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Wilson man charged in synthetic pot raid

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Authorities have arrested a man accused of selling a dangerous strain of synthetic pot to vape shop owners in Wilson and five other eastern North Carolina counties.

Wilson police assisted in executing a federal search warrant at 4511 Lake Hills Drive where 50-year-old Akram Abdel-Aziz was arrested Friday, according to police and the U.S. attorney's office.

Abdel-Aziz is charged with

possession with intent to distribute a quantity of 5F-ADB, a synthetic cannabinoid listed as a Schedule I controlled substance.

Branded as Black Magic and also sold by other names, the substance was sold as a liquid vaporizer product at vape shops

in Wilson, Onslow, Craven, Cumberland, New Hanover and Pamlico counties, federal authorities said.

Law enforcement agencies learned of the product after more than 40 people required medical attention after ingest-

ing it, officials said. Symptoms included seizures, loss of consciousness, hallucinations, paranoia and cardiac arrest.

Wilson Police Capt. Jeff Boykin said officers seized an

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‘You are saving lives’

Cooper praises Wilson’s community response to opioid crisis



Gov. Roy Cooper listens to Wilson leaders and stakeholders Friday as they discuss efforts made here in tackling the opioid epidemic. Olivia Neeley | Times

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Gov. Roy Cooper made a visit to Wilson on Friday to sit down with local leaders and stakeholders to get insight on how Wilson County has united to fight the ever-growing opioid crisis.

Representatives from several Wilson agencies and organizations told the governor about programs they’ve initiated to create lasting changes not only for those who suffer

from substance use disorders but for their families as well. The meeting was held at RC3, the Recovery Concepts Community Center.

“You are saving lives and improving people’s health and moving North Carolina forward,” Cooper told the crowd after hearing about numerous programs here. “What you’re doing in Wilson County is part of the reason why I came today, to hear from you as to some of things you’re finding that work and don’t work, particularly in the area of substance use disorder.”

Cooper said in addition to the state’s action plan regarding opioids, he knows a lot of the real work happens at the community level. Cooper said the visit was not only about taking what Wilson is doing and sharing those ideas with others but also talking with leaders on how the state can help them in their efforts.

“Substance use disorder is affecting people’s lives,” he said. “We are losing people to the opioid crisis at an unprec-

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Entrepreneurship and innovation at heart of new downtown center

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Flexible seating and open office spaces perfect for collaboration paired with entrepreneurial programs form the foundation for a new innovation hub slated for downtown Wilson.

“In most cases, these types of innovation hubs, at least in North Carolina, have been in metropolitan areas,” said Wilson City Manager Grant Goings. “We are, in some

ways, a pioneer in offering this type of a facility in a community our size.”

The project was a result of Wilson’s inclusion in InnovateNC, an effort led by the Institute for Emerging Issues to spur entrepreneurship beyond the borders of Raleigh and Charlotte.

“Throughout the InnovateNC process, we visited other communities and many of them had an innovation hub or a co-working space, which seemed like a good opportunity for us,” said Paula Benson, executive

director of Wilson 20/20 Community Vision. “Since that point, we’ve learned from other communities with similar facilities and shaped our ideas as we determined what would best fit Wilson.”

A \$1.1 million grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation will be used in conjunction with \$1.6 million from the city to renovate the first two floors of the business development center at 121 Nash St. W. Goings said the building will be transferred from the county to the city and construction likely will get

underway in late fall.

The renderings prepared by Maurer Architecture include eliminating the current structured layout, opening up the bulk of the second floor to create a two-story workspace with added windows, glass-walled conference spaces and areas for entrepreneurs to work individually or collaborate with others. Construction is expected to take about a year.

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Cooper: Farmer-Butterfield 'glad to see Wilson on top of this national concern'

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WILSON EFFORT

Leaders gave individual updates on programs Wilson has implemented, including the efforts of non-profits RC3, the Hope Alliance, the syringe exchange program and the initiative to arm law enforcement with naloxone kits.

Since RC3 opened in October, more than 700 visitors have come through the center. Nine people who came through the Hope Alliance program via the Wilson Police Department have not only been through detox but are now in long-term treatment. Wilson County Health Director Teresa Ellen said there have been 26 participants in the syringe exchange program so far, and more than 340

clean needles have been given out.

Erin Day, Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition executive director, told the governor that for more than a decade, the county has invested in the organization’s efforts.

“About four years ago, we began to look at how to marry prevention and recovery,” Day said. She said through the Healthcare Foundation of Wilson, community partners were able to establish RC3 last year.

“There are only a handful of community recovery centers in North Carolina,” she said, adding that Wilson has always been a forward-thinking place when it comes to helping those in need and addressing issues that affect so many lives. She also said building a community for sustained recovery though RC3 will

be a game-changer.

Day told the governor she was proud of the Wilson community after reading the state’s opioid action plan.

“We are hitting so many of those efforts in our county,” she said. “It means a lot for our county to understand the change we are trying to make.”

Day said Wilson’s success has been the commitment the agencies have to creating change here.

“It’s about identifying the capacity you have in your own community to make that change,” she said. “We are doing the most with what we have.”

FINDING SOLUTIONS THAT WORK

Sheriff Calvin Woodard and Wilson Police Capt. Jeff Boykin gave a run-

down on how law enforcement is working with not only the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition but also with others in the community, including RC3.

Woodard said while deputies do have an arrest perspective on dealers here, his office has taken a bigger leap into the community in engaging with those who have substance use disorders and getting them help.

“We’ve been able to turn some people over to RC3 and make contact,” he said. “If someone in the community needs help, we can just make a call. We are sending them in the direction to seek treatment. To me, it’s a tremendous program.”

Boykin said the police department has had great success in federal and local prosecutions of the deal-

ers supplying opioids and heroin.

He said the people who were in the room Friday were passionate about solving issues regarding the epidemic.

“That, to me, is what is making a huge difference in our community,” Boykin said. “The fact that we are meeting and talking and finding solutions that work.”

WILSON’S MODEL

County Board of Commissioners Chairman Rob Boyette said multiple partners have found a way in Wilson County to talk with each other and not just remain in their silos, but they are going one step further and coming up with action plans to make Wilson better for its residents.

State Rep. Jean Farmer-Butterfield, D-Wilson, said the \$10 million the General Assembly has appropriated for the opioid crisis is just the beginning.

“This is a national issue, and I’m glad to see Wilson on top of this national concern,” she said, adding lawmakers know the critical need and the impact substance use can have on families. She said Wilson is ahead of the game, and together, stakeholders have worked diligently to make some positive things happen here.

Cooper said the state’s action plan is also aimed at working with others at the local level.

“We want to work with health care providers, law enforcement, emergency personnel and others to make this continue to work,” he said.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1865: President Abraham Lincoln was shot and killed at Ford’s Theater

Today is Saturday, April 14, the 104th day of 2018. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of “Our American Cousin” at Ford’s Theater in Washington.

On this date:

In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster’s “American Dictionary of the English Language” was published.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship’s time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)

In 1935, the “Black Sunday” dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel “The Grapes of Wrath” was first published by Viking Press.

In 1949, the “Wilhelmstrasse Trial” in Nuremberg ended with 19 former Nazi Foreign Office officials sentenced by an American tribunal to prison terms ranging from four to 25 years.

In 1956, Ampex Corp. demonstrated the first practical videotape recorder at the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters Convention in Chicago.

In 1968, the gay-themed play “The Boys in the Band,” by Mart Crowley, opened in New York.

In 1970, President Richard Nixon nominated Harry Blackmun to the U.S. Supreme Court. (The choice of Blackmun, who was unanimously confirmed by the Senate a month

later, followed the failed nominations of Clement Haynsworth and G. Harrold Carswell.)

In 1981, the first test flight of America’s first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.) French feminist author Simone de Beauvoir died in Paris at age 78.

In 1994, two U.S. Air Force F-15 warplanes mistakenly shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans. Turner Classic Movies made its cable debut; the first film it aired was Ted Turner’s personal favorite, “Gone with the Wind.”

Ten years ago: Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. announced they were combining. Kidnapped British journalist Richard Butler, who worked for CBS News, was rescued by Iraqi troops from a house in Basra after two months in captivity. Taylor Swift won video of the year and female video for her smash “Our Song” while newcomer Kellie Pickler took home three awards during the Country Music Television awards.

Five years ago: Hugo Chavez’s hand-picked successor, Nicolas Maduro, won Venezuela’s presidential election by a narrow margin over challenger Henrique Capriles. Adam Scott became the first Australian to win the Masters, beating Angel Cabrera (AHN’-hehl kuh-BREHR’-uh) on the second hole of a playoff on a rainy day at Augusta National. Colin Davis, 85, former principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra and one of Britain’s elder statesmen of classical music, died in London.

One year ago: Pope Francis, at the end of a 90-minute Good Friday procession, read a prayer he had composed that alternated between expressing shame for humanity’s failings and hope that “hardened hearts” would become capable of forgiving and loving. Former NFL star Aaron Hernandez, already serving a life sentence for a 2013 murder, was acquitted in Boston in a 2012 double slaying prosecutors said was fueled by his anger over a drink spilled at a nightclub. (Five days later, Hernandez hanged himself in his prison cell.)

Today’s Birthdays: Country singer Loretta Lynn is 86. Actress Julie Christie is 78. Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 77. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 73. Actor John Shea is 69. Actor-turned-race car driver Brian Forster is 58. Actor Brad Garrett is 58. Actor Robert Carlyle is 57. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 56. Actor Robert Clendenin is 54. Actress Catherine Dent is 53. Actor Lloyd Owen is 52. Baseball Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is 52. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 51. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 50. Actor Adrien Brody is 45. Classical singer David Miller (Il Divo) is 45. Rapper DaBrat is 44. Actor Antwon Tanner is 43. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 41. Actor-producer Rob McElhenney is 41. Roots singer JD McPherson is 41. Rock singer Win Butler (Arcade Fire) is 38. Actress Claire Coffee is 38. Actor Christian Alexander is 28. Actor Nick Krause is 26. Actress Vivien Cardone is 25. Actor Graham Phillips is 25. Actress Skyler Samuels is 24. Actress Abigail Breslin is 22.

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Innovation: Hub designed to appeal to millennial entrepreneurs

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Barton College Provost Gary Daynes said like co-working spaces in other cities, the Wilson Innovation Hub will combine flexible, affordable space with programs geared toward entrepreneurs.

“The special sauce here is our ability to have co-working space that is attractive to our community and scale, but also programming that works for our region,” Daynes said. “We want to be attractive to someone from the Triangle, but also someone from Wilson who has an idea for a new business and wants to kick it around with others, get some legal advice and network with like-minded folks.

“These co-working spaces develop informal networks where ideas for new businesses are born and that makes for a vibrant environment.”

In metropolitan areas, co-working often appeals largely to millennials, but officials recognized the audience for the Wilson Innovation Hub will be a broader demographic.

“We have found and national statistics out there say the majority of millennials have something going on the side and they have aspirations to make it into a business given the right guidance, location, peer support and programming,” Goings said. “The innovation hub offers a lot of potential to help diversify our economy.”

The fourth floor of the building will continue to house the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments, but the roughly 10,000-square-foot third floor is open for future development. Officials said they’re hopeful a private partner will jump on board to develop a makerspace with equipment entrepreneurs can share or some other similar project.

“The hub is part of a strategic plan that came out of Innovate Wilson and aims, over time, to develop an innovation zone,” Daynes said. “In Greensboro, there is a co-working space with a makerspace down the road. We’re hoping the innovation hub is a hub for future activities and extensions.”

In metropolitan areas, co-working spaces

and makerspaces usually are private ventures. Goings said having public investment lead the effort follows a tradition in Wilson with officials leading the charge to help economic development, including incentives for tobacco warehouses and infrastructure investments to lure manufacturing companies.

“I think this council’s investment in public broadband and their investment in the innovation hub is laying the foundation for what we hope will be future development and expansion of the innovation economy in Wilson,” Goings said. “The Wilson City Council thinks it is important to continue to lead the way for our community’s success.”

The city’s portion will be allocated from the fund balance with Wilson committed to operating the innovation hub for at least three years. Income from rent will help offset operating expenses, but the hope is a director will be hired to lead and grow the Wilson Innovation Hub.

“By being that catalyst and making this investment, we’ll bring the innovation hub to Wilson probably a decade before it would naturally occur,” Goings said. “I believe this council sees this investment in a bigger picture that is consistent with the investment in community broadband and downtown redevelopment. We’re working to elevate the innovation economy of our community.”

To support the grant application, 12 letters were submitted to Golden Leaf from Wilson entities such as Wilson Medical Center and Barton College, but also from startups and leaders of co-working spaces across the state.

“The innovation hub represents a strong effort by Wilson to attract and retain the high level of talent that its current and future employers will demand,” Golden Leaf President Dan Gerlach said in a press release. “We are pleased to support a creative strategy well supported by the public and private sectors.”

Goings said the innovation hub is one part of a comprehensive strategy to add amenities to attract younger residents to Wilson.

“Wilson 20/20 is always looking for op-

portunities that will promote Wilson as a destination to live and to work,” Benson said. “The innovation hub provides a space that supports an innovation economy and

expanded educational opportunities, and ultimately, that will support our efforts to attract and retain the talent we want in Wilson.”

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Maurer Architecture in Raleigh prepared this rendering of the Wilson Innovation Hub. The city will renovate the Upper Coastal Plain Business Development Center in downtown to make way for the co-working space for entrepreneurs. Contributed Photo

Pot: 'Severe and fatal poisoning' possible



Sheriff's deputies confiscated packages of Black Magic electronic cigarette cartridges from four Wilson County vape stores on Feb. 13. Officials say the vaping liquid is made with illegal synthetic cannabinoids. Olivia Neeley | Times File Photo

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undetermined amount of money from Abdel-Aziz's Wilson home Friday as well as ledgers and an unknown liquid substance believed to be synthetic marijuana.

“This investigation goes back several months,” Boykin said. “The great thing is we were able to to work with the U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to work this case. It allowed us to utilize fed-

eral resources for investigative purposes.”

Synthetic cannabinoids can cause serious adverse reactions including sudden death, and scientists say the substances are more harmful than marijuana.

“Compared to cannabis, severe and fatal poisoning appears to be more common with SCRAAs,” the World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Drug Dependence wrote in a November 2017 report presented in Geneva, Switzerland. SCRAAs

are synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists.

In addition to federal agents from the DEA, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and Army and Marine Corps investigative agencies, Wilson police and Wilson County sheriff's deputies contributed to the multijurisdictional probe along with the State Bureau of Investigation, N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement, Jacksonville police and sheriff's deputies in Onslow, Cumberland, Craven and Wayne counties.

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Voters who are already registered to vote need not re-register. Residents who are not registered to vote or those registered that need to make changes must do so by Thursday, April 12, 2018, to be eligible to vote in this election or register and vote during the one-stop period. Request for voter registration application forms may be made from the Wilson County Board of Elections office, 112 Douglas St. E., between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. each Monday through Friday, and the Wilson County Public Library, 249 W. Nash St., Wilson, N. C., during regular hours. Application forms may also be obtained from the Town Halls in Black Creek, Elm City, Kenly, Lucama, Saratoga, Sharpsburg, Sims, and Stantonsburg during their office hours.

Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. The voter may apply for an absentee ballot beginning Monday, March 19, 2018. The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018. The Board of Elections will meet at 5:00 p.m. April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8 and May 11 and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications. Counting of absentee ballots will begin at 5:00 pm May 8.

One-stop voting will be held in the Board of Elections office beginning Thursday, April 19, Hours are: 8:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 8:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 29 from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The last day of One-stop voting will end Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Canvass will be at 11:00 a.m. May 18, 2018 in the Board of Elections office.

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Ivey Eugene Williamson

Dec. 7 1934 — April 4, 2018



Ivey Eugene “Gene” Williamson, 83, of Surprise, Arizona died on April 4, 2018 in Surprise, Arizona. He was born on Dec. 7, 1934 to Ivey H. Williamson and Susan Inez Bass Williamson in Lucama, North Carolina.

After graduating from N.C. State, Gene entered the U.S. Air Force and while serving in Keflavik, Iceland, applied to pilot training. After receiving his wings and new flying assignment, he met his future wife,

Marlene Andersen, in San Francisco, where she was stationed as a flight attendant for TWA. Gene transitioned to the private sector and flew for Pan American World Airways, traveling all over the world. While flying commercially, he also flew with the Air Force Reserve until retirement. He finished his career in commercial aviation as a United Airlines captain, retiring in 1995 and later moving to Surprise, Arizona.

He was beloved for his fun-loving nature, easy laugh and wonderful sense of humor. He was a world traveler, a Vietnam veteran, a runner and golfer, as well as an avid fan of Major League Baseball and Wolfpack sports.

Gene is survived by his wife of 54 years Marlene Williamson, son Craig Williamson and wife Ann, daughter Krista Williamson, sister Elaine Lamm, brother Donald Williamson and wife Edna Ruth, brother Danny Williamson and wife Lisa and by six nieces and nephews.

A military service and interment is being planned for August 2018 at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarrior-project.org.

Condolences can be sent to www.simplycremationaz.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Simply Cremation in Surprise, Arizona.

Billy Roger Parker Jr.

June 7 1959 — April 11, 2018



ELM CITY — Billy “Roger” Parker Jr., 58, passed away Wednesday. A service of remembrance will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday at Joyner’s Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway, Wilson, with Pastor Jeff Williams officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Roger was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. He enjoyed the beach, fishing, cooking, duck hunting and Jimmy Buffett, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. Roger will be greatly missed.

