rap

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By WILLIAM HOLLOWMAN

Staff Writer

Five felony charges have been filed by investigators with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department against a Dudley man.

Matthew Phillip Anderson, 24, of 123 Burke Street, was jailed under bonds totaling \$27,000.

He is charged with one count of felony breaking and entering, two counts of felony larceny of a firearm, and two



Anderson

counts of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Officers said the charges resulted after a complaint from a Dudley resident that when she returned to her home, she discovered it had been broken into and two firearms were missing.

Officers said the victim and the suspect knew one another.

#### Seven Springs man arrested for theft

A Seven Springs man has been jailed on a variety of felony theft charges as a result of investigation by both the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Goldsboro Police Department.

Public cooperation also

played a big part of the arrest, said Wayne County Sheriff Larry Pierce.

Charges for felonious larceny, break-ins and theft of property from the Dudley and

Arrington volunteer fire departments and from a Goldsboro residence were filed against Daniel Trey Pearce, 24, of 570 Sanderson Road, Dudley.

His bonds totaled \$41,000 after all the charges were filed.

Investigators said the issue

began when a Goldsboro resident reported the theft of a \$3,000 motorcycle from a shed at his residence.

A week later, there was a break-in at the Arrington Volunteer Fire Department. The next day, the Dudley VFD fell victim to a similar burglary.

Investigators said they received calls from residents about the Arrington Fire Department theft, as well as anonymous tips to Crimestoppers.

Pearce was finally arrested on 10 felony warrants.

Sheriff Pierce said the arrest came as result of a combination of investigative work and public cooperation.



Pearce

He also made it clear that retention and recruitment for the Mount Olive Police Department is also what he wants and supports.

He said his objection to the budget has nothing to do with the police department or any other department.

However, the next day, town manager Charles Brown told the *Tribune* there was not a seven percent increase of salaries in the police department or any other department.

Brown said it was approved in May by the board during a worksession for an employee pay plan adjustment.

Talton was not present at that meeting.

Brown said there was not a 2.5 percent across the board salary increase for town employees, but there was a pay plan adjustment, the first since 2008.

"We had employees working at the poverty level, and our entry level salary in the police department was substantially lower than the state average," he explained.

Brown said the pay plan adjustment reflected in the budget that was approved is the same as what Wayne County Commissioners approved last week.

The town manager also said there probably were some salary adjustments that were as high as seven percent, but they were few.

Brown said the actual increase in the police department's new budget was less than last year.

The police department's salary allocation for its 17 employees in the new budget is \$584,545.24. Last year, it was \$600,184.78, the town manager said.

Brown also said there is no budget shortfall, and that the Town actually has a \$1.9 million reserve balance.

Reserve balances for municipal operations are required by North Carolina law and regulated by the NC Local Government Commission.

## Former Commissioner Preston wants back in

By WILLIAM HOLLOWMAN

Staff Writer

Former Mount Olive Commissioner Tom Preston says he will seek the vacant seat of the late George Fulghum during the upcoming county-wide municipal election in November.

Preston, 69, previously held that seat on the Board of Commissioners in the early 2000's.

The District 3 seat has been vacant since the death of Fulghum, several months ago.

Filing for the town board and mayoral seats opens at the Wayne County Board of Elections office in Goldsboro on July 6 and will continue through July 17.

Preston is the first candidate to come forward.

Incumbent Commissioners Kenny Talton, Ray Thompson, Jerry Armstrong, and Mayor Ray McDonald Sr. have made no comments at this time about their intent to seek re-election. However, all are expected to seek another term.

Preston is employed by PMI Roofing and Insulation, Inc. of



After roughly a decade off the board, Tom Preston became the first declared candidate for the Mount Olive Board of Commissioners last week. The filing period runs from July 6-17.

Wilmington and Mount Olive.

He and his wife, Connie, are parents of three children.

They are members of the Mount Olive First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Preston served a tour with the U.S. Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran.

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livery, and possession of marijuana; sale, delivery, and possession of cocaine, and conspiring to sell and deliver marijuana.

- Shavon Damontay Vann, 21, of 503 South Church Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

- Rahean Lamar Robinson, 28, of 217 South Center Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana, and conspiring to sell marijuana.

- Michael McCullen, 31, of 1019 South Center Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

- Santos Rodriguez, 25, 1117 South Center Street, two counts for the sale of cocaine, two counts of delivery of cocaine, two counts of possession of cocaine; delivery and possession of marijuana, and conspiring to sell and deliver cocaine.

- Christian Humphrey, 20, of 120 Andrews Circle, sale or delivery of counterfeit controlled substance,

possession with intent to sell and deliver a counterfeit controlled substance, and creation of a counterfeit controlled substance.

- Decarlos Jarmall Hamilton, 32, of 117 Ruskin Road in Dudley, two counts each of sale, delivery and possession of marijuana.

- Sean Carter, 35, of 113 East Kornegay Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

- Deromie Bizzell, 24, of 105 Clayton Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

- James Bell, 55, of 408 Silver Street, sale, delivery, and possession of marijuana.

Chief Brown said he expects other arrests to follow.

Officials also made it clear this is not the first or the last such operation in their ongoing fight to rid the streets of Mount Olive of illegal drug activity.

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