

THURSDAY/SEPTEMBER 3, 2009



**BACK TO NEW** - Thanks to an Eagle Scout project undertaken by Kenny Lee, the gazebo at Maplewood Cemetery looks as good as new again. (staff photo by WILLIAM HOLLOMAN)

# Eagle project brings life back to gazebo

By WILLIAM HOLLOMAN  
Staff Writer

“It’s an amazing transformation.”

That is the way Mount Olive Town Manager Charles Brown sums up the finished project of renovating a 100-year-old gazebo at Maplewood Cemetery.

The work was done by Boy Scout Kenny Lee.

It was a community project he completed for work toward his Eagle

badge, the highest in scouting.

The “before and after” photos show the initial state of deterioration of the old structure that was built sometime in the early 1900’s.

Brown said before young Lee started the renovation the old structure was about the fall down.

“It had broken lattice work all around it and the roof was leaking. Vines were growing out of it on all sides and needed painting,” the town

manager said.

“I invite everyone to go by and look at it now. It looks great. He has done a wonderful job. All the bad lumber and lattice work has been replaced. The roof has been fixed and it has been repainted. It is just an amazing transformation and I suggestion anyone who has any interest in the gazebo to go by and see for themselves,” Brown said.

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## Pair of local men charged with larceny

By WILLIAM HOLLOMAN  
Staff Writer

Felonious larceny warrants have been filed by Mount Olive Police against a teenager and another 20-year-old.

The 20-year-old is also facing charges alleging safe-cracking and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

The charges were lodged by police against 18-year-old Cody Alan Outlaw of Turkey, and 20-year-old Jimmy Ray McArthur of 111 Jean Street.

The pair is accused of breaking into the Church Street home of McArthur’s grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur.

Bond for McArthur was set at \$20,000, and at \$9,000 for the teenager.

Police are also investigating another bogus \$20 bill that showed up at a local bank.

Officers said bank officials determined the bogus bill had been in a bank deposit bag from Roses Department Store.

Investigation continues by police into the theft of more than \$2,000 in tools and a generator from the residence of Stephen Edge of 708 Dill Street.

A thief or thieves who broke into the 203 Chestnut Street home of Jennele Wall took \$200 in currency and caused about \$25 damages.

And, vandals also caused about \$150 in damage by tossing a rock through the front window at Al’s Touch of Class Car Wash at 700 South Breazeale Avenue.

## Town all set to take over wastewater facility

By WILLIAM HOLLOMAN  
Staff Writer

Currently, the new \$13.5 million regional wastewater treatment plant here actually still belongs to the contractor.

That is close to changing.

The Town of Mount Olive is down to a punchlist before it actually takes clear possession and ownership of the huge facility northeast of town.

Town manager Charles Brown said it is at the point like walking through a new home before agreeing with the contractor that all is finished and it is time to move in.

The years-long project actually started nearly a decade ago when then town

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## The Glenn-Martin drugstore: 1932-2009 Gone, but never forgotten

*“(I)t was always full of characters. They filled up the back room and played checkers and talked about whatever. Clyde Reeves was back there, the Andrews brothers, sometimes Jimmy Glenn would play too. Later on, they’d all get together and hunt and fish.”*

By JOHN CATE  
Editor

It happened late Friday afternoon, in the last hour of the existence of the Glenn-Martin Drug Co. drugstore in downtown Mount Olive.

After 77 years of service to the community, led by a series of men who always put their community ahead of making that extra dollar, the unforgiving and unrelenting tide of progress was finally sweeping the old drugstore away. A building with nearly a century full of memories would be making no more.

During that last hour, this writer walked into Glenn-Martin, seeking to take photographs and speak to those minding the store on its final day, to make a record of the event for posterity.

On the wall behind the counter was an old-fashioned dry-erase board, with hand-written offerings for such items as milkshakes, lemonade and orangeade. I asked the lady behind the counter, Shirley Overton, if it were possible, even at this late hour, to get an orangeade. I enjoyed them as a child, but they’re hard to come by now.

Mrs. Overton, with a smile, agreed to make one more orangeade for me.

Moments later, she passed it across the counter, with the comment that it would be the last one. In return, I tried to pass \$1.50 across the counter, the price of an orangeade,



according to the hand-written board.

She wouldn’t accept the money.