Roger was dedicated to his lifelong dream of being a successful business owner. He was the owner of a heating and air business, Parker Pros of Wilson and Owen Electric of Littleton.

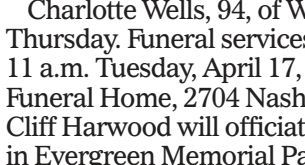
Roger is survived by his wife, Cathy Eastwood Parker of the home; daughter, Bracey Renee Parker of Wilson; son, Bradley Roger Parker of Macclesfield; grandchildren, Isabella, Brayden, and Brenton; mother, Aileen Skinner of Wilson; sister, Jackie Davis and husband, Mark, of Wilson, and brothers, Barry Parker of Wilson, and Kelly Parker and wife, Elizabeth, of Rolesville, California.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Roger Parker Sr., and his stepfather, Clarence G. Skinner.

Condolences may be directed to Joyner’s Funeral Home at www.joyners.net.

Charlotte Wells

Dec. 16, 1923 — April 12, 2018



Charlotte Wells, 94, of Wilson, passed away Thursday. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home, 2704 Nash St.. N., Wilson. The Rev. Cliff Harwood will officiate. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, from 10-10:45 a.m., at Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home.

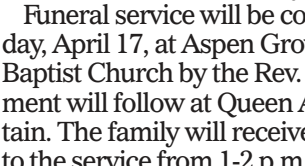
Surviving are her daughter, June Golden (Steve) of Wilson; one grandson, Chris Shearon (Paula) of Wendell; one great-grandson, Grayson Oliver; one sister and two brothers, all of Berlin, Germany.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ireland Wells.

Funeral services are under the direction of Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home, Wilson. Online condolences may be sent to www.thomasyelverton.com.

Lois Pittman Baker

FOUNTAIN — Lois Pittman Baker, 87, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 12, 2018.



Funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at Aspen Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Frank Cockrell. Interment will follow at Queen Anne Cemetery in Fountain. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

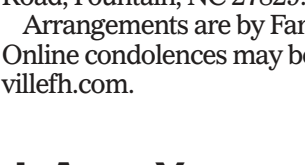
She is survived by her daughter, Susan Baker Stamper and husband, Larry Walston, of Wilson; sons, Donnie Hugh Baker Jr. and wife, Mary, and Kevin Baker, all of Fountain; brother, Ray Pittman of San Antonio, Texas; beloved friend, David Hobgood; grandchildren, Allison Robl and husband, Joe, Blake Stamper, Jordan Baker and Donnie Baker III; great-grandchildren, Cameron Stamper, Connor Thorne, and Carson Stamper; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu flowers, the family has requested memorials in Lois’s memory to Aspen Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, 8861 Aspen Grove Church Road, Fountain, NC 27829.

Arrangements are by Farmville Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.farmvillefh.com.

JoAnne Young

GOLDSBORO — JoAnne Young, 53, of 224 Herbert St., died Friday, April 13, 2018. Arrangements are incomplete at Haskins Funeral Home, Goldsboro.



Maria Bautista

ROCKY MOUNT — Maria Bautista, 78, of the Battleboro community, died Thursday, April 12, 2018. Arrangements are by Cornerstone Funeral Home, Nashville. Words of comfort may be shared at www.cornerstonefuneralhomeandcremations.com.



Remember When?

Steve Brown shared this image of Vance Street in Wilson during a flood in the early 1960s. The Wilson Times is publishing historical photos of Wilson County life and landmarks in this space each day. To share your snapshots, email the picture and caption to Lori Parrish at lori@wilsontimes.com with the subject line Remember When or bring it to the Times office at 126 Nash St. during regular business hours.

Democratic House candidates take aim at Holding

By Lindell John Kay
Rocky Mount Telegram

ROCKY MOUNT — One thing the three Democratic candidates in the 2nd Congressional District all agree on: Republican U.S. Rep. George Holding has to go.

Candidates Linda Coleman, Wendy Ella May and Ken Romley took questions and spoke during a forum Thursday night at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

“Let’s put George Holding on a fast train down South,” said Nash County Democratic Party Chairman Dwight Jordan. He encouraged Democrats not to be Rip Van Winkles and nap through the 2018 election.

In introducing themselves, Coleman, of Wake County, said she grew up in a diverse caring community in Pitt County; Romley, also of Wake County, said he’s a business entrepreneur ready to create jobs; and May,

of Johnston County, said she’s an advocate for change and for disabled veterans.

Coleman said her experience as a state legislator makes her the best candidate; Romley pointed to his private sector success and education; and May said she’s been a lobbyist and advocate for 30 years.

“We need new blood in Washington, D.C.,” May said. “Which ever one of the three of us wins the primary needs to make sure George Holding goes home.”

All three candidates knocked Holding for not

participating in a public forum in more than six years.

Turning from Holding to President Donald Trump, Romley said the president has committed all sorts of questionable acts; Coleman said Trump’s relationship with Russia puts the U.S. in a tenuous situation; and May said her first job on Capitol Hill will be to seek impeachment.

All three candidates called for common-sense gun control measures, including better background checks.

The winner of the May primary will face the winner of the Republican primary, Holding or Allen Chesser II, and Libertarian Jeff Matemu and independent Timmy Strickland.

The 2nd District includes Nash, Johnston, Wake, Harnett, Franklin and Wilson counties. The forum was moderated by Matt Hughes, second vice chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party.



Coleman



May



Romley

Pennington receives grad school scholarship

From staff reports

A Toisnot Middle School exceptional children’s teacher has received a \$10,000 scholarship to complete her graduate studies at N.C. State University.

Malinda Pennington of Wilson received the Delta Kappa Gamma Society’s Edna McGuire Boyd Scholarship. She is a member of DKG’s Mu chapter, the professional society for female educators noted in a news release.

Pennington holds a master’s degree in education and is pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and instruction at N.C. State. A national board-certified teacher, she was the north-central region finalist for North Carolina Teacher of the Year in 2012.

Her Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation grant proposal assisted Wilson County



Pennington

Schools in starting the Wilson Autism Spectrum Disorders Academy, a teacher training program that partners with Barton College and East Carolina University.

Delta Kappa Gamma awarded eight \$10,000 scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year, the society said in a March 26 news release. Recipients must have earned a bachelor’s degree, be enrolled in a recognized graduate program and have been DKG members for at least three years to qualify for consideration.

DKG has more than 60,000 members in 17 countries and says it has awarded \$5 million in scholarships to 1,121 women educators since 1940.

Judges won’t halt NC county’s legislative elections

By Gary D. Robertson
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — North Carolina trial-court judges refused Friday to delay state legislative elections in and around Raleigh next month while litigation challenging several House districts continues.

A three-judge panel declined to halt the May 8 primary for at least four Wake County House races because voting is already happening. The decision also likely preserves the use of those and surrounding Wake districts in the November general election. General Assembly boundaries have been redrawn since last summer by Republican legislators and federal courts, the result of other lawsuits.

In the latest case, state NAACP League of Women Voters of North Carolina and other groups and voters argued the GOP-controlled General Assembly went too far last August when lawmakers altered four Wake House districts.

Since those districts didn’t touch two others that courts had found to be racial gerrymanders, their lawsuit says, altering the four violated a provision in the state constitution otherwise prohibiting redistricting during the middle of a decade.

Attorneys for legislative leaders disagree and have said lawmakers were within their responsibilities to redraw them.

In their order, the Superior Court judges gave the plaintiffs hope they would be ultimately be successful, writing they “have demonstrated a rea-

sonable likelihood of success on the merits of their claims.”

But their request for a preliminary injunction was denied because if granted it would halt ongoing House races “and more importantly, would interrupt voting by citizens already underway,” according to the order by Superior Court Judge Paul Ridgeway, Joseph Crosswhite and Alma Hinton. Mail-in absentee voting for the primary began last month, and in-person absentee voting starts next week.

The chief attorney representing those who sued highlighted the court’s comments about future success.

“We will aggressively litigate this case to final resolution to ensure there are fair districts in place by the time voters go to the ballot box in 2020,” Allison Riggs with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice said in a release. “Basic legal principles of equality demand that voters in Wake County have the same right to vote in constitutional districts as every other resident in the state.”

Riggs’ clients said Republicans altered three of the four districts to improve chances for Republican election victories because the districts had become politically more competitive during the decade. The plaintiffs want the lines of those four districts returned to how they were first drawn in 2011. That would require adjoining districts to be adjusted, too.

Had the injunction

been granted, primary choices in the four districts wouldn’t have been counted, and special primary elections may have been required in the summer for those and other Wake County districts that also had to be altered to comply.

The boundary lines are gaining more importance as optimistic Democrats seek to end the GOP’s veto-proof majorities in November and Republicans try to remain in charge at the Legislative Building.

GOP Rep. David Lewis of Harnett County, the House redistricting committee chairman and a lawsuit defendant, praised the court’s ruling and again accused Democrats of suing repeatedly to regain electoral advantage. Democrats or their allies have been in court challenging North Carolina legislative and congressional districts continuously within months of maps based on 2010 census figures were approved.

“Wake County voters will vote in clean, compact, and competitive races this fall,” Lewis said in a release. “I am confident the General Assembly will ultimately prevail against these claims.”

A panel of three federal judges agreed with plaintiffs in a related lawsuit that Republicans violated the state constitution by altering the four Wake County districts and one House district in Mecklenburg County. But in February the U.S. Supreme Court blocked those changes while there’s a broader appeal of the General Assembly maps.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Jesus said, “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:16-17)

PRAYER: Gracious God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to us. Give us ears to hear your truth and hearts to understand. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

IN OUR OPINION

Opposite paths for Wilson, Nash on immigration

Should local authorities have a role in federal immigration enforcement?

A comparative case study will play out in Wilson and Nash counties, next-door neighbors who are employing opposite strategies in an effort to make their communities safer.

The Wilson Police Department is urging Latino victims and witnesses to call police regardless of their residency status without fear of deportation. Meanwhile, the Nash County Sheriff’s Office has inked an agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement that allows deputies to function as ICE special agents.

Each approach carries potential risk and reward. Wilson wants to work with immigrants to curb crime, but a reputation for lax enforcement could bring unintended consequences. Nash County leaders say federal powers will help combat drug trafficking, but deputies who inspire fear in immigrant communities are less likely to have residents’ cooperation when they need it.

HISPANIC OUTREACH

Wilson police held a summit last week with the Association of Mexicans in North Carolina and the Eastern North Carolina Latin American Coalition as part of a continuing campaign to strengthen ties between police officers and Latino residents. Nearly a year ago, the WPD designated Capt. Keith Pendergrass as its Hispanic and Latino community liaison.

Police want U.S. citizens, green card-holders, guest workers and undocumented immigrants alike to trust Wilson officers. At a May 2017 meeting, Pendergrass explained that residents who are in the country illegally and fear deportation are less likely to report crimes to law enforcement, making perpetrators harder to catch.

“Without you, we can’t do our jobs,” Pendergrass told those in attendance.

The captain also reassured attendees that Wilson officers who ask for photo ID aren’t setting a deportation trap.

“We are not trying to report your status,” he said. “We are trying to confirm who you say you are.”

The Wilson Police Department has boosted the number of bilingual officers to ensure that police can communicate with Spanish-speaking residents who know little or no English.

IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY

In February, the Nash County Sheriff’s Office became the sixth law enforcement agency in North Carolina to sign a memorandum of agreement with ICE under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The partnership allows ICE to delegate federal immigration enforcement authority to local deputies.

Sheriff Keith Stone said the 287(g) program will help his office to crack down on violent criminals and drug smugglers who are not legal U.S. residents, but he stressed that Nash deputies won’t be rounding people up for deportation.

“I’m not interested in any immigrant who isn’t a criminal,” Stone told the Rocky Mount Telegram in January. “But it helps when we stop an illegal alien on the interstate involved in criminal activity. It helps get him out of our community.”

Sheriffs in Wake, Mecklenburg, Henderson, Cabarrus and Gaston counties have also signed on as 287(g) partners. The Alamance County Sheriff’s Office was stripped of federal immigration powers in 2012 after the U.S. Department of Justice accused the agency of discriminatory policing that targeted Hispanic people.

SKEPTICS ON BOTH SIDES

Wilson police haven’t seen much controversy, but some residents have grumbled that the department’s outreach to Hispanic residents regardless of their legal status amounts to condoning lawlessness.

Nash County drew the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina’s ire, with policy intern Yazmin Garcia Rio blasting the sheriff’s office in a March 20 website post headlined “Another North Carolina county joins Trump’s deportation force.”

Neither community wants to give the appearance of being too extreme. Wilson hasn’t sought a sanctuary city designation or announced an intent to hide undocumented immigrants from federal agents. Nash County doesn’t seem inclined to stop every Hispanic resident and demand proof of citizenship or immigration papers.

Perhaps a before-and-after comparison study of crime rates several years down the road will show us which community’s approach to thorny immigration issues is the best solution.



LETTERS

Veteran seeks information on Navy shipmates

I am trying to make contact with a couple of men I served with in the Navy back in 1959. We were in W Division aboard the USS Intrepid (CVA-11). I would have been about 20 at the time and they would have been approximately the same age.

Both of these men enlisted in the Navy from Wilson. They are John D. Hardison and William R.

Honeycutt.

I will be 79 years old in November, Honeycutt and Hardison would be roughly the same age if still alive. My quest to reach out to them began with a review of my Intrepid cruise book for 1959 — it’s like a high school yearbook that the ship’s crew puts together on an extended cruise. In the back of the book is a roster of all the crew members with their home of record at time of enlistment.

My name is Robert Leonard and I live in Goleta, California, most of the year. We also have a cabin outside of Spruce Pine, North Carolina, where my mother was from.

Any information you can provide to assist in my quest would be much appreciated. I can be reached at rleonard252@gmail.com.

Robert Leonard
GOLETA, CALIF.

A collection of classic Americana



JOE WEAVER

The column this week is going to be a little prickly for some folks. I’m probably going to get some letters. I might get a nastygram or two on Facebook. I expect it. Some of you

are going to love the column and some of you are going to hate it.

I am writing about certain objects I have collected through the years and I use frequently. I am writing about classic pieces of Americana that were functional generations ago and are just as functional now.

I am writing about walnut polished to a high gloss and steel buffed to a brilliant sheen. I am writing about form and function. I am writing about something that has been woven into the fabric of this country since it was a cluster of colonies.

I’m writing about guns. Those of you who are going to stop reading because of guns, I ask you to not to disengage so quickly.

This is not about politics. This is not about violence. This is about one man and his collection.

Are any of you still here? Good. I thought you would be. Thanks for still reading. I know this is a touchy topic in today’s world and I hope I can put a positive and nostalgic spin on something that has been a social and topical minefield of late.

I developed an interest in guns a child. When we were kids, we played as cowboys or cops with our cap guns, running the streets of our neighborhood pretending to be the heroes we saw on television and in movies. Early on, it was mostly boys, but when “Policewoman” and “Charlie’s Angels” hit the airwaves in the 1970s, the girls were playing alongside us very soon. We played as both good guys and bad guys, giving each of us a chance to be a hero or a villain.

It wasn’t so much as who got “killed” because we would just get back up after losing a battle with an opponent, dust ourselves off and keep playing. The important thing was we were together, outside, spending time and staying out of trouble. Our

guns kept us from doing bad things. We weren’t stealing from the corner candy store or vandalizing anything because we were too busy playing with our friends. And our guns.

I think I always knew I would own guns as an adult. I grew up in Maryland where, as I grew older, guns became harder to obtain, even as a law-abiding citizen. I obeyed the law, followed the procedures and began to purchase guns.

I learned all I could about them. I knew what they could do. I practiced safety almost to a fault. I took them apart and put them back together again and learned what each part did and why. I met like-minded folks, men and women, who told me that since I knew so much about my guns, it was time to learn how to use them.

I was taught how to shoot for accuracy and precision. I did not hunt, so it wasn’t about killing. I had no interest in becoming an assassin, so it wasn’t about violence. Precision, accuracy and personal discipline.

As I became better, I became better. Yes, I know that is redundant, so I will explain. As I became more accurate with a gun, I became more confident. Not in the way you are thinking, so erase that thought right now. I don’t mean “I have a gun, so that makes me invincible.” I mean the gun community allowed me to meet many different people from many different walks of life. I met men and women and entire families who shared the same passion I did.

Everyone was, well, normal. There were doctors and accountants, schoolteachers and clergy. We all shared the same sport and we all were equal. There was no black or white, even though there were many races included. There was no male or female, just a team coming together to share a sport. There was no economic divide. Rich and poor welcomed each other and shared knowledge.

I have collected many over the last few years. Some have cost more than others. Some I have gotten in trades or as gifts.

I have a few favorites. I carry a gun most days, a Colt Combat Commander, .45 ACP semiautomatic pistol. I know it very well and am very accurate with it.

I do not carry a gun to feel

superior to any man or woman. I carry a gun because I hold my life and the lives of those near to me in very high regard. Human life is precious and we all deserve a chance to defend it if it is threatened.

When I carry my gun, I go about my business as I would if I did not have a gun. If I go to the supermarket to buy apples, I’m buying apples. The presence of the pistol on my hip is merely incidental. I also have a few shotguns, but I don’t think they would be welcome when I’m buying apples. They are long and bulky and kinda get in the way sometimes.

I collect Remington shotguns. I have a few and the newest one I have is from 1970. It’s as old as I am and, most days, works better than I do.

My oldest is also a Remington and it’s from 1933. It’s a Remington Model 11 semiautomatic shotgun. It’s quite a machine. When I shoulder it, it’s long and heavy and possessing more than 80 years of history.

Four generations of shotguns are with me when I pull the trigger and the firing pin hits the primer, which ignites the powder and pushes a fistful of tiny pellets down the 28-inch barrel. The shotgun is designed for the barrel to recoil backward into the receiver, pushing the spent shell out and scooping a fresh one from the magazine. The steel on steel makes a satisfying ka-chunk as the barrel goes back into position for the next shot.

It is a perfect meld of man and machine — or woman and machine in the example of my daughter who has a similar shotgun, the Browning Light Twelve.

If ever you are out at the range on a Sunday afternoon and see me out there with the old guns, come on over. Most days I have a thermos of coffee with me and I’d be glad to share. If you happened to bring along some crumblers, I wouldn’t refuse one.

We can sit there for a while and shoot the breeze. That way, I’m sure we’d both hit the bulls-eye.

Joe Weaver, a native of Baltimore, is a husband, father, pawnbroker and gun collector. From his home in New Bern, he writes on the lighter side of family life.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Bone marrow donor drive is today

The Omicron Iota Zeta chapter of Wilson will host a Be The Match bone marrow registry and swab event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Walmart, 2500 Forest Hills Road.

To join the Be The Match registry, prospective donors must be between ages 18 and 44, in general good health, committed to donating for any patient they may match in the future, fill out registry paperwork (about 10 minutes) and be willing to swab the inside of their cheeks to have tissue types tested.

Dems’ African-American caucus to meet

The Wilson County Democratic Party’s African-American Caucus will meet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Wilson County Public Library. Democratic sheriff candidates Calvin Woodard, Chris Boykin and Dinise Williams have been invited to address attendees.

Library to host Andy Griffith expert

GOLDSBORO — Professor and author Elliot Engel will present “The Master of Mayberry,” a lecture on Andy Griffith and his namesake television show, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at the Wayne County Public Library’s Goldsboro branch, 1001 E. Ash St. Admission is free and registration is not necessary to attend. For more information, call the library at 919-735-1824, ext. 5106.

Ladies’ golf day set Wednesday

The Wedgewood Ladies Golf Association will kick off its season at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18, and will hold a ladies’ play day on every third Wednesday of the month. Any woman who plays golf is eligible to participate. To sign up or ask questions, contact Cathy Causway at 252-291-2430 or nck12causwayc@yahoo.com.

Sheriff candidates slated to speak

The Wilson County Retired School Personnel will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 18 at the senior citizens’ center on Goldsboro Street. Candidates running for Wilson County sheriff in the upcoming Democratic primary will be presenting their platforms and answering questions. All retired school personnel are welcome.

Reentry council plans resource fair

The Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson Reentry Council will hold a resource fair to help former inmates transition back into the community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 at the Wilson County Agriculture Center, 1806 Goldsboro St. SW.

The resource fair will assist participants with jobs, health care, transportation, education, nutrition, legal assistance and financial literacy. PNC Bank and the N.C. Community Action Association are sponsoring the event.

For more information, call Shenetheathia Hanson, reentry coordinator, at 252-442-8081, ext. 245.

Pipeline planners holding job fair

ROCKY MOUNT — Developers of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will hold a construction open house and job fair from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 at Northern Nash High

School, 4230 Green Hills Road.

Local unions and inspection companies will be on hand to discuss training and job opportunities. Project team members will share information about construction activities including safety measures. For more information, visit www.atlanticcoastpipeline.com, email acpipeline@dominionenergy.com or call 844-215-1819.

Crime prevention panel to meet

ROCKY MOUNT — The Edgecombe and Nash County Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 19 at the East Carolina Ag & Education Center. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Museum to celebrate 50 years

BAILEY — The Country Doctor Museum will host “History Alive,” a 50th anniversary celebration, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the 7089 Peele Road museum.

Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the band DryBread Road will perform and the Six Smokin’ Bones food truck will be on hand. The event also features free museum tours, free children’s activities and crafts and the grand opening of a new exhibit, The Sick Room.

The Imagination Station Science and History Museum of Wilson, the Aycock Birthplace state historic site of Fremont, the Tobacco Farm Life Museum of Kenly, the Joel Lane House, the Aurora Fossil Museum and the Carolina Fun Factory petting zoo will provide free activities and exhibits.

For more information, call 252-235-4165 or visit www.countrydoctormuseum.org.

Vick Elementary to host multicultural fest

The Association of Mexicans in North Carolina’s Wilson chapter and Seeds of Hope Wilson will hold a multicultural festival from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Vick Elementary School, 506 N. Carroll St.

Community members are invited to experience diverse Latino cultures through music, dance, art and more. For more information, call 252-258-9967 or email amexcan@amex-cannnc.org.

Kids on the Lawn fair planned

Mary Artis’ Kids on the Lawn is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28 on the front lawn of the Wilson County Public Library, 249 Nash St. NW. The free family festival will feature food, games, a magic show, live animals, face-painting, balloons and prizes.

Community agencies including the Wilson County Department of Social Services, county health department, Smart Start program and Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will be on hand. The SPOT at 910 Tarboro St. W. has been designated as the rain location.

Annual pickle festival slated

MOUNT OLIVE — The 32nd annual North Carolina Pickle Festival is planned from 5-10 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in downtown Mount Olive, home of the Mt. Olive Pickle Co.

The two-day event will include live entertainment, vendors, a pickle-eating contest and a bicycle ride and glow run. For complete festival details, visit www.ncpicklefest.org.

Corvette, classic car show rolls in

WENDELL — Universal Chevrolet, 114 N. Main St., will host a Corvette and classic car show presented by the Wilson-based Eastern Carolina Corvette Club on Saturday, May 12. Registration runs from 9 a.m. to noon and awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

The National Council of Corvette Clubs-sanctioned show will award first-, second- and third-place finishers in several Corvette and classic divisions along with awards for rat rods, race-prepared cars, best of show prizes, a sponsorship choice award and special interest award.

Entry fees are \$15 through May 5 and \$20 afterward. The show is free to attend. For more information, call Buster Dawson at 252-289-6304 or Charles King at 252-399-9361.

Relay for Life planned May 18

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Wilson County will be held Friday, May 18 at Wilson Medical Center, 1705 Tarboro St. W., beginning with an opening ceremony at 6 p.m. followed by ceremonial first laps for cancer survivors and caregivers and the main event, an overnight team walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Food and drinks will be available for sale from Relay team vendors.

Elm City High reunion slated

ELM CITY — The Elm City High School 1970-78 graduating classes will have an all-class reunion from 6 - 11 p.m. Saturday, May 26 in the gym of Elm City Middle School, 215 Church St. E. Organizers say any former Elm City High student can participate regardless of attendance or graduation years.

The cost is \$40 per person until May 1 and \$50 per person thereafter. For more information, call Currie Joyner at 252-230-1160 or Mary Brown Eatmon at 843-532-1429.

Golf tourney seeks entrants, sponsors

The Omega Development Group and Beta Beta Beta chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will hold the annual J.M. “Bing” Memorial Golf Tournament Saturday, June 2, at the Wedgewood Public Golf

Course. The deadline for entry fees and sponsorships is May 28.

The 18-hole captain’s choice tournament will feature two-person teams. Entry fees are \$75 per player and \$150 per team

with green and cart fees included. Tee and hole sponsorships are \$100 each. The tournament opens with lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

To register or purchase a sponsorship, checks can

be made payable to Omega Development Group, P.O. Box 397, Wilson, NC 27894. For more information, contact Reginald Harris at 252-315-6085 or reginald.harris63@gmail.com.

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Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) dunks past Charlotte Hornets' Dwight Howard (12) during a game March 28 in Charlotte. James, who will try to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers to their fourth straight NBA Finals, just completed the 15th regular season of his career, and it may have been his best yet. AP

He's better than ever

LeBron defying age at 33

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James emerged from a chaotic, complex season unscathed — better than ever. Still the NBA's undisputed king. Despite no longer having Kyrie Irving at his side. Despite an injury-riddled season in which the Cavaliers' roster morphed twice and despite being surrounded by a supporting cast that included rookies and just three holdovers from Cleveland teams he dragged to three straight NBA Finals, James played every game and powered through his 15th pro season like it was another helpless defender in the lane.

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Friday the 13th massacre

North Johnston humbles Lady Bruins, 20-0

By Tom Ham
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A certainty exists in 2-A Eastern Plains Conference varsity softball — there's North Johnston and then there's the rest of the league. The Lady Panthers, No. 1-ranked among the state's 2-A teams by the North Carolina Softball Coaches Association and No. 1 in all classifications by MaxPreps.com, left no doubt about their superiority, humbling host Beddingfield 20-0 in four innings Friday night in the second encounter of the week of the conference's top two teams. The Lady Bruins, 10-3 losers at North Johnston on Tuesday night, suffered the most lopsided defeat in the immensely successful 13-year tenure of head coach Jeremy Howard in dropping to 2-2 in the conference and 10-2 overall. Head coach Chris Batten's



North Johnston base runner Jada Santiago and Beddingfield third baseman Karissa Hayes, right, get ready for the pitch in the second inning of Friday's game at Beddingfield. The Lady Panthers won 20-0 in four innings for their second win in four days against the Lady Bruins. Sheldon Vick | Special to the Times

North Johnston squad cruised to 4-0 in the EPC and to 13-0 against all foes. North Johnston hitters, who hammered 15 hits, forced Beddingfield pitchers Brianna Hale, a senior, and Neleh Bottoms, a freshman, to throw at least 100 pitches in the first two innings in forging a 13-0 margin. See **NJ**, Page 5B



North Johnston's Nathan Woodard, left, takes off for second base as Beddingfield first baseman Alston Pittman chases after a pickoff throw that was wide in the second inning of Friday's game at Beddingfield. The Panthers won 21-1. Jimmy Lewis | Times

Panthers obliterate Beddingfield 21-1 in 5 innings

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There's a bona fide 2-A Eastern Plains Conference dynasty in Kenly, home to the North Johnston High varsity baseball team. Entering Friday's game at Beddingfield, the Panthers had won 25 straight games against EPC opposition, to include back-to-back undefeated conference championships in each of the last two seasons. In no way was that threatened against the Bruins, as North Johnston used a six-run second inning

and a massive 13-run fourth en route to a 21-1 win in five innings. North Johnston improved to 10-5 overall and 4-0 in EPC play, while Beddingfield, coming off a 13-3 loss to East Wake Academy on Thursday, dropped to 6-7 and 1-3 in the conference. The Panthers preceded Friday's game with a 7-0 win over Beddingfield at home Tuesday night. However, a streak that now stands at 26 games and counting isn't discussed in North Johnston circles. "To be honest with you, that's not even brought up," North Johnston

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Four more Golden Demons headed off to play college football

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While it wasn't National Signing Day inside the Fike High media center Thursday, it sure did feel like it. Four Golden Demons seniors took the next step in their academic and football careers by signing with NCAA Division II Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association programs. Brandon Atkinson is headed to Winston-Salem State University while Lewis Pearce and Jalen Currie will continue to be teammates at Chowan University and A.J. Jolly will play at Saint Augustine's University. "It feels good," Pearce said. "You go out there and work so hard for four years to get here and it feels good to sign with some of my best friends and brothers." The four newest signees

make eight players from Fike's 2017 football team to sign with collegiate programs. On National Signing Day on Feb. 7, Justin Daniels (Shaw University), John and Walker Gliarmis (Appalachian State) and Dangelo Hodge (Saint Aug's) — giving Fike the most potential collegiate players in one senior class in head coach Tom Nelson's seven seasons. "That says a lot about their hard work and what they've put in in the classroom and the weight room and the football field," Nelson said. "They really have been a pleasure for four years and it's justly deserved what they're getting now."

ATKINSON WAITS

Atkinson said that he waited to sign with the Rams because he wanted

to do his due diligence on what would be the most important decision of his life to date. "I took a process," he said. "I talked to all the coaches and looked at the playbook and the formations when I visited colleges and Winston-Salem State was the best one for me. "I wanted to visit and see how the campus was and see if I felt comfortable." Atkinson said that he was also recruited by Chowan, North Carolina Wesleyan College and St. Andrews University. He signed his National Letter of Intent shortly after National Signing Day but waited to join his teammates for Wednesday's celebration. Atkinson, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound wide receiver/

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Fike High seniors, from left, Lewis Pearce, A.J. Jolly, Jalen Currie and Brandon Atkinson, signed to continue their football careers with CIAA teams. Pearce and Currie are headed to Chowan while Atkinson will play for Winston-Salem St. and Jolly is going to Saint Augustine's. Paul Durham | Times



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Surging Chargers romp past Bethel Christian 14-1

From staff reports

KINSTON — The visiting Wilson Christian Academy baseball team continued its surge with a 14-1 romp in five innings at Bethel Christian in North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2-A East Region action Friday.

The Chargers climbed to 3-1 in the region and to 4-8 overall. WCA breaks from region play for a rescheduled rematch at Beddingfield of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2-A ranks at 5 p.m. Monday.

Trailing 1-0, the Chargers broke loose for seven runs in the second inning. With four runs in and the bases loaded with two outs, senior Preston Skinner barely missed his third home run in the last two games, settling for a three-run double on a drive that hit the top of the fence in left-center field.

Sophomore Gabe Barnes swatted a three-run double in the fourth inning.

Score by innings:
Wilson Christian 074 31 — 15
Bethel Christian 100 00 — 1
WP-Brice Murray (2-2) 5 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 6 SO, LP-Blake Vause.
LEADING HITTERS — Wilson Christian: Gabe Barnes 2-4, 2B, 3 RBI; Preston Skinner 1-2, 2B, 3 RBI; Adrian Dehart 2-4, Max Holland 1-3, 3 RBI; Jackson Hoskins 1-3, RBI; Bethel Christian: Evan Cannon 3-3, 2B, RBI; Tanner Batchelor 1-2.

CBA thumps New Bern 11-3

NEW BERN — Using a methodical approach over seven innings, the Charles B. Aycock High varsity baseball team scored in every inning but the fifth Friday in an 11-3 victory over 3-A/4-A Eastern Carolina Conference opponent New Bern.

CBA, using a strong six-inning showing from senior right-hander Luke Frederick, limited New Bern to four hits in improving to 15-3 overall and 4-3 in the ECC. Frederick struck out eight and walked two, with all three of his runs being earned.

“I thought we were consistent throughout,” CBA head coach Allen Thomas said. “I thought Luke Frederick did pretty good on the mound.”

Tyler Edwards took the loss for New Bern (6-7, 2-4 ECC), working 1 1/3 innings and allowing two hits. Kyle Kirian, the No. 8 hitter, was 2 for 2 with a double and triple.

For the Golden Falcons, senior Nick Aycock went 3 for 5 with two RBIs. Freshman Clay Matthews was 3 for 3, while senior Blake Gipson had a 2-for-5, two-RBI performance.

Frederick added a double, as did sophomore Blake Dilda and senior Nolan Harrell.

CBA hosts Greenville Rose on Tuesday.

Score by innings:
C.B. Aycock 212 101 4 — 11
New Bern 000 210 0 — 3
WP-Luke Frederick (4-0) 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 8 SO, LP-Tyler Edwards 1 1/3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 0 SO.
LEADING HITTERS — Charles B. Aycock: Nick Aycock 3-5, 2 RBI, Clay Matthews 3-3, RBI, Blake Gipson 2-5, 2 RBI; New Bern: Kyle Kirian 2-2, 2B, 3B.

SOFTBALL

Hunt escapes 5-4 at Northern Nash

ROCKY MOUNT — The visiting Hunt High varsity softball team hung onto third place in the 3-A Big East Conference with a 5-4 squeaker against Northern Nash on Thursday evening.

The Lady Warriors improved to 4-2 in the conference and to 7-7 overall. Hunt steps outside the conference to welcome 2-A archrival Beddingfield at 7 p.m. Monday.

Hunt constructed a 5-0 lead after two innings and then survived a defensive collapse in the final inning.

The Lady Knights scored four runs and had base runners stationed at second and third when Hunt relief pitcher Brittany Glover got a game-ending grounder to second base.

Junior Brianna Tucker triggered the eight-hit Lady Warriors offense with a home run, triple and double. Tucker led off the game with a triple and was driven home by Allyson Matthews. She connected for a two-run homer in the second

and added a double in the fifth inning.

Through six innings, Hunt starting pitcher Skylar Yarolin, the winner, blanked Northern Nash on two hits. Glover earned the save.

Score by innings:
Hunt 230 000 0 — 5
Northern Nash 000 000 4 — 4
WP-Skylar Yarolin, LP-Jenna Mckeeney, S- Brittany Glover.
LEADING HITTERS — Hunt: Brianna Tucker 3-4, HR, 3B, 2B, 2 RBI.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lady Cyclones blank Faith Christian 5-0

Buoyed by the hat trick of senior Morgan Lane, the Community Christian School girls soccer team turned in a 5-0 conquest of 1-A Coastal Independents Conference foe Rocky Mount Faith Christian on Thursday.

CCS, now 5-4-1 overall and 2-3 in CIC play, opened the scoring in the 28th minute off Lane's goal. Sophomore Cheyenne Gardner's through ball down the line found Lane, who converted from 18 yards out.

Leading 1-0, at the half, the Lady Cyclones tacked on four more in the final 40 minutes.

Lane knocked in a deflection off a Faith Christian defender in the 42nd before senior Anna Jackson's 25-yard free kick was knocked down and kicked in by sophomore Hadlea Borg in the 64th.