*The last one’s on us...*

**End of an era**

The closing of the Glenn-Martin drugstore brought a lot of sadness to longtime residents of Mount Olive, many of whom recalled times spent there in simpler times. The business is steeped in local tradition, retaining the names Jimmy Glenn and Granger Martin, its original proprietors, al-

though for the last 43 years it has been operated by the Ryland Shaw family, who are relatives of Glenn.

The store’s final day saw a number of well-wishers drop by to reminisce. In the last hour, visitors were able to speak to Marie Shaw, whose late husband Ryland Sr. ran the store for 40 years before passing away at age 81 in 2006, and Linda Shaw, the wife of Ryland Shaw Jr. Both expressed their gratitude for all the wonderful years and memories the store had giv-

en them and the people of Mount Olive.

“We thank everyone who came by this week, and our loyal customers who have been with us for so long,” said Linda Shaw. “We’re going to miss everyone.”

As closing time drew near, those who remained seemed to embody the tradition of Christian generosity and camaraderie that was always a hallmark of the store. Many fought back tears, but big hugs and warm memories were abound.

Everyone says times have changed. Some would say that this was a business that closed because it didn’t keep up with the times.

Many others would say that if this is true, maybe the times changed in the wrong direction.

**The early years**

The drugstore first opened its doors in 1932, founded by Jamerson S. “Jimmy” Glenn, a native of Chatham County who was living in Sanford be-

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## After several fits and starts, traffic change about to happen

By WILLIAM HOLLOMAN  
Staff Writer

It has been a number of weeks that Mount Olive motorists have been cautioned a traffic pattern change in the downtown district is coming.

Finally, it is about to take place along the Center Street stretch.

It will be a major change too.

Motorists, as long as moving gas-motored vehicles have been in existence, have been required to yield

to Center Street traffic moving in a north and south direction.

In many cases that meant motorists traveling in an east or west direction across James or Main or Pollock Streets had to yield- sometimes that meant even stopping on the railroad track that runs through town to the north and the south.

It has been a municipal transportation thorn in the side for decades, and there have been efforts to change it all, but all were met

with opposition.

However, the real issue was a sore that got top ranking before town commissioners when CSX Railroad officials told the board that the traffic pattern was illegal.

It was against the law, they pointed out, to require motorists to stop and sit on a railroad track to allow other traffic the right of way.

It got the town’s attention, and the change was directed.

The new stop signs are already





Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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78/65	81/64	84/66	84/65	85/66
Occasional showers possible. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
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## Lamm named sports editor of Tribune

The Mount Olive Tribune welcomes Frank Lamm to the staff this week.

Mr. Lamm will serve as sports editor for the Tribune and its sister papers, the Princeton News Leader and the Wayne-Wilson News Leader.

Tribune Publisher Barry Merrill commented on the hire. "We are very fortunate to find someone with Frank's experience and passion for sports. I spoke with two former co-workers and the word "professionalism" was their recurring evaluation of their experience with him.

"While I am not shy about encouraging employees to stretch their efforts, Frank will push me to increase our sports coverage of our schools, to our readers' benefit, I know," Mr. Merrill concluded.

Mr. Lamm has been a journalist since 1989, most recently as sports editor for *Cape Fear Newspapers, Inc.* through December, 2008. Previously, he served as sports editor for the *Central Virginia Weekly Group* in Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Lamm, 42, currently lives in Rocky Point with his wife, Holly, and two teenage sons, Austin and Joshua.



**MISS N.C. COMING** - Murphy's Place Restaurant, 211 NW Center St., is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser with Katherine Southard, Miss North Carolina 2009, on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$8 per person, and all proceeds will go to the Children's Miracle Network. Additional donations are welcomed.

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## DRUG

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fore coming to Mount Olive. After arriving in town, he established the drug store downtown. Before long, he took on Granger Martin as a partner in the business, perhaps a wise business move considering how many of the Martins were established businessmen in the years before World War II.

"I grew up in that drug-store," said Carl Ray Davis Jr., a grandson of Granger Martin who lives in San Francisco today. "Before the war, the (Martin) family was all over town."