Senior Olivia Bullard's cross helped cement Lane's hat trick in the 67th. Jackson capped the scoring off a set piece in the 79th, drilling a 20-yard free kick in the upper right corner.

Senior Emily Boyette had the shutout in goal for CCS, notching five saves behind a defense of Jackson, seventh grader Abigail Jackson, junior Kailey Murray and Laura Bland. Bullard and eighth grader Kaitlyn Swartzfager excelled in pass distribution.

CCS remains in conference play Monday, visiting Rocky Mount Academy.

Jones' goal can't lift CBA by New Bern

NEW BERN — Sophomore Colleen Jones finished an assist from junior Hannah Spier on Thursday, but the Charles B. Aycock High girls soccer team was on the losing end of a 3-1 decision at 3-A/4-A Eastern Carolina Conference opponent New Bern.

CBA, a 3-A member of the split league, fell to 5-6-3 overall and 2-4-1 within the ECC.

TRACK AND FIELD

Wilder, Bland key Bruins' win

ROCKY MOUNT — Zyree Wilder and Aaron

Bland each won two individual events and Beddingfield swept all four relays as the Bruins won Wednesday's 2-A Eastern Plains Conference track and field meet against host Nash Central and North Pitt.

The Bruins posted a score of 81 points to 71 for the host Bulldogs and 31 for the Panthers. On the girls side, Beddingfield and North Pitt tied for second with 44 points each behind winner Nash Central's 77.

Bland breezed to victory in the 110-meter hurdles in 14.7 seconds and ruled the 200 dash in 22.3 seconds while Wilder won the 400 dash in 55.3 seconds and placed first in the triple jump, soaring 40 feet, 7 inches.

Also coming in first for the Bruins were Tiwan Woodard in the 3,200 run (11:15); Daymon Kardesoglu in the discus (101-1) and Zachary Adams in the long jump (21-0).

For the Lady Bruins, sophomore Makayla Everette won the shot put (29-9) and the discus (86-2) while Mikaela Taylor won the 3,200 (14:23) and the 1,600 (7:00). Shimega Jackson placed first in the long jump (15-1).

Beddingfield and Nash Central will compete in the Scott Jones Memorial Classic as presented by The Wilson Times on Monday at Southern Nash.

Demons: Currie, Pearce to be roommates at Chowan; Jolly to Saint Aug's

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defensive back for the Golden Demons, said he will play offense at Winston-Salem State. He earned Wilson Times All-Area and 3-A Big East Conference all-conference acclaim after his senior season.

While adding weight to his slender frame will be priority, Atkinson believes his nose for the ball will give him a chance to play for the Rams.

“When the ball's in the air, I can go up and make the play,” he said. “If it's third and long and we need a big play, I think I can do it.”

Nelson said: “He's going to get into a college dietary plan and he's going to get into some weights. They're excited about him coming and I think if he'll get in there and work hard, he's got a chance to really help them.”

The son of Bernice Atkinson of Wilson and the late Joseph Hilliard, Atkinson sports a 3.9 GPA at Fike and plans on majoring in

business at WSSU.

“Now I can focus on football in the future and start working out more,” he said. “I can focus on finishing the track season and finishing school strong academically and making everybody proud.”

FUTURE ROOMMATES

While Currie and Pearce plan to be roommates at Chowan, both indicated they independently arrived at their decisions to join the Hawks.

“Not at all. He plays offense and I play defense,” said Currie.

Indeed, Currie was a solid pass-rusher at defensive line while Pearce was the anchor of the Fike offensive line at left tackle. Both players earned Times All-Area and All-Big East honors.

While Pearce said he received interest from Winston-Salem State and Currie indicated that Saint Aug's, Shaw and N.C. Wesleyan had shown interest in him, only Chowan offered either

player and that was just fine.

“I just feel like the tradition there, the family; they're all together,” Pearce said. “I just feel like it's the best place for me because they have a good offensive line and if I go there, it'll be the best experience of my life.”

The 6-3, 287-pound Pearce said that while he didn't give up a sack this past season, he would need to improve his pass-blocking and get stronger overall as he transitions from Fike's spread offense to the spread at Chowan.

“Tremendous work ethic,” Nelson said. “When I met him the first day he came over with the eighth-graders to lift weights, I told him, ‘If you'll work hard here for four years, you'll be a college football player.’ Because you could tell he had the body frame. He was a good student coming over and he's done it. He's worked hard and gotten a lot better over four years and gotten stronger and so hopefully he's going to be able to go and contribute.”

The son of Sheila and Elijah

Forte of Wilson, Pearce, who has a 3.5 GPA, said he intends to major in graphic design.

Currie showed a proclivity for making big plays for the Demons defense in 2018. He hopes to do the same for the Hawks, who run a 4-3 formation, not that different from Fike's 4-4.

“I'll still play the outside — push down and contain the outside. It's still the same thing,” he said. “I need to work on my handwork, my footwork, get a little stronger in my core. I definitely have to work out this summer and keep myself in shape.”

Nelson said that the 6-1, 245-pound Currie, who has added weight since the season ended, has “a tremendous upside.”

“If he continues to grow and fill into his body and he goes there and works hard and makes sure he minds himself in the classroom, he has a chance to contribute,” Nelson said.

Currie, the son of Lafay Smith of Wilson, said he plans to major in sports management.

SAINT AUG'S FOR JOLLY

Jolly, a two-way player at Fike, said he will try to play either running back or wide receiver for the Falcons.

“I need to work on cuts better and get bigger and just go from there,” said the upbeat 5-10, 190-pounder who will walk on at Saint Aug's.

Jolly said that he had been in contact with Virginia State and UNC Pembroke but chose Saint Aug's, in part, because Hodge is going there.

“I know the team well,” he said. “I think it's better for me to be there with somebody I know. I just like the way they play and I think it's a good fit for me.”

Jolly was a dependable player for Fike on offense and defense and solid in the classroom with a 3.0 GPA.

“I think I should do well academically,” said the son of Quintina and Antonio Robertson of Wilson. He plans to major in sports management.

Greenfield splits vs. Christ Covenant

From staff reports

The Greenfield School baseball team won the second game 4-3 to split a doubleheader with Christ Covenant on Thursday.

Christ Covenant prevailed 11-6 in the opener.

Jacob Wiggs hurled the Knights to victory in game 2. In five innings, Wiggs allowed three hits, three runs and four walks while striking out 10.

Spearheading the offense were Justin Holland at 2 for 3 with a double, Will Powell at 1 for 2 and Cason Price at 1 for 3.

In the first game, Price batted 2 for 3 with a double for the Knights. Holland finished 2 for 3 and Kirby was 1 for 1.



Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) carries the ball against the Philadelphia Eagles during agame at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia on Dec. 31, 2017. The Dallas Cowboys have released Dez Bryant, deciding salary cap relief with the star receiver's declining production outweighs the risk of him returning to All-Pro form with another team. AP

Cowboys release Dez Bryant, look to catch salary-cap relief

By The Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Dez Bryant never lived up to the big contract he signed with the Dallas Cowboys when he was among the best receivers in the NFL.

If the franchise leader in touchdown catches is going to find his 2014 All-Pro form again, it will be with another team.

The Cowboys released Bryant on Friday, deciding salary-cap relief and declining production from one of their biggest stars outweighed the risk of him proving them wrong by becoming a Pro Bowl player again somewhere else.

And Bryant used Twitter to make it clear that he will be trying.

“If I didn't have my edge, I've got it now,” he wrote among a flurry of tweets over two days, starting the day before a meeting where owner and general manager Jerry Jones told him he was being released. “It's very personal.”

The 29-year-old Bryant signed a \$70 million, five-year deal after leading the NFL with 16 touchdowns in 2014. But he didn't have a 1,000-yard season in three years under the big contract, and just played all 16 games without a 100-yard day for the first time in his eight-year career.

Bryant was owed \$12.5 million on each of the last two years of his

deal, with a \$16.5 million salary cap hit both times. The release clears about \$8.5 million in cap space.

“This was not an easy decision,” Jones said. “It was made based upon doing what we believe is in the best interest of the Dallas Cowboys. We arrived at this crossroad collectively with input from several voices within the organization.”

Jones' statement was more fodder for Bryant, who tweeted, “Key words in this statement.. Several input.. something I already knew.”

Bryant and Jones had a unique relationship because of the trouble that surrounded the receiver early in his career. Off-field concerns were the reason the Cowboys got him; he slid to near the bottom of the first round of the 2010 draft. Dallas traded up three spots to get him.

Before the three most prolific seasons of his career, when Bryant averaged 1,312 yards and nearly 14 touchdowns per year, he got tangled in lawsuits over unpaid jewelry bills and had a baggy pants incident with police at an upscale Dallas mall.

The most serious problem was a domestic incident involving his mother in 2012, with Bryant pleading guilty and eventually having the charge dismissed when he stayed out of trouble for a year.

Former SNMP champ Head to race Saturday

By Andy Marquis
SNMP Media

Brandon Head, the 2005 Southern National Motorsports Park track champion, is heading back to the high banks for the first time since 2007 as he will compete in the Howell Racing Products Charger feature in Saturday's Whelen Spring Fling presented by Thrifty Tire Service Center.

The 40-year-old from Goldsboro was brought back to the track by fellow Goldsboro resident and former racer Jack Newsome. Newsome got in touch with Head about having him run a Charger car this weekend in hopes of getting it shaken down for his son, Dylan, to eventually compete.

"We've always been friends," Head said. "He talked to me about putting a car together and getting it dialed in for him. We've got some things in the works in the future, hopefully, on my end. Jack Newsome gave me an opportunity and I'm very



Brandon Head prepares to head on track during a practice session at Southern National Motorsports Park. Andy Marquis | SNMP Media

thankful for it." While conventional wisdom says Head should be the guy to beat with all his success and experience at Southern National, conventional wisdom does not always fit. It has been just a little over a decade since Head last competed in a full-size car at Southern National and the competition in the Charger division will be tough. "Very good talent in this division," Head explained. "My nephew, Michael O'Brien, he's on top of his

game. There are a lot of good guys and good cars. It is tough when you've been out for a long time. Things have changed so much with the track. None of it's the same. People expect you to do well because we always ran well in the past but, that was then and this is now." While it has been a long time, Head still has the same goal any other racer has — winning. "We're just looking to come out here, have fun, make laps and play the

cards dealt to us," Head continued. "It would be awesome to get a win, no doubt. But, if we run top-five, I'd be pleased. It ain't going to be easy, that's for sure."

Since his last appearance at Southern National, Head has been competing in kart racing off-and-on.

"We travel all around the Southeast," Head remarked. "I have guys running for me. My little boy started and I'm thinking about getting him a Bandolero or Legend or Mini-Cup. With my business and everything, it took me away from it for a little while and, now, it's something that doesn't ever go away. Once you do it, you love it. All the guys that have always helped me, they missed it and love it. We all got to talking and that persuaded me to come do it again and it's been fun."

Head will compete in the 35-lap Charger feature of the Whelen Spring Fling. The green flag will fly on Saturday night's races at 7.



Britt Kadowec resigned his post as the first women's lacrosse coach in Barton history, effective immediately, the school announced Friday. Barton College

Kadowec steps down as Barton women's lacrosse head coach

From staff reports

Despite a pronounced improvement over its debut season in 2017, the Barton women's lacrosse team is losing its coach. The NCAA Division II school announced Friday that Britt Kadowec resigned as head coach, effective immediately. No reason was specified for Kadowec's departure. Barton men's lacrosse coach Warren Shumate, currently in the process of building a roster for the Bulldogs' debut season in the spring of 2019, was tabbed as the interim coach for the remainder of the season.

"Barton College is appreciative of Coach Kadowec's contributions and we wish him well," said Todd Wilkinson, Barton's director of athletics, in a release from the school. "The search for a new head coach will begin immediately. I am confident that Barton College will attract highly qualified candidates."

Kadowec, who was charged with building the program when he was hired in January 2016, guided the Lady Bulldogs to a 5-7 mark so far this season, including a 3-4 record in Conference Carolinas matches. That represented a significant upgrade from Barton's 2-10 finish overall and 1-9 record in league matches in its first season in 2017. The Lady Bulldogs, who finished 10th out of 11 teams in Conference Carolinas last season, are currently tied for sixth place with Emmanuel. Limestone, which sits atop Conference Carolinas, is

ranked No. 8 nationally. Barton goalie Katherine Mattena ranks third in the league in saves with 106 while attacker Angelina Scarpa is tied for third in the conference with 21 assists. However, a recent spate of injuries has left the Lady Bulldogs with just eight available players, four fewer than a typical starting lineup. Thus, Barton was forced to cancel Saturday's scheduled match against Emmanuel at Barton Outdoor Athletic Complex.

"Student-athlete welfare comes first," said Wilkinson. "In not being able to field a team of at least 10 players, we would put our remaining healthy players at considerable risk of injury to themselves. I know our players are disappointed they will not have the opportunity to play. They have shown great resolve and strength in battling through a number of matches short-handed already this year. However, in consideration of their safety, I made the difficult decision to cancel Saturday's match."

Although it will be considered a no-contest by NCAA rules, because it is a league match, Conference Carolinas could charge Barton with a loss and give Emmanuel a win. No decision has been announced by the conference.

Barton has two more regular-season matches on the schedule, both at home. The Lady Bulldogs will host North Greenville on Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m. and face Converse on Saturday, April 21, at 2 p.m.

Busch brothers to start on front row at Bristol

By The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kyle and Kurt Busch haven't always seen eye-to-eye.

But as years have passed NASCAR's iciest sibling rivalry has thawed a little bit, at least to the point where they can joke around a little bit.

Kurt Busch did just that Friday after Kyle Busch edged him out by 0.002 seconds to take the pole for the Cup Series race Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway.

"I can walk up to him and say, 'Yeah, I let you have it' and he will giggle. He will actually laugh," Kurt Busch said.

It marks the third time the Busch brothers have started on the front row together, and the first since 2013. In all three cases, Kyle started first and Kurt second.

"He always told everybody if you think I'm good, just wait for my younger brother," joked Kyle Busch.

Kurt Busch said he messed up in turn one, which cost him a shot at a second straight Cup Series pole. "If I am going to get beat by some-

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28. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 124.938.
29. (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 124.922.
30. (51) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 124.735.
31. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 124.517.
32. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 123.978.
33. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 123.802.
34. (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 121.790.
35. (96) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 121.389.
36. (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 121.366.
37. (51) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 118.058.
38. (66) Chad Finchum, Toyota, 114.658.
39. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 0.000.

body if I don't hit a perfect lap I would rather it be my little brother," Kurt Busch said.

There was a time when the Busch brothers rarely spoke at all. But Kurt Busch said they do communicate now.

"It's better now with age," he said of their relationship. "Like wine, it gets better with time. You let it settle."

Last year the Busch finished 1-2 at Sonoma with Kyle Busch holding off his older brother. There is a chance that could happen again Sunday as they were clearly the two fastest cars in all three rounds of qualifying at the half-mile track.

"It was tough years ago for a few times, but lately I guess we have been racing each other a little better," Kyle Busch said. "Overall we just need to keep trying to make sure they are good battles and clean battles and not ugly ones."

FORDS DOMINATE

Kyle Busch had the only Toyota in the top 10. He was followed by four Fords, with Brad Keselowski, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Ryan Blaney rounding out the top five. In all seven, Fords will start in the top 10.

LeBron: Still the best all-around player in NBA

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By investing millions into maintaining his body and with a work ethic that has pushed him since childhood, James seems intent on challenging basketball's natural cycle of aging.

At 33, and on the eve of making a run at his eighth straight Finals, James is not slowing down. He remains the game's best all-around player, most dominant force. Still, the one to beat. Still, the player most capable of carrying a team to playoff victories. Still, the most likely player — sorry Messrs. Westbrook, Harden, Curry and Durant — to make a play that wins a game or a series.

"It doesn't seem like he gets old," said Philadelphia 76ers coach Brett Brown. "He just doesn't go away."

While Cleveland's season was highly irregular, James had another brilliant one.

He averaged 27.5 points — his highest total since 2010 — and established career-highs in assists (9.1), rebounds (8.6) and played the full slate of games for the first time. He led the league in total points, minutes played, surpassed 30,000 career points, recorded 18 triple-doubles and was the league's second-leading scorer in the fourth quarter (7.5 points).

The three-time champion also extended his record of scoring at least

10 points to 873 games, a mark once owned by Michael Jordan (862), the player James has spent his entire adulthood being compared to and the one he has equaled on many measures.

Jordan was not done at 33, winning three more titles. But his game aged differently. Jordan relied more on jumpers as he got older and ceded tough defensive assignments to other Bulls. James continues to take over games physically, particularly late, and he never hesitates to defend the opponents' toughest scorers. And the Bulls never counted on their general to rebound or dish out assists as the Cavs lean on James.

James has done it all amid a strange, soap-opera-like season for Cleveland, which endured injuries, illnesses, trades and tribulations from late last summer until early spring. "As the Land Turns is what I call it," said Cavs coach Tyronn Lue, who returned from an illness just last week.

Following Wednesday's regular-season finale, James stamped this as-yet-unfinished season a personal triumph.

"It's the best I've felt all season and I've got the numbers to back it up and I've got the wins to back it up as well," he said. "I've just tried to be available to my teammates every single night and do everything that I could to win

ball games. Either by scoring, by rebounding, by defending, by assisting, taking charges, whatever the case may be. Statistically it all speaks for itself."

While amassing those numbers, James has seemingly paused the aging process. Of course, it helps that he has a nutritionist, personal trainer, masseuse, cryogenic chamber and 21st century technology to keep him one step ahead of Father Time.

Cavaliers forward Kendrick Perkins, who was drafted in 2003 after James, is awed by his friend's commitment and dedication. Perkins was stunned to learn James invests upward of \$2 million per year on his body.

"It's crazy. I watch how he takes care of his body, I watch how he gets treatment around the clock," said Perkins. "But it shows and that's why he's able to do what he's been doing at this age. Everybody will be like, 'Man, 'Bron got to be doing something,' and I'm like, 'No, he actually put in the groundwork and everything you see is because he sacrificed.' It's amazing to watch."

James isn't done, not even close, and earlier this season he described re-writing the narrative that players in their early 30s have reached their prime.

"Hopefully I can break the mold, so when the next guy comes, he can still get \$200 or \$300 million and be 33 years old," he said. "I'm serious. This

is the mold I'm trying to break. It's not just about me, it's for the next crew. I want it all."

And what James wants, he usually gets.

He has meticulously worked at his craft, refining his game, adding weapons. This season, James posted a career-high in 3-pointers, and according to Basketball-Reference.com, he made a higher percentage of shots from beyond 28 feet than any player — including Stephen Curry — since 2001.

As far as Brown's concerned, James is the new standard.

"I don't see any decline athletically and then watch it, the trend that he's now shooting and making 3s, so you feel that he just keeps getting better," Brown said before James scored 44 with 11 rebounds and 11 assists against the Sixers. "The fact that he can play that many minutes, that many games, seemingly not missing a beat. He is amazing."

"In my opinion, he is the best player to have ever played our sport. And he just keeps getting better. And I say that with tremendous respect to lots of other people. That's a hell of a comment that I don't throw out recklessly. And I just feel like his body of work makes me feel very confident and comfortable saying that. He's playing arguably his best basketball."

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Frederick
Keys
11 a.m.

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Winston-Salem
Dash
7 p.m.

FRI



Winston-Salem
Dash
7 p.m.

SAT



Winston-Salem
Dash
6 p.m.

SUN



Winston-Salem
Dash
2 p.m.

• Home games in gray

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, April 14

College Baseball
Barton at Belmont Abbey (DH), 1 p.m.

College Softball
Southern Wesleyan at Barton (DH), 2 p.m.

College Men's Tennis
Southern Wesleyan at Barton, 11 a.m.

College Women's Tennis
Southern Wesleyan at Barton, 11 a.m.

College Track & Field
Barton at Phoenix Invitational, Elon University, 9:30 a.m.

High School Varsity Softball
Hunt at Greenville Rose, noon; North

Johnston at Pittsboro Northwood tournament — vs. Northern Durham, 4 p.m.; vs. Apex Friendship, 6 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Baseball
Wilson Tobs Classic, Fleming Stadium — Cleveland vs. C.B. Aycock, 10 a.m.;

Sunday, April 15

College Men's Golf
Barton at Conference Carolinas Championships, Cutter Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.

College Women's Golf
Barton at Conference Carolinas Championships, Cutter Creek Golf Club, 8 a.m.

WEEKEND TV SPORTS

Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts.

Saturday, April 14

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

MLB BASEBALL

7 p.m.— The Angels and star rookie Shohei Ohtani take on the Royals in Kansas City. (FS1)

NBA BASKETBALL

3 p.m.— The reigning champion Warriors open the playoffs against the Spurs in Oakland's Oracle Arena. (ABC)

8 p.m.— The 76ers make their first postseason appearance since 2012 as they host the Heat in their series opener in Philadelphia. (ESPN)

ALSO ON

AUTO RACING

8:30 a.m.— NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Food City 500, practice, at Bristol, Tenn. (FS1)

9:30 a.m.— NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300, qualifying, at Bristol, Tenn. (FS1)

11 a.m.— NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Food City 500, final practice, at Bristol, Tenn. (FS1)

1 p.m.— NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Fitzgerald Glider Kits 300, at Bristol, Tenn. (FS1)

4 p.m.— IMSA, WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, Bubba Burger Sports Car Grand Prix, at Long Beach, Calif. (FOX)

6:30 p.m.— IndyCar, Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.), qualifying (NBCSN)

2:05 a.m. (Sunday)— Formula One, Heineken Chinese Grand Prix, at Shanghai (ESPN2)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
2:30 p.m.— Clemson spring game, at Clemson, S.C. (ESPN)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
1 p.m.— LSU at Tennessee (ESPN2)

3 p.m.— Kentucky at Texas A&M (ESPN2)

GOLF
8 a.m.— European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, third round, at Madrid (GOLF)

1 p.m.— PGA Tour, RBC Heritage, third round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. (GOLF)

3 p.m.— PGA Tour, RBC Heritage, third round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. (CBS); Champions Tour, Mitsubishi Electric Classic, second round, at Duluth, Ga. (GOLF)

7 p.m.— PGA Tour, LOTTE Championship, final round, at Kapolei, Hawaii (GOLF)

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
6 p.m.— UFC Fight Night, prelims, at Glendale, Ariz. (FOX)

8 p.m.— UFC Fight Night, Dustin Poirier vs. Justin Gaethje, at Glendale, Ariz. (FOX)

MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.— Regional coverage, Baltimore at Boston OR N.Y. Yankees at

Sunday, April 15

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

AUTO RACING

2 p.m.— The NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series hits the short track at Bristol Motor Speedway for the Food City 500. (FOX)

MLB BASEBALL

8 p.m.— The Rangers send ageless Bartolo Colon to the mound against former Wilson Tob Justin Verlander and the World Series-champion Astros in Houston's Minute Maid Park. (ESPN)

NBA BASKETBALL

1 p.m.— The Bucks battle the Celtics in Boston's TD Garden in game 1 of this first-round playoff series. (TNT)

3:30 p.m.— The Cavaliers look for their fourth straight Eastern Conference championship as they welcome the Pacers for game 1 of this opening-round playoff series. (ABC)

ALSO ON

AUTO RACING

11:30 a.m.— FIA Formula E, CBMM Niobium E-Prix, at Rome (same-day tape) (FS1)

4:30 p.m.— IndyCar, Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.) (NBCSN)

BOWLING
1 p.m.— PBA Tour, USBC Masters, at Syracuse, N.Y. (ESPN)

BOXING
8 a.m.— Ryota Murata vs. Emanuele Felice Blandamura, for Murata's WBA "regular" middleweight title, at Yokohama, Japan (ESPN2)

COLLEGE BASEBALL
2 p.m.— Texas at Oklahoma (ESPN2)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
7 p.m.— Mississippi St. at Mississippi (ESPN2)

GOLF
8 a.m.— European PGA Tour, Open de Espana, final round, at Madrid (GOLF)

1 p.m.— PGA Tour, RBC Heritage, final round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. (GOLF)

3 p.m.— PGA Tour, RBC Heritage, final round, at Hilton Head Island, S.C. (CBS); Champions Tour, Mitsubishi Electric Classic, final round, at Duluth, Ga. (GOLF)

MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.— Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Detroit OR Baltimore at Boston (MLB)

NBA BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m.— NBA playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 1,

Utah at Oklahoma City (TNT)

9 p.m.— NBA playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 1, Minnesota at Houston (TNT)

NHL HOCKEY
3 p.m.— NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 3, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (NBC)

7 p.m.— NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 3, Winnipeg at Minnesota (USA)

7:30 p.m.— NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 2, Columbus at Washington (NBCSN)

10:30 p.m.— NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 3, Vegas at Los Angeles (NBCSN)

RUGBY
2 p.m.— English Premiership, Saracens vs. Bath (same-day tape) (NBCSN)

SOCCER
8:30 a.m.— Premier League, Newcastle United vs. Arsenal (NBCSN)

11 a.m.— Premier League, Manchester United vs. West Bromwich Albion (NBCSN)

9:30 a.m.— Bundesliga, Schalke vs. Borussia Dortmund (FS1)

Noon Bundesliga, Werder Bremen vs. Leipzig (FS2)

4 p.m.— MLS, Seattle at Sporting Kansas City (ESPN)

6 p.m.— MLS, N.Y. City FC at Atlanta United (FS1)

Standings

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	2	.833	—
Toronto	9	5	.643	2
New York	6	7	.462	4½
Baltimore	5	8	.385	5½
Tampa Bay	3	10	.231	7½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Cleveland	8	6	.571	½
Chicago	4	8	.333	3½
Detroit	4	8	.333	3½
Kansas City	3	8	.273	4

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	7	3	.786	—
Houston	9	4	.692	1½
Seattle	6	4	.600	3
Oakland	5	8	.385	5½
Texas	4	10	.286	7

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 9, Detroit 3
Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 7, Kansas City 1

Friday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, p.p.d.
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 8, Cleveland 4
Baltimore at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Texas at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Baltimore (Cobb 0-0) at Boston (Velazquez 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at Detroit (Liriano 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 0-2) at Minnesota (Lynn 0-1), 2:10 p.m.

Texas (Minor 1-1) at Houston (Morton 2-0), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Garcia 1-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 1-0), 6:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Richards 1-0) at Kansas City (Juni 2-0), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 0-2) at Seattle (Gonzales 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.

Toronto at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Texas at Houston, 8:08 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	1	.917	—
Atlanta	8	5	.615	3½
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	4
Washington	6	8	.429	6
Miami	4	9	.308	7½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	9	4	.692	—
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	2½
St. Louis	7	7	.500	2½
Cincinnati	6	7	.462	3
	2	11	.154	7

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	9	3	.750	—
Colorado	8	7	.533	2½
San Francisco	6	6	.500	3
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	4½
San Diego	4	10	.286	6

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 6, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 13, Cincinnati 4

Playoff Glance

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Wednesday, April 11
Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2

Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0, Vegas leads series 1-0

Thursday, April 12
Boston 5, Toronto 1, Boston leads series 1-0

Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2, Tampa Bay leads series 1-0

Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT, Columbus leads series 1-0

Nashville 5, Colorado 2, Nashville leads series 1-0

San Jose 3, Anaheim 0, San Jose leads series 1-0

Friday, April 13
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1, series tied 1-1

Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1, Winnipeg leads series 2-0

Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.

MLS Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York City FC	5	0	1	16	14	4
Atlanta United FC	4	1	0	12	13	6
New England	3	1	1	10	10	5
Columbus	3	2	1	10	9	6
Orlando City	3	2	1	10	11	10
New York	3	2	0	6	10	5
Montreal	2	3	0	6	5	9
Philadelphia	1	2	2	5	3	6
Chicago	1	2	1	4	7	8
Toronto FC	1	2	0	3	3	4
D.C. United	0	3	2	2	5	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting KC	4	1	1	13	12	9
Vancouver	3	2	1	10	8	9
L.A. Galaxy	2	2	1	7	7	8
Real Salt Lake	2	3	1	7	6	14
Los Angeles FC	2	2	0	6	9	10
Minnesota United	2	3	0	6	6	9
FC Dallas	1	0	3	6	6	3
Colorado	1	1	2	5	7	5
Houston	1	2	1	4	7	6
San Jose	1	2	1	4	7	8
Portland	0	3	2	2	6	12
Seattle	0	3	0	0	0	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday, April 11
New York City FC 4, Real Salt Lake 0

MLB

Colorado 5, Washington 1
San Francisco 7, San Diego 0

Friday's Games
Atlanta 4, Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 2, Washington 1
Miami 7, Pittsburgh 2
N.Y. Mets 6, Milwaukee 5
Philadelphia 2, Tampa Bay 1
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Colorado (Gray 1-2) at Washington (Scherzer 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mikolas 1-0) at Cincinnati (Finneson 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Newcomb 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 1-1), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Archer 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 2-0) at Miami (Richards 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Holland 0-2) at San Diego (Richard 1-1), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Milwaukee at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Miami, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 1:10 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.

Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Mauer, Minnesota, .412; Cano, Seattle, .406; Betts, Boston, .370; Bogaerts, Boston, .368; Ramirez, Boston, .357; Simmons, Los Angeles, .356; Altuve, Houston, .353; Chapman, Oakland, .347; Judge, New York, .347; Moustakas, Kansas City, .341.
RUNS—Betts, Boston, 14; Trout, Los Angeles, 14; Gardner, New York, 13; Simmons, Los Angeles, 13; Dozier, Minnesota, 12; Judge, New York, 12; Chapman, Oakland, 11; Gregorius, New York, 11; Upton, Los Angeles, 11; 7 tied at 10.

RBI—Gregorius, New York, 12; Ramirez, Boston, 12; Chapman, Oakland, 11; Lowrie, Oakland, 11; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 11; Trout, Los Angeles, 11; 9 tied at 10.
HITS—Simmons, Los Angeles, 21; Altuve, Houston, 18; Lowrie, Oakland, 18; Andrus, Texas, 17; Betts, Boston, 17; Chapman, Oakland, 17; Judge, New York, 17; MMachado, Baltimore, 17; Pujols, Los Angeles, 17; Upton, Los Angeles, 16.

DOUBLES—Bogaerts, Boston, 7; DMachado, Detroit, 7; Betts, Boston, 6; Gregorius, New York, 6; Beltre, Texas, 5; Escobar, Minnesota, 5; Nunez, Boston, 5; Smoak, Toronto, 5; 10 tied at 4.

TRIPLES—Castellanos, Detroit, 2; Cozart, Los Angeles, 2; Fisher, Houston, 2; Sanchez, Chicago, 2; 21 tied at 1.

HOME RUNS—Davidson, Chicago, 5; Trout, Los Angeles, 5; Chapman, Oakland, 4; Dozier, Minnesota, 4; 21 tied at 3.

STOLEN BASES—Anderson, Chicago, 6; Gordon, Seattle, 5; Buxton, Minnesota, 4; Davis, Cleveland, 3; Gentry, Los Angeles, 3; Goodrum, Detroit, 3; Lindor, Cleveland, 3; Pillar, Toronto, 3; Ramirez, Boston, 3; 12 tied at 2.
PITCHING—Carrasco, Cleveland, 3-0; Porcello, Boston, 3-0; 13 tied at 2.
ERA—Chirinos, Tampa Bay, 0.00; Junis, Kansas City, 0.00; Cole, Houston, 0.64; Loez, Chicago, 0.69; Kennedy, Kansas City, 1.00; Sale, Boston, 1.06; Bundy, Baltimore, 1.35; Boyd, Detroit, 1.39; Verlander, Houston, 1.45; Kluber, Cleveland, 1.57.

STRIKEOUTS—Kluber, Cleveland, 27; Bundy, Baltimore, 25; Berrios, Minnesota, 24; Hamels, Texas, 23; Happ, Toronto, 23; McCullers, Houston, 23;

Saturday, April 14
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 15

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Monday, April 16
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
Washington at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Sum
FLYERS 5, PENGUINS 1
Philadelphia 1 1 3-5
Pittsburgh 0 0 1-1

First Period-1, Philadelphia, Gostisbehere 1 (Giroux, Couturier), 19:23 (pp).

Second Period-2, Philadelphia, Couturier 1 (Provorov, Raffi), 0:47.

Third Period-3, Philadelphia, Konecny 1 (Provorov, Simmonds), 1:29, 4, Philadelphia, Patrick 1 (Couturier, Voracek), 5:10 (pp), 5, Pittsburgh, Horvath 1 (Schultz, Dumoulin), 5:27, 6, Philadelphia, MacDonald 1 (Lehtera), 19:44.

Shots on Goal-Philadelphia 6-7-7-20. Pittsburgh 11-12-12-35.

Power-play opportunities-Philadelphia 2 of 3; Pittsburgh 0 of 4.

Goalies-Philadelphia, Elliott 0-1 (35 shots-34 saves). Pittsburgh, Murray 1-0 (19-15).

T-2:35.

Referees-Wes McCauley, Tim Peel. Linesmen-Greg Devorski, Derek Nansen.

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NJ: Scores 13 in fourth

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head coach Brian Ford said. “We’re about the next game. Because we know in this conference, we know any team on any night can be beat.”

North Johnston quickly put any notions of being defeated to rest. Senior Trey Whitley led off, taking a 1-1 pitch from Beddingfield starter Austin Slate over the fence in left center for the game’s first run.

As part of a six-run second inning, Whitley strolled to the plate and stroked a two-run single up the middle, giving the Panthers a 5-0 cushion. Previously in the inning, junior Tucker Batten laced an RBI single and sophomore Ty Narron worked a bases-loaded walk.

Yet Whitley would be lifted after trying to score on an error in the second inning. Sophomore left-hander Dylan Pitts, the winning pitcher, dropped down a bunt that was misplayed by the Bruins. Narron scored on the play, but when Whitley tried to join him, he left his feet to dive headfirst against Beddingfield catcher Rio Montes.

Whitley was out on the play, promptly spelling the end of his day after three RBIs in first two at-bats. He could later be seen ap-



North Johnston courtesy runner Austin Lee (4) slides before he is tagged out by Beddingfield third baseman Ty Johnson (14) on a throw from centerfielder Mann Farmer in the fourth inning of Friday's game at Beddingfield. The Panthers won 21-1. Jimmy Lewis | Times

plying ice to his right leg in the dugout.

“Going to the plate, I saw (Montes’) legs open,” Whitley said. “My idea, before I slid, I was going to slide between his legs. Then as soon I as hit the ground, he dropped his knee, and I was just trying to get there the best I could.”

Beddingfield scratched its lone run in the third. Junior Mann Farmer singled home Slate, who reached on a two-out single and reached second on a failed pickoff attempt.

But matters completely imploded on Beddingfield in the fourth inning with North Johnston already leading 7-1. With North Johnston sending 19 men to the plate, the Panthers used eight hits and three Beddingfield errors to produce 13 runs. Eight

North Johnston runs scored with two men out. Sophomore Nathan Woodard doubled off the fence in left center as part of the spree.