According to Davis, two of Granger Martin's five brothers, Hubert and A.N., owned gas stations at opposite corners of a street, with A.N. also operating the town's Greyhound bus terminal. Another brother, June Martin, ran a livery stable on the current site of Mount Olive Town Hall, and also served as the town's mayor for a number of years. The fourth brother, William P. Martin, made a fortune investing in the Mount Olive Pickle Co., then in its infancy, and Southern Bank. His name lives on in downtown Mount Olive, through the W.P. Martin Store which still operates, not far from the drugstore.

Those who remember the drugstore in the 1940s and 1950s speak of it as a nerve center of social activity in town. One person said, "(I)t was always full of characters. They filled up the back room and played checkers and talked about whatever. Clyde Reeves was back there, the Andrews brothers, sometimes Jimmy Glenn would play too. Later on, they'd all get together and hunt and fish."

Davis, who was growing up in those days, said "(the drugstore) was the place to be. Social activities weren't what they are today. There wasn't a lot of TV and stuff like that."

Not everyone thinks those changes are for the better, either.

"It was always filled with people when I was growing up," said Sonny Cain, who is related to the Martins through his grandmother, Dorothy Martin. "My grandmother always enjoyed going there. It was a popular spot."

By the 1950s, the drugstore was already a long-standing landmark, and continued to be one of the town's thriving businesses. Granger Martin passed away during the decade, but Glenn purchased his share of the store from his partner's estate and contin-



**NEVER FORGET** - Annie Ruth Overton (standing), hugs Marie Shaw, the wife of the late Ryland Shaw Sr., who ran the drugstore for 43 years. (staff photo by JOHN CATE)

ued to operate it, leaving his longtime partner's name on the sign, until his own death on July 10, 1966.

Mr. Glenn's death was a cause for mourning in Mount Olive. It was featured on the front page of the July 12 edition of the Mount Olive Tribune. His family and friends ran a quarter-page ad on the front page of the July 15 issue's B section, in which they stated that:

*"Everyone will miss Mr. Jim, but no one will miss his ideals in the conduct of his business, because his ideals of fair dealings, consideration for his fellow man and deep and abiding faith in humanity will always be lived and practiced by faithful employees who loved him so much."*

### Keeping the legacy alive

Those who succeeded Glenn as proprietors of the drugstore lived up to the pledge made in that ad. Even before he had died, Glenn had made arrangements to sell the business to his nephew, Breedlove Shaw of Northampton County. Mr. Shaw brought in his older brother, Ryland Hillard Shaw Sr., as a partner in the business. For the next 40 years, the two men continued the Glenn-Martin tradition of dedicated customer-friendly service to the people of Mount Olive.

Breedlove Shaw tragical-

ly died of Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) in 1989, but Ryland Sr. kept Glenn-Martin alive through the Bush and Clinton years even as the world around him changed. Known as "Mr. Ryland" to one and all, he was noted around town for passing out free ice cream cones and orangeades to two generations of children who came into the store. Also, like Glenn and Martin before him, Mr. Shaw was noted for his generosity to one and all. On innumerable occasions, he filled prescriptions for people even though he knew they couldn't pay right away, if ever, and would even make home deliveries of medicine to those in need.

During the last decade of his life, business began to fall off as his customers aged along with him. Competition from a national chain pharmacy, which could undercut on price due to volume purchasing, and the general decline of downtown business activity in general, took its toll. Ryland Shaw Sr. passed away on Christmas Day in 2006, after a lengthy illness, and his son Ryland Jr. and wife Linda inherited the business.

The Shaws live and work outside of Mount Olive, but did everything they could to keep the old store alive, in spite of the difficulties.

"Our customer base aver-

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NOTICE:

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE

West side on Thursdays • East side on Fridays

One to two pieces of Furniture will be picked up on Wednesdays.  
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Daughtry Field @ 7:00 p.m.  
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# CHURCH EVENTS

## IN THE AREA

### MO First Pentecostal having gospel singing on Sunday afternoon

There will be a gospel singing at Mount Olive First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 130 Ed Edmundson Rd., on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Curtis Hyler & Jubilation from Greenville.

For more information, call the church at 919-658-5122 or visit them online at [www.mofphc.org](http://www.mofphc.org).

### MOPC holding special services on Sept. 13

Mount Olive Presbyte-

rian Church, on the corner of Breazeale Ave. and Main St., will hold a worship service of wholeness and healing on Sunday, Sept. 13 in the sanctuary. Holy Communion will be served. This is a sanctioned Presbyterian service in which the wholeness of God is sought in our emotional, mental, spiritual and physical lives. The service is open to anyone.