“After that, it just seemed like we couldn’t stop the bleeding,” Beddingfield head coach Noah Edens said. “Murphy’s Law kind of kicked in. If it could go wrong, it did. A lot of balls were just out of our reach, and not a whole lot you can do about it. That’s why it’s so important to make the plays when you get a chance to make them.”

Score by innings:
North Johnston 160 (13) — 21
Beddingfield 001 00 — 1
WP-Dylan Pitts (1-1) 5 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 5 SO LP-Austin Slate 3 ⅓ IP, 11 H, 12 R, 12 ER, 6 BB, 1 SO.
LEADING HITTERS — North Johnston: Chastin Bailey 2-2, Trey Whitley 2-2, HR, 3 RBI, Jamison Clifton 2-2, RBI, Brandon Barnes 2-4, Nathan Woodard 2-3, 2B, 2 RBI, Ty Narron 2-3, 4 RBI; Beddingfield: Mann Farmer 1-3, RBI, Austin Slate 1-2, Tyler Godwin 1-3, Rio Montes 1-2.

NJ: Scores 13 runs in first 2 innings

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The mercy rule was mercifully enforced after four innings.

Lady Panthers pitchers Amberlynn Pearce, the winner, and Taylor Jones limited Beddingfield to one base runner. Alexis Hayes singled with one out in the third inning against Jones.

“We are fortunate that we’ve got kids that can hit the ball,” commented Batten. “And we are deeper, a little more mature and older this season. By the end of the season, I will be calling this best hitting team I’ve coached.”

Batten insisted being state-ranked No. 1 is a non-issue.

“I’m sure the girls probably talk about it privately,” he admitted, “but we don’t talk about it at practice (or during games). It hasn’t been mentioned yet.”

Third baseman Lindsey Massengill batted 3 for 3 with two runs batted in and three runs scored. First baseman Lexi Godwin doubled each of her first two at-bats and wound up 3 for 4 with three runs scored.

Senior catcher Jada Santiago and second baseman Hannah Wall each collected two hits and drove in four runs. Wall laced two-run singles in each of the first two innings. Santiago singled in two runs in the second and doubled in a pair in the third.

Shortstop Blayke Bat-



North Johnston's Amberlynn Pearce stands up after sliding safely into second base with a leadoff double as Beddingfield second baseman Anna Gardner catches the throw from the outfield during the third inning of Friday's game at Beddingfield. Sheldon Vick | Special to the Times

ten launched the six-run spree in the fourth with a solo home run, a line smash over the left-field fence. The Lady Panthers slammed five doubles.

“We actually came in trying a little too hard,” Batten declared. “The first two innings, we were undisciplined at the plate. But once we scored a couple of runs, we settled down and quit trying too hard.”

Starting Beddingfield pitcher Hale lasted just 1 ½ innings. North Johnston slugged five homers in the first game and Hale struggled in attempting to be too fine with her pitches. Seven hits and six walked resulted in nine runs. Wild pitches were frequent.

“We were nervous and getting behind every hitter,” Howard noted. “And

when you give up six walks, they have girls that can come up and drive them in. They hit it everywhere we were not and prey on your weaknesses. They are a great hitting team.”

Howard offered advice to his Lady Bruins during the post-game meeting.

“I told them to find a mental trash can — the biggest one you can get,” Beddingfield’s head coach revealed, “and throw this game in there.

“It’s a loss and it’s a bad loss — but it’s just one.”

Score by innings:
North Johnston 491 6 — 20
Beddingfield 000 0 — 9
WP-Amberlynn Pearce (10-0) 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 3 SO, LP-Brianna Hale (10-2) 1 ½ IP, 7 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 6 BB, 1 SO.
LEADING HITTERS — North Johnston: Lindsey Massengill 3-3, 4 R, 2 RBI, 2B; Jada Santiago 2-2, 4 RBI, 2 R, 2B; Lexi Godwin 3-4, 2 2B, 3 R; Hannah Wall 2-4, 4 RBI; Blayke Batten 1-3, HR, 3 R, 2 RBI.

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FELONY ARRESTS

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Larry Joseph Carter
Sex: Male
Age: 54
Charge: Possession of five or more counterfeit instruments and obtaining property by false pretenses
Arrested at: 600 block of Pender Street SE
Date: April 11



Calvin Da'Von Eason
Sex: Male
Age: 16
Charge: Larceny of a motor vehicle
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 11



Brandon Ray Taylor
Sex: Male
Age: 32
Charge: Selling or delivering cocaine
Arrested at: 100 block of Goldsboro Street E.
Date: April 11



Elijah Eric Watts
Sex: Male
Age: 26
Charge: Three counts of uttering a forged instrument, three counts of obtaining property by false pretense and one count of attempting to obtain property by false pretense
Arrested at: 800 block of Vance Street E.
Date: April 11



Kenneth Ray Barnes
Sex: Male
Age: 48
Charge: Two counts of trafficking in cocaine
Arrested at: 2500 block of Airport Boulevard
Date: April 10



Malcom Speight
Sex: Male
Age: 22
Charge: Failure to appear on felony
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 10



Paula Denise Bush
Sex: Female
Age: 45
Charge: Habitual misdemeanor larceny (shoplifting)
Arrested at: 3400 block of Raleigh Road Parkway W.
Date: April 9



Juan Chavez
Sex: Male
Age: 49
Charge: Taking indecent liberties with a child and statutory sexual offense
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 7



Crystal Marie Ruffin
Sex: Female
Age: 32
Charge: Larceny by deactivating anti-theft or inventory control device
Arrested at: 3700 block of Nealshire Drive NW
Date: April 6



Tyler Morgan Winstead
Sex: Male
Age: 21
Charge: Selling heroin and selling cocaine
Arrested at: 100 block of Nash Street E.
Date: April 6



Dwayne Markell Hardy
Sex: Male
Age: 30
Charge: Possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver marijuana and maintaining a place for a controlled substance
Arrested at: 800 block of Star-mountain Circle W.
Date: April 6



Brandon Ray Williams
Sex: Male
Age: 32
Charge: Larceny of a motor vehicle and felonious restraint
Arrested at: 6400 block of Ward Boulevard
Date: April 5



Justice Shammish Harris
Sex: Male
Age: 22
Charge: Assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury
Arrested at: 400 block of Lane Street SE/Rountree Avenue SE
Date: April 5

PHOTOS NOT AVAILABLE



Ashley Nicole Harrell
Sex: Female
Age: 29
Charge: Two counts of breaking or entering
Arrested at: 7400 block of Oscar Loop, Lucama
Date: April 5

Donnie Ray Barnes
Sex: Male
Age: 54
Charge: Larceny after breaking or entering, larceny of a firearm and two counts of conspiracy to commit breaking or entering and larceny
Arrested at: 6700 block of Main Street, Saratoga
Date: April 10

Christopher Brian Taylor
Sex: Male
Age: 35
Charge: Aiding and abetting armed robbery
Arrested at: Location not provided
Date: April 9

Jennifer Dale Coggins
Sex: Female
Age: 37
Charge: Breaking or entering, larceny after breaking or entering and larceny of a firearm
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 9

Patrick Highsmith
Sex: Male
Age: 33
Charge: Breaking or entering
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 8

Lamont Dangelo Speight
Sex: Male
Age: 44
Charge: Habitual felon
Arrested at: 7100 block of U.S. 264 Alternate E., Saratoga
Date: April 6

Shamik Neatea Johnson
Sex: Female
Age: 32
Charge: Fugitive warrant
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 6

Anthony Atkinson
Sex: Male
Age: 18
Charge: Assault inflicting serious injury
Arrested at: 100 block of Green Street E.
Date: April 6

911: Man kills daughter who was also his wife after breakup

The Associated Press

NEW MILFORD, Conn. — A man killed his wife — who was also his daughter — and their 7-month-old son before taking his own life after the woman broke up with him, according to a 911 call.

Steven Pladl’s mother called police in North Carolina to say she’d had a disturbing call from her son and to ask officers to check on the well-being of her infant grandson.

The mother told police Pladl said he’d killed his baby in Knightdale, North Carolina, as well as his 20-year-old daughter and her adoptive father, who were shot in Connecticut. Pladl’s mother said he was upset because the woman had broken up with him. The slain infant had been born of the relationship between Steven Pladl and his daughter, Katie.

“I can’t even believe this is happening,” said Steven Pladl’s mother, whose name was redacted from the recording of the 911

call released by police in Cary, North Carolina.

The woman asked police to check on her grandson, Bennett Pladl. She said Steven Pladl had told her that he left a key under the front mat.

“He told me to call the police, that I shouldn’t go over there,” she said.

Police found the baby dead, alone in the house. Authorities have not said how he was killed. “We’re trying to make sense of all the factors that led up to this senseless taking of life,” Knightdale Police Chief Lawrence Capps said.

The 911 call came shortly after witnesses in rural western Connecticut reported hearing what sounded like semi-automatic gunfire Thursday morning. Inside a pickup truck with the window shot out police found the bodies of Katie Pladl and her adoptive father, Anthony Fusco, 56.

Pladl had contacted his daughter’s adoptive family in Wingdale, New York, on Wednesday night

and said he would be coming to see them, according to Shawn Boyne, chief of police in New Milford, Connecticut. Katie Pladl and Fusco were shot as they were out running errands.

Police said Steven Pladl was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in a minivan across the state line in Dover, New York.

Steven Pladl and Katie Pladl had been arrested on incest charges out of Henrico County, Virginia, in January.

Since the arrests, their son had been in the custody of Steven Pladl’s mother. Knightdale police said the boy was last seen alive by his grandmother on Wednesday night, when Steven Pladl asked to take the child home to Knightdale, telling his mother he planned to speak with his daughter via Skype.

Steven Pladl told his wife last year that he had impregnated their daughter and planned to marry her after obtaining a di-



Police work at the scene where a man and a woman were found slain in a pickup truck near the intersection of Routes 55 and 7, Thursday morning in Gaylordsville, Conn.
Carol Kaliff | Hearst Connecticut Media via AP

voice, according to the Richmond Times-Dispatch . As a child Katie Pladl had been adopted by a family out of state but after turning 18 she reached out to her birth parents through social media and began living with the family.

Attorney Rick Friedman, who had been representing Steven Pladl in the felony incest case, said he had breakfast with Pladl only a month ago and had no indication such violence was possible.

“This really bothers me a lot

because nobody ever could have predicted this. If anybody had a remote idea anybody was in harm’s way there would have been no bond set,” he said. “There was just absolutely no prior notice anything would happen to these people.”

As part of the bond requirements, Friedman said, the father and daughter were not supposed to communicate with one another. He said Katie Pladl had been living in New York with her adoptive parents.

4th teen arrested in NC robbery shooting death

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — A fourth teen has been charged with murder in a robbery shooting death in North Carolina’s largest city.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said in a news release

Sunday that a 16-year-old female turned herself in to officers. She also is charged with armed robbery.

Police say 36-year-old Maria Echeverria de Gomez was shot in a robbery at an apartment complex April 3. Police say she was heading to work when the robbery occurred.

A 15-year-old was arrested April 5 and charged with murder and armed robbery.

Nineteen-year-old Antonio Shine and a 17-year-old were arrested the day after the shooting and were charged with murder and armed robbery.

Schools

SCHOOL MENU

Wilson County

MONDAY
Breakfast: Sweet potato swirl, fruit juice, applesauce cup and milk
Lunch: Beefaroni with garlic bread stick or pork chop sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit and milk

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Cinni mini, fruit juice, peach cup and milk
Lunch: Pepperoni or cheese pizza or spaghetti with meatballs and bread stick, corn, garden salad, peaches and milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Nutrigrain bar, yogurt, fruit juice, apricot cup and milk
Lunch: Chicken nuggets with roll or stuffed cheese sticks, broccoli with cheese, baked beans, blueberries with cream and milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Goody bun, fruit juice, strawberry cup and milk
Lunch: Popcorn chicken with roll or taco with chips, green peas, wango mango vegetable juice, pears and milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Strawberry Pop-Tarts, fruit juice, peach cup and milk
Lunch: Cheeseburger or rotisserie chicken with roll, potato smiles, baby carrots, strawberries with cream and milk

Nash-Rocky Mount

MONDAY
Breakfast: Sausage croissant and applesauce
Lunch: Pizza sticks with dipping sauce or Salisbury steak with gravy and creamed potatoes, collard greens, corn, peaches, baked cookie

TUESDAY
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza and peaches
Lunch: Chicken nuggets with garlic bread stick or bacon cheeseburger, green peas, creamed potatoes and mixed fruit

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Mini pancakes and fresh fruit
Lunch: Hot dog or steak sandwich, potato smiles, carrot cup, tomato cup and rosey pears

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Chicken biscuit and rosey pears
Lunch: Fiesta taco with scoops or chicken fillet sandwich, salsa cup, green beans, Mexi-blend and strawberries

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll and fresh fruit
Lunch: Mandarin chicken with rice and roll or cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, steamed broccoli and cinnamon apples

Johnston County

MONDAY
Breakfast: Eggstravaganza with toast
Lunch: Chicken Parmesan sandwich or cheese pizza, broccoli salad, mini baked potatoes and sliced peaches

TUESDAY
Breakfast: French toast parfait
Lunch: Cheese lasagna with bread stick or mandarin orange chicken with rice, Cali veggie blend, green beans with sweet peppers and strawberry cup

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast: Chicken biscuit
Lunch: Bacon ranch salad or teriyaki beef dippers with roll, carrot souffle, spinach salad and fresh fruit

THURSDAY
Breakfast: Cheesy grits with sausage
Lunch: Cheesy baked potato or chicken nuggets, Rice Krispies treat, glazed sweet potatoes, breaded okra and birthday fruit freeze

FRIDAY
Breakfast: Pop-Tarts
Lunch: Breakfast bowl or pancakes with sausage, gold rush juice, wedge fries and cinnamon baked apples

Students explore Spanish immersion

Fike IB students visit Elm City Elementary

By Abigail Rogers
Special to the Times

The seniors from Fike High School’s International Baccalaureate program recently had the opportunity to visit the Spanish immersion program classes at Elm City Elementary.

For the 10 IB students who have studied Spanish their entire high school career, it was like looking in a mirror — with a couple of big differences.

The content and teaching style were very similar to their own IB Spanish class. But there was a nearly 10-year age gap between them and most of the 116 students in the Elm City program, and, more importantly, many of the Spanish immersion students are fluent in Spanish.

“The ease that the children speak Spanish is really remarkable,” said Ana Rosa Rivera, a senior in the IB program. Many of her classmates shared the same sentiment.

The fluency of the elementary school students is due to the structure of their classes. They are taught from the first day entirely in Spanish for every subject, and the teachers do not speak English in the classes. Much of the Spanish spoken by the teacher in the earlier grades is accompanied by visual clues, hand signals and pictures located throughout the classroom.

Learning math, English and science in their second tongue trains the students’ brains to pay more attention and think more critically because they have to pay more attention and learn to think analytically about the information they are learning.

Another IB senior, Danielle Trossman, said she was impressed with the children’s level of Spanish, and their ability to use the language in all subjects, including math.

“It is obvious these students will be successful in the future because they are already able to think critically in two different languages,” Danielle said.

According to the University of Minnesota’s Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition, language immersion



Seniors Abbey Rogers, Darian Battle and Abby Hodges talk with the first-graders in Spanish. Contributed Photo

programs increase a child’s ability to learn both their native and non-native languages by breaking down the phonetic sounds. The ability to break down the phonetics of a language increases a child’s reading ability and vocabulary.

Eduardo Basaez, the immersion program’s first-grade teacher, said the full immersion aspect of the program enhances the children’s reading comprehension skills because they have to pay more attention to the words.

The program overall creates students who are not only fluent in Spanish but whose skills in other subjects are likely enhanced as well. This is expressed throughout the curriculum of all the grade levels at the immersion program. For example, the fourth-grade class was discussing the similarities and differences between Martin Luther

King Jr. and Mozart when the IB students were there. The depth and breadth of their knowledge and the ability to express it were impressive.

After observing the Spanish immersion program, Thomas Haitema, the IB Spanish teacher at Fike High School, said “the Spanish immersion program is the jewel in the crown of Wilson County Schools. The impetus to implement the program and sustain it up to now shows the forward thinking of the board of education. The level of engagement that the children show and their cognitive gains indicate that the program is a resounding success.”

The Wilson Board of Education is currently studying the program and looking at Spanish immersion programs in other school districts. Right now, the program is offered in kindergarten

through fourth grade. Among the issues that the board is looking at are whether to expand the program to the middle school level, what the costs of the program are and whether there are fundraising or grant opportunities to continue the program. The board hopes to have a decision on the future direction of the program soon.

As the senior IB students left Elm City they wished they had a time machine and could go back to elementary school and participate in a program like the one they had just visited.

IB senior Ken Lin summed up their experience well: “I wish the program had been offered when I was in elementary school.

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KEN LIN, IB senior after visit to Spanish immersion program at Elm City Elementary

'Teachers inspired me to teach'

Kendra Faulkner, information technology instructor at Wilson Community College, is featured in this week’s Why I Teach.

“All of my former teachers inspired me to teach. I saw their passion for teaching, learning and inspiring students to better themselves and change their situations.”

EDUCATION: Associate in Applied Science, Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science, Computer Network Professional Graduate Certificate (Louisburg College, N.C. Wesleyan College, Nova Southeastern University, East Carolina University); industry IT certifications (CompTIA A+ and Network+, Palo Alto Cybersecurity Essentials and Cisco Certified Network Associate)

WHAT DO YOU TEACH? Information technology; Cisco Networking Academy

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? 20 years

DO YOU HAVE A SUCCESS STORY TO SHARE? Several of my most successful students were from backgrounds and had experiences entirely different from information technology — including banking, sales, plumbing and trucking. These students blended their natural curiosity for technology and desire for change with a strong work ethic and positive attitude to begin new careers in information technology. The community college system worked for them!



Kendra Faulkner teaches information technology at Wilson Community College. Contributed Photo

Laughter and Lunch fundraiser for WEP is noon Wednesday

From staff reports

The Wilson Education Partnership will hold the inaugural “Laughter and Lunch” fundraiser on Wednesday from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Wilson Country Club. According to WEP executive director Robin Williams, the event is to bring peo-

ple together to share awareness about what WEP does. Wilson native Vernon Mason will be the featured speaker. “He speaks all over the country. He owns several day cares, and he has written a book. He just has a lot of life experi-

ences and a lot of stories from Wilson, how he has overcome losing a business, things that he learned growing up from his parents, work ethic, how millennials think,” Williams said. “We are going to laugh and give out door prizes,” Williams said. Tickets are \$35 and that include lunch.

The proceeds will go to support WEP teacher and student programs in the schools. Tickets can be purchased at Blissful Boutique and The Nook. For more information, call 252-281-6931 or email rwilliam@wilsonpartnership.com.

Circle K raising funds for Fike and Toisnot schools

From staff reports

The Circle K gas station on Ward Boulevard is donating a portion of proceeds from specially marked gas pumps to Toisnot Middle School and Fike High School. Circle K’s “Fueling Our Schools” 2018 fundraising campaign kicks off Thursday, when the company will donate 10 cents per gallon from marked gas pumps at the 2877 Ward Blvd. location to Toisnot and Fike. The campaign will continue after the kickoff day with 1 cent per gallon

from the special pumps donated to the schools daily. Each participating school can receive up to \$2,000 from the year-round program. Circle K customers have raised nearly \$900,000 for local schools so far, and more than 350 schools — including Fike and Beddingfield — participated in the 2017 campaign. “Circle K is passionate about giving back to the neighborhoods where we work and live,” Jeff Burrell, vice president of global fuels, said in a news release. “Through this unique fundraising

program, we are helping to address critical needs and enabling educators to make a difference in the classroom and beyond.” The Wilson location is one of 16 participating Circle K stores in the greater Raleigh-Fayetteville area, Stores at 2007 Wayne Memorial Drive and 1818 N. Berkeley Blvd. in Goldsboro are also taking part to benefit high schools in Wayne County. Circle K has nearly 9,500 stores throughout North America and is owned by Canadian-based Couche-Tard.

Home economics, industrial arts classes a good start



SANDRA BAUCOM HIGHT

When my generation attended junior high school during the '50s and '60s, girls were required to take eighth-grade home economics, and boys received training in industrial arts. These courses provided valuable, real-life education that students took with them into adulthood.

Designating home economics and industrial arts as required courses was a wise decision by curriculum planners during those days. Time in those classes was well spent and helped us prepare for the future. Lessons that my classmates and I learned in home economics class are still with us. We learned how to organize a kitchen and to recognize and use kitchen equipment that was in vogue at that time. We also practiced proper handling and storage of food and how to keep a kitchen clean and orderly, skills that are still important in modern times. Our home economics teacher would not tolerate sloppiness or carelessness in our classroom kitchen. She constantly drilled us on techniques and skills that made a kitchen a safe, clean and pleasant place to provide for a family's needs. Those lessons in nutrition, menu planning and economy in stocking a kitchen ran deeply into our lives. Let us not forget what we learned about setting and sticking to a household budget and putting aside funds for emergencies in the home. And setting a proper table — our teacher would accept nothing short of perfection. Our classroom kitchen used no paper or plastic serving utensils or dishes; we set our table with china, crystal, silverware, cloth table coverings and table napkins that we had properly washed and ironed. We set a table that would have made Amy Vanderbilt proud. There was no guesswork as to where to place a dinner fork, salad fork, spoon or knife. And, yes, we placed a lovely centerpiece on each table in our classroom kitchen. I am confident that most of the students in those classes still follow the rules for setting a proper table, at least on special occasions. How proud we students were near the end of the year when we planned our first meal, did the prep, cooked, served and sat around the table to eat and have pleasant conversation. We also learned that there were some things that should never be mentioned at the table, that conversation should be pleasant and that all people seated at

the meal should be drawn into conversation, one of the responsibilities of the hostess or host. We also learned how to clean a house and how spring cleaning is different from regular housecleaning and how to divide labor among family members, activities that many people today do not take seriously. Although some of us girls learned to sew at home, others learned in home economics class. We learned how to operate a sewing machine, pick out a pattern, select materials and notions, cut the pattern out and follow instructions to make a stylish, straight skirt. I was so proud of the perfect zipper and hem that I wore my classic, navy straight skirt to school and church until I outgrew it. Our dear teacher, Sue Stott, died last year, yet her dignity and lessons in home economics are still alive in our memory. Young men learned enough in their industrial arts classes to allow them to make many of their own home repairs and to complete simple home construction projects. They learned to identify and use a wide variety of shop tools, select the right wood for specific building projects, follow patterns and blueprints, practice shop safety and many other shop skills. Many students learned enough to be able to build a deck, a fence or even wooden toys for their children and grandchildren. They also learned what to do in the event of an accident, emergency or breakdown in the shop or at home. I know of some people who learned so much from Marshall Carr and other teachers that they made a career of wood-working or some other skill that they learned first in the industrial arts class. The required home economics and industrial arts classes served us well, just as elective classes such as auto tech, electronics, horticulture, animal science, culinary arts and outdoor construction classes do today. All of these real-world classes do their part to contribute to well-rounded education. When I spring clean or prepare for a dinner party, when my husband builds an arbor for the backyard or a pencil-post bed for our home, we remember that we learned these things in school. And when I make fruit preserves or my husband turns a fine post on a lathe, we both thank our junior high school teachers for their instruction and for their part in giving us a good start. Those classes were pure pleasure.

Sandra Baucom Hight is retired from Wilson County Schools after serving as an English teacher and is currently a substitute teacher in Wilson County. Her column focuses on the charms of home, school and country life.



Proceeds benefit Camp Sunshine: The Arc of Wilson County's five-week summer camp for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

Fike High School Gymnasium | Wilson, NC

Tasting Event 6:00-7:30 pm
Silent Auction 6:00-8:00 pm
Silent Auction and Top Taste voting will be held in the cafeteria from 6:00-8:00

Advance tickets on sale now at: Bill's Grill (both locations), Cupcake Dreams, and
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CHURCH NEWS

Abundant Life

Abundant Life Church Ministries will have a musical program at 5 p.m. Sunday.

St. Rose — Sims

St. Rose Holy Church will have a women's fellowship at 12:30

Saturday.

Restorative

Restorative Christian Ministries will have Sunday school 9:30 a.m. and morning worship 10:30 with the Rev. Rita Batts as speaker. Mid-week Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church will have Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11 and evening Bible study at 6. Mid-week Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Union Grove

Union Grove Church will have revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday with the following speakers: Wednesday, the Rev. Dexter Sutton of St. Matthew Church of Christ in Zebulon; Thursday, the Rev. James Lucas of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Fremont; and Friday, Henry Cox of Three Tabernacle Holiness Church in Kenly.

Shekinah

Shekinah Glory Church will have corporate prayer at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and morning worship at 11.

Unitarian — Rocky Mount

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will have service at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Faith Temple

Faith Temple United Holy Church will have Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 with speaker the Rev. Ernestine McGee and music by the gospel choir. Sunday afternoon at 4, there will be a deacon ordination service for Walter Blackwell and Linda Best with the Rev. Ralph Love Jr. rendering the service. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7.

Aeon Missionary Baptist

Aeon Missionary Baptist Church in Town Creek will hold an adult Bible study Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Ken Cobb as speaker.

Mount Zion

Mount Zion Progressive Primitive Baptist Church spring revival is Wednesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. E. Ray Bynum from Jackson Chapel First Missionary Baptist Church will be guest minister. Wednesday night the mother board will be in charge, Thursday night the choirs with St. Paul Black Creek male chorus, and Friday night deacons and trustees will be in charge. Bynum along with his choirs, ushers and church family will render the service on Friday night.

St. Mary — Bailey

St. Mary Church of Christ will celebrate Pastor Laura Williams' sixth pastoral anniversary Sunday at 11 a.m. with guest preacher Cynthia Crumel of Flat Rock Church of Christ in Sims and at 4 p.m. with guest preacher C.L. Aycock and St. Paul Church.

St. Rose — Sims

St. Rose Holy Church will have service at 8:30 a.m. with the Rev. Otis Finch as speaker and music by the ladies' chorus. Mid-week Bible study is Wednesday

at 7 p.m.

Life in the Word

Life in the Word Ministry will be have service on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. with speaker the Rev. George Atkinson.

St. Paul

St. Paul Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ will have Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 with the Rev. Chester L. Aycock as speaker. Music will be provided by the male chorus. Bible study is noon on Tuesday.

Feel Free

Feel Free Church Ministries will have Sunday School at 9 a.m. and worship at 10 with the Rev. Anthony Cox as the speaker. Bible study is Tuesday at 7 p.m.

St. John

St. John AME Zion Church will have church school at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10 with music by Men of St. John. **Walking by Faith** Walking by Faith Not By Sight will have Sunday morning service at 11 with speaker Mildred Batts.

City of Refuge

City of Refuge will have prayer Sunday at 9 a.m., morning manna at 10 and morning worship at 11 with the Rev. Ricky Locus as speaker.

Patterson Chapel

Patterson Chapel Holiness Church will have Sunday school at 10 a.m. and service at 11 with speaker the Rev. Julius Hunter and music by the Gospel Choir.

Greater Zion

Greater Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church will have Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., praise and worship at 10:45 a.m. and morning service at 11.

St. James — Fremont

The St. James Church of Christ male chorus will be celebrate its 35th anniversary Sunday at 5 p.m. Guest choirs and groups have been invited to sing on the program.

Christ Anointed — Spring Hope

Christ Anointed Church will have Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. **Salisbury Church** Salisbury Church will have Sunday school at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11. Choir anniversary is at 4 p.m.

Rountree

Rountree Missionary Baptist Church will have Sunday school at 8 a.m. and morning worship at 9 with the Rev. Norvell Cooper as speaker. Bible study is each Tuesday at 6:45.

Genesis

Genesis Church Ministries will have Sunday School at 9:30

a.m. and worship at 10:30 with speaker the Rev. Angela Battle. Bible study is Wednesday at 7 p.m.

White Oak

White Oak Pentecostal Holiness Church will have a special service Sunday at 4 p.m. with guest Eric Barnes and the St. James male chorus.

Wilson Chapel

Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will have early morning service at 7:45, Sunday school at 9:30 and morning worship at 10:45. Scholarship service is at 5 p.m. with speaker Willie Thomas and Brown Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Week-day services include Monday noonday Bible study, Wednesday noonday prayer and Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

Damascus Road

Damascus Road Church Ministries will have Sunday school at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10 with the Rev. Ada R. Harris.

Willing Worker

Willing Worker Holiness Church will have Joy Night Saturday at 6 with speaker Ronnie Lewis of St. James in Stantonsburg. Sunday at 11 a.m. is pastoral day service with speaker Nathaniel Spell and the church choir.

First Baptist — Bailey

First Baptist Church of Bailey will have its ushers' pre-anniversary program Saturday at 5 p.m. with speaker Linda Braswell from Union View Free Will Baptist Church.

Holy Temple

Holy Temple Holiness Church will have Sunday morning worship at 11:15 with the Rev. Henry Cox as speaker and music by the adult choir. Holy Communion will follow. A balm of Gilead service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday with the following speakers: Thursday, the Rev. Manie Woodard of Bethel Holness Church of Kenly; Friday, the Rev. Jackie Ellis of Holy Temple Holiness Church of Fremont.

Piney Groves

Piney Groves Church will have Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 with speaker Rybin Smith and music by the male chorus. Bible study is Wednesday at 7 p.m., and noonday prayer is Thursday at noon.

Burning Bush

Burning Bush Free Will Baptist Church will have a rainbow tea Saturday at 3 p.m. Sunday morning worship is at 9:30 a.m. with speaker the Rev. Eugena Ellis and music by the male choir. Mid-week Bible study is Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Anointed Temple

Anointed Temple will have services Sunday at noon with speaker the Rev. Cepeda Womack and at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Ryan Edwards. Bible study is Thursday night at 7.

Solid Rock

Solid Rock Ministries, now located at 2620-G Forest Hills Road, will have Sunday school at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10. Speaker is Kenneth Lofton.

Buckhorn

Buckhorn United Methodist Church will have Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 with the Rev. Carol Dean.

Brown Chapel

Brown Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will have ladies' day Sunday with service at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, prayer is at noon, youth Bible study is at 6 p.m., and Bible study is at 7.

Trinity Deliverance

Trinity Deliverance Holy Church will have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and pastoral service at 11 with speaker Carrie P. Jacobs and music by the ladies' chorus.

Angel Way

Angel Way Missionary Bible Institute will have its 2018 missions conference Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Angel Way Missionary Worship Center. The event is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; registration starts at 8:30. Those attending are asked to take nonperishable food items for the food pantry.

Pleasant Grove — Lucama

Pleasant Grove Women's Fellowship will be having a 100 Women in Purple and White event Saturday at 4 p.m. with Cathy Kent from Kairos Ministries. Greater Mona Chapel Praise Team will render the music. Men are also welcome.

Jackson Chapel

Jackson Chapel will have Sunday School at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10 a.m. Bible study is Wednesday at noon and 7 p.m.

Simon Grove

Simon Grove will finalize its 42nd pastoral anniversary Sunday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Eloise Sessions of St. John Apostolic Holiness Church of Black Creek.

Johnson Chapel — Elm City

Johnson Chapel will have an ordination service for Helen McEachin on Sunday at 5 p.m. with speaker the Rev. Roderick L. Tillery Sr. A real man/ real woman seminar will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Evening Light

Evening Light Mission will have youth day service at 11 a.m. Sunday with speaker the Rev. George Speight.

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By Mark Pratt
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BOSTON — The history of the Congregational Church is the history of Colonial New England. Before the birth of the

nation and the separation of church and state, the plain Congregational churches that date to the time of the Pilgrims and are found in every community in the region chronicled just about every aspect of life.

Yet that history remains largely scattered and hidden, tucked away in damp, unexplored corners of church buildings from the coast to the mountains.

Now, with the help of a more than \$300,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities being announced on Monday, the Boston-based Congregational Library and Archives Hidden Histories project is locating, securing, and digitizing church records from 1630 to 1800 and putting them online for anyone to peruse for free.

Some records are already online, but the new grant will allow the project to digitize an additional 18,000 documents and transcribe about 7,000 of them, said James Cooper, director of the Hidden Histories project.

The church was the dominant religion in Colonial New England and the focal point of every community, Cooper said.

And because of that, the records contain more than just information about births, baptisms, marriages and deaths.

“Essentially, everyone was a Congregationalist at that time,” he said. “Almost anything that happened in the community went through the doors of the church. If two people had a squabble, you didn’t go to court, you went before the minister and tried to settle it.”

And fortunately, the ministers, often the town’s sole record keeper, wrote everything down. Often in meticulous detail.

“They provide an amazing insight into the lives and minds of ordinary folks,” Cooper said.

The documents are of immeasurable value to anyone “exploring political culture, social history, linguistics, epidemiology and climatology ... as well as to genealogists and members of the public interested in a range of subjects,” The National Endowment for the Humanities said in its announcement.

The Congregational Library and Archives already has the records of about 40 churches online. But most of them are from Massachusetts.

The grant will help the project branch into the rest of New England, Executive Director Margaret Bendroth said.

“This is a very big deal for us,” she said. “This is an affirmation of so much work and time and effort and expertise.”

Cooper, a professor emeritus of history at Oklahoma State University, has spent almost three decades tracking down the records, often forgotten by modern day congregations.

“A staggering amount of the records are scattered in small local libraries, historical societies and still within churches, and historians haven’t been able to use them because they are utterly inaccessible,” Cooper said.

They are crumbling, rotting, and water stained.

He’s found them stuffed in pantries next to cans of tomato sauce; wedged into coat closets; and in a safe to which no one associated with the church had the combination. In one case, a church member put the records in a bank, and then died without telling anyone where they were.

“These records are an absolute gold mine,” Cooper said.