### New Spirit to host scholarship hoops event

New Spirit Church Ministries is sponsoring a 3-

on-3 Scholarship Basketball Tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Goldsboro Intermediate School Gymnasium. There is a \$25 entry fee per team. The deadline to register a team is Sept. 8. For more information, a copy of the registration form, waiver, and rules, please contact the church office at (919) 735-0102 or visit the website at <http://worknotes.com/nc/goldsboro/newspirit/>.

### Community fellowship service coming Sept. 6

There will be a community fellowship worship service on Sunday, Sept. 6 at the Rehearsal Center in Kenansville at 4 p.m.

Those who attend may wish to bring a bottle of oil for the consecration ceremony which will be rendered by Prophet Pridgen. Men and women of God should not miss this service.

The service will take place at 146 Mallard St. (NC Highway 24 W), Kenansville, down from E.E. Smith Middle School and next to West End Grill.

### Northeast OWFB to celebrate choir anniv.

The city choir of the Northeast Original Free Will Baptist Church on E.

Main St. is celebrating its 103rd choir anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 4 p.m.

Gospel singing will take place and will include Women on the Move, Goshen Disciple Church Senior Choir, Anointed Riders, Nu-Men of Faith of Goldsboro, Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Kenansville, Moore's Swamp Male Choir of Idaho, NC and others. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### Ongoing events to honor Dr. Evelena Oliver

There will be a series of special events this week to honor Dr. Evelena Oliver, a pastor based out of a church in Warsaw.

Events began on Monday, Aug. 31 and continue through Sunday. All services except for Saturday will be held at St. Jude Church, Warsaw.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m., Pastor Edna Cavanaugh of Believers Fellowship in Jacksonville is the guest preacher. On Friday at 7:30, Bishop Vernell Fullwood of Mt. Pleasant MBC of Bonnettsville will speak. On Saturday at 6, the Anniversary Banquet will be held at the Expo Civic Center in Clinton. Tickets to this event are \$30. On Sunday at 11 a.m., Rev. Lila

Edwards of Wayside MBC, Brooklyn, N.Y. will be the guest preacher.

All are welcome. For more information, contact Carl Faison at (910) 267-0002.

### McKinley is guest for House of Prayer service

Dr. Velma McKinley will be the guest preacher for the House of Prayer in Faison on Sunday at 7 p.m.

All are welcome for the services.

For more information, call (910) 267-0002.

### Payne Temple AMEZ plans talent show

Payne Temple AMEZ Church, 915 S. Center St., will have a Talent Extravaganza on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. The event will feature senior citizens and youth exercising their talent. The public is invited to attend.

### Cricket Ridge plans pancake supper for Sat.

Cricket Ridge PFWB Church, 386 Cricket Ridge Rd., will hold a pancake supper from 4-7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5. The event is being put on by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Church. Plates are \$6 each and you can have all you care to eat.

# DRUG

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ages 70 years old," said Ryland Jr. last week, shortly before the store closed. "It's hard for an independent drugstore to be competitive anymore."

### The future of the building

Glenn-Martin's building has a long history in its own right. Built exactly 100 years ago, the top level has served as a home for businesses and a dental practice over the years. Linda Shaw has spent a number of years trying to get the building certified as a historical landmark, and said Friday she will continue to do so. Right now, they don't have any plans for the building, but didn't rule out the possibility of another business opening there sometime.

"You never say never," she said. "We've talked to a lot of people about the building, and we hope something good comes out of this."

Although many would say that a part of Mount Olive's history fell by the wayside with the closing of Glenn-Martin Drug, the town still has the services of two locally owned pharmacies, Parker Drug on Center St., and the Mount Olive Pharmacy, located inside another hometown business, the Piggly Wiggly.

Both Ryland Shaw Jr. and Cain expressed the hope that Mount Olive won't lose any more of its hometown businesses, and the personal service that went along with them.

"I don't want Mount Olive to lose its downtown because of the Wal-Mart and other places opening up," Cain said. "There are going to be more."

All those who will carry on the legacy of the old drug store at the corner of North Center and East James streets can agree on one thing, though, and that it is important for the people of Mount Olive not to forget their local businesses.

Perhaps then, there will never have to be a last one at all.

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