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1 Peter 1:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-25	1 Peter 3:1-22	1 Peter 4:1-19	1 Peter 5:1-14	2 Peter 1:1-21	2 Peter 2:1-22
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The following deed transfers for the week of April 2-6, 2018 have been recorded in the Wilson County Register of Deeds Office:

From Ray G. Boykin and Shirley J. Boykin to David Boykin, quitclaim deed for 8211 Rock Ridge School Road, \$1,000;
From 4C Ventures, LLC to Andrews Properties, 2803 Ardsley Road, \$15,000;
From D.R. Horton, Inc. to Gress Cepeda Castro and Ramon Ramirez Cuevas, 3558 Jetstream Drive, \$182,000;
From Roger G. Cates, Nancy Cates and Lisa S. Cates to Brian Exum and Johnette Exum, 6603 Burress Street, Saratoga, \$7,000;
From Pedro Sangabriel Arcos to Gerardo Sangabriel Arcos, 1604 Southwest Goldsboro Street, no stamp;
From London Church Road Apartments Limited Partnership and Iroquois Farms, Inc. Partner to E.L.C. Apartments LLC, 1800 London Church Road NE, \$635,000;
From Bettie C. Rosell to Mark Allen Rosell, 207 Pearson Street, N, no stamp;
From Ethan F. Jones and Mary Elizabeth Baines Jones to Ethan F. Jones and Mary Elizabeth Baines Jones, 2405 Koval Court SW, no stamp;
From William S. Edwards Jr. to Edwards Land Management, LLC, 2903 Fieldstream Drive N and 2809 Daisy Lane N, no stamp;
From Barbara B. Sauls, Dennis Rudolph Sauls, administrator, Margie G. Sauls and Debra Ann Harlowe to Mary Jones Gardner, 205 Branch Street, Black Creek,

\$51,500;
From Michael A. Eatmon and Anita Michelle Eatmon to Jesse L. Johnson, 409 Denby Street SW, \$58,000;
From Jack Higgins, Jackie W. Higgins and Linda L. Higgins to AOCR LLC, 2861 Ward Boulevard-F, \$130,000;
From Stephen R. Taylor and Mary L. Taylor to Paul Clifford Darden III and Cynthia Hunt Darden, 608 W Raleigh Road Parkway W, \$470,000;
From Richard P. Horner and Patricia H. Horner to Cammie H. Britton, 4800 Olympic Lane N-A, \$158,000;
From Sharon A. Bynum and Ronnie L. Bynum to Mollie Renfrow, 7731 Johnnie Lane, \$4,500;
From Jennifer Barnes to Taine G. Pyle and Holly M. Pyle, 1716 Ridgeway Street W \$139,000;
From B & B Home Builders, LLC to Joshua Omega Fleming and Maria Danielle Fleming, 4903 Mallard Lane, \$168,000;
From Anne Randolph, Mary Lucas, Helen Armstrong, Christine Burwell and Arthur Burwell to William B. Boykin, rural homesite on Crepe Myrtle Court and rural homesite on Aviation Place, \$1,000;
From Janet Danielle Jones and Synapse Investment Group, LLC to Carl Rees and Melissa D. Rees, 1001 Ferndale Court NW, \$249,000;
From Hugh B. Johnston Jr., L. Patrick

Fleming Jr., trustee The Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. Trust to Thomas Owen Drakeford Johnston, first and second tracts at 3042 NC 42 E; third and fourth tracks rural homesite on St. Marys Church Road; first, second, third and fourth parcels rural homesite on Webb Lake Road, no stamp;
From Lindy Smith Whitley to Lindy Smith Whitley, trustee Lindy Smith Whitley revocable trust dated October 23, 2017, and any amendments thereto, 3018 Cranberry Drive SW, no stamp;
From Will Boykin Investment Services, LLC to Boykin Management Holdings LLC, 2509-A W. Nash Street, no stamp;
From Patricia N. Miller and James M. Miller to James M. Miller, trustee and Patricia N. Miller trustee James M. Miller and Patricia N. Miller revocable trust dated February 15, 2018 and any amendments thereto, 4523 Country Club Drive N, no stamp;
From Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C. and K. M. Minemier Associates, LLC to Curtis T. Hinnant, 1409 Mercer Street SW, no stamp;
From Ronald Duringo Hunt and Nicole Davis Hunt to Charlotte Jean Hoover, 2508 Stedman Drive NW, \$120,000;
From Junior C. Brown, Joyce S. Brown, Megan Hawn Gilbert, attorney in fact and

Grady I. Ingle, substitute trustee to HSBC Bank USA, National Association trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., asset backed pass through certificates series 2003-HE3, foreclosure deed for 8574 Revell Road, Kenly, \$27,500;
From Caliber Home Loans Inc. to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 412 Garner Street W, no stamp;
From Myra L. Cunningham, Donnie Ray Cunningham, co-executor Louise M. Cunningham Estate and Sharon Little Allen, co-executor to Lee Hackney Edwards, 2730 Brentwood Drive N-4B, \$92,500;
From Betty Elaine Williamson and Charles Dennis Williamson to Lawrence Lynn Mallol and Bobbi J. Mallol, 9360 Hogg Road, \$33,000;
From EH Lifestyle Holdings, LLC, Work Plan Experts, LLC and Modern Home Lifestyle to Arthur Lee Pigford, 1301 Gold Street N, \$120,000;
From Sarah Lee Coley to Kimberly Michelle Clark, quitclaim deed for 4304 Kent Road, no stamp;
From Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB TR, Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A and Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, attorney in fact to Myra Lamm, 5349 Akron Lane, \$32,500;
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From Carol V. Tedder, Elizabeth Lynn T. Boswell, executor Kenneth Ray Tedder Estate to Judy Tedder Narron, 7430 Little Rock Church Road, \$11,500;
From Nathaniel Poole and Alfreda Poole to Anthony Wayne Armstrong and Beverly Ernestine Armstrong, 3529 Whetstone Place, \$245,000;
From Harry Cahoon to Federal National Mortgage Association, 5016 Community Grocery Road, no stamp;
From Garris Evans Lumber Company to D. R. Horton, Inc., 3902, 3904, 3906, 3907-3912 and 3914 Sabre Lane, \$250,000;
From Eugene T. Sharpe and Bessie C. Sharpe to William M. Fuentes and Emecila Rivas, 1013 Nash Street, \$7,000;
From William R. Davis, Jeanette Farmer Davis and James R. Farmer to Ramone R. Lucas, 1100-1101 South Goldsboro Street, no stamp;
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From Erica A. Vause and Bonnie W. Vause to Nathaniel Poole and Alfreda Poole, 3402 Old Farm Place, \$302,000;
From James Anthony Vasteno Jr. and Lisa Carole Capps to Tobias Maceda Roque, 4101 Apache Road, \$28,000.

LOOKING BACKWARD

590 acres on Contentnea Creek, Hominy Swamp divided among 9 heirs



JAMES DANIEL

Elephar Tomlinson, daughter of Jonathan Tomlinson and wife

HUGH JOHNSTON

Priscilla Renfrow, was born on Dec. 3, 1827, and died on May 3, 1900. She married James Daniel, son of Jacob Daniel and wife Sarah Barnes. (She was a daughter of James W. Barnes of Edgecombe County.) In the Wilson County Census of 1860 he was No. 2,2, living near Black Creek, with \$145 worth of personal property. He was born on Dec.

9, 1825, and died on Dec. 19, 1902.

CHILDREN OF JAMES AND ELEPHAR DANIEL

- 1. David Daniel was born in 1853 and never married.
- 2. Barnes Daniel was born in 1854, and died on Nov. 21, 1935. He married Mahala Daniel (July 13, 1870 - Nov. 28, 1955).
- 3. Joseph Daniel was born in 1856 and married (1) Bettie Branch, and (2) Fannie Mercer.
- 4. Jacob Daniel was born in 1857 and married twice.
- 5. Mary Ann Daniel was born in 1858. She married Reddick Barnes.
- 6. Priscilla “Cilla” Dan-

iel was born about March 1860. She married Nathan Bass.

- 7. Sallie Daniel was born on Nov. 14, 1862. She married William Franklin “Frank” Bardin.
- 8. Jonathan Daniel married Henrietta Hayes.
- 9. Lewis Daniel married (1) Effie Carow and (2) Bessie Davis.
- 10. James Stephen Daniel married Susan Alice Hayes.
 - a. Ossie Richard Daniel married Annie Charity Aycock.
 - b. Barnes Daniel married Lillian Bailey.
 - c. Charles Daniel married Lossie Sullivan.
 - d. Jennie Daniel married Simon Aycock.
 - e. Annie Daniel mar-

ried J.D. Aycock Jr.

STEPHEN TOMLINSON

On Aug. 4, 1808, Stephen and Mary Tomlinson of Wayne County sold William Elliss of Edgecombe County for \$250 a tract of 48 acres north of Contentnea Creek, beginning at Elizabeth Rountree’s corner, down a slash, to the creek, and up it to the beginning, “being a tract of land which fell to Mary Tomlinson from her Father’s Estate,” witnessed by Wiley Rountree, Thomas Tomlinson and Dixon Ellis.

MOSES ROUNTREE

On Oct. 13, 1804, Jesse Farmer, Benjamin Farmer and Charles Coleman, with County Surveyor J. Farmer, divided the land of the late Moses Rountree according to the order of August Court, 1804: 590 acres (192 acres on Contentnea Creek and 397 acres on Hominy Swamp) in Edgecombe County: (1) Treasey Rountree, 48 acres worth 168.8.8, from Contentnea Creek N.E. to Little Swamp, down the latter to Robertson, to the Creek, and up it to the beginning; (2) Salley Rountree, 48 acres worth 168.8.8, up Little Swamp until it joins Hominy Swamp, up the latter, then S. W. to Contentnea Creek, and down the Creek to the beginning; (3) Nathan Rountree, 48 acres worth 125.3.1 ½, up Hominy Swamp to a Slash, up the latter, S.W. to Contentnea Creek, and down the Creek to the beginning; (4) Mary Tomlinson, 48 acres worth 125.3.1 ½, up a slash to John Bearfoot, with him S.W. to the creek, and down the creek to the beginning; (5) Willie Rountree, 79 acres worth 39.15.10, bounded by Doudna’s Branch, Charles Coleman, and Isaac Farmer; (6) Lewis Rountree, 79 acres worth 43.15.5, bounded by Joseph Farmer, William Ross and a branch; (7) Elizabeth Elliss, 89 acres worth 59.13.9, S.W. to Hominy Swamp, down it to Doudna’s Branch, and along the same; (8) Benaja Rountree, 79 acres with 4.8.0 ½, on Hominy Swamp; (9) John Rountree, 79 acres worth 52.10.5 on Poley Branch, along the James Barnes line, “near James Barnes’s mill sheats (seats),” and down Hominy Swamp to the beginning.

WILLIAM TOMLINSON

Moses Farmer died in November of 1844 and an item in his will requested that “the tract of land whereon Samuel Farmer now lives be Sold by my Executor at private if it will bring twelve hundred fifty dollars if not to be set up to the highest bidder:” executor Larry D. Farmer sold William Tomlinson on March 22, 1845, for \$1,105, the undivided half of 1,058 acres south of Toisnot Swamp in Edgecombe County adjoining Joshua Barnes, down the swamp

to Susan Roundtree, then along James W. Barnes, then, the N. to Hominy Swamp, up the last to “Amos Johnson tract of Land which belonged to Jesse Barnes formerly now Joshua Barnes, “then” to the old county line road,” up the road leading to Little Swamp, then to Joshua Barnes and the beginning, witnessed by John Dew and Cornelius Jordan.

On Jan. 4, 1848, William Tomlinson sold Irket Evans for \$535 a tract of 226 acres west of Little Swamp and bounded by the mouth of Meadow Branch, himself, Joshua Barnes, and James Tomlinson, witnessed by John W. Farmer and Josiah Farmer. On Feb. 6, 1849, William Tomlinson sold James Barnes for \$1,400 a tract of 600 acres south of Toisnot Swamp adjoining Joshua Barnes, Polly Barnes, down Toisnot to Dempsey Barnes, along James Barnes, up Hominy Swamp, and along Little Swamp, witnessed by John W. Farmer and Josiah Farmer. On Feb. 15, 1850, James Farmer Jr., sold William Tomlinson of Edgecombe County for \$165.07 a tract of 60 acres north of Hominy Swamp adjoining John Coleman, witnessed by John W. Farmer and James J. Taylor.

On Feb. 19, 1852, John W. Farmer, William Tomlinson and James J. Taylor sold Joseph Bargee for \$275 a lot of one acre in Wilson at the corner of Nash and Tarboro streets, going along Tarboro Street 70 yards to Drewsilla Nollie’s lot, along it, along Privett’s line and across to Nash and with Nash Street to the beginning, witnessed by John Dew and William T. Gunnell. On Nov. 17, 1854, John Harper of Edgecombe County sold William Tomlinson of the same for \$1.060 a tract of 45 acres (less 2 ½ acres east of Nash Road given to Martha Bryant and 2 acres S.W. of the road sold to Pomeroy Clark), witnessed by J.D. Rountree and Willie.

On Jan. 22, 1856, William Tomlinson married Mary Barnes in Wilson County.

Hugh Johnston was a Wilson County historian who wrote these historical capsules that previously appeared in The Wilson Daily Times. They are reprinted from a volume of his “Looking Backward” series of books available at the Wilson County Public Library.

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- Pets or objects should never be tied or fastened to the gas meter or service line. The stress or pulling can cause gas leaks.
- If the gas meter is in a fenced area that is locked or contains a dog, service or maintenance cannot be performed.

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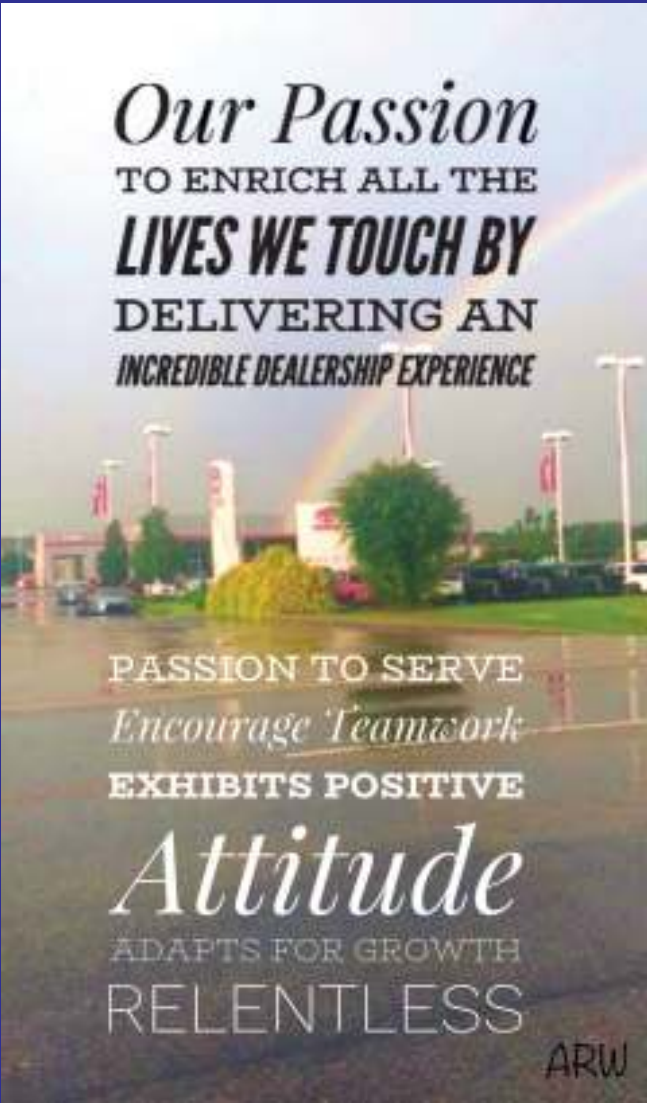


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(BPT) - If you're like most Americans, you prefer to have an immaculate bathroom - you just don't like cleaning it.

In fact, in a recent study by Kohler (conducted by independent research firm Vision Critical), 42 percent of consumers admitted cleaning the toilet is one of their most disliked chores.

That said, domestic guru Martha Stewart recommends scrubbing your tub/shower enclosure, toilet and drains at least weekly to maintain decent standards of cleanliness. And a study from researcher Mintel shows 49 percent of American adults place importance on doing their housecleaning right, though 27 percent would like to minimize the time they spend in such pursuits. That may be why 42 percent prefer to clean in small increments, though "most are not interested in compromising on effectiveness or results."

"Americans are more likely to prefer to clean as they go, doing quick cleanups that fit

into their busy schedules, as opposed to setting aside time to give the whole house thorough top-to-bottom cleanings," notes Mintel Senior Analyst John Owen. "This preference for on-the-go cleaning has helped fuel the market for quick-cleanup products designed to tackle small messes quickly and efficiently, saving both time and effort."

If cleaning the bathroom is on the bottom of your favorites list, consider some of these brilliant solutions technology has enabled that might make your bathroom sanitation a non-issue moving forward.

* No flubbing the scrubbing. No more must you aggravate your bad back and tennis elbow manually scrubbing soap scum off your shower walls, sinks and grout. Powerful rotating brush scrubbers that operate on batteries can now do the heavy lifting for you; one of the latest is made up of a set of attachments that cleverly fit onto a normal household drill.

* Go easy. Engineers at Kohler have developed a lower-maintenance toilet - the Corbelle with Revolution 360 flushing - that's designed to remain cleaner, longer. Its Clean-Coat surface repels bacteria, mildew and hard water buildup, its smooth design makes for easy surface maintenance and its powerful flushing motion flows at a 360-degree angle

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* Floored by cleanliness. For larger bathrooms, the new and nicely compact mopping robots can wet mop, damp sweep or dry sweep hard-surfaced floors. Internal navigation systems let them clean systematically while identifying rugs, drop-offs, spills and stains, the latter of which are tackled with jet sprays and vibrating cleaner heads.

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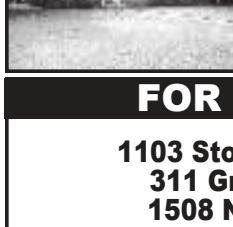
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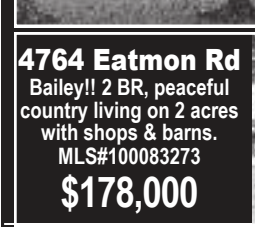
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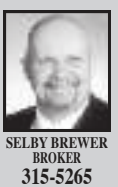
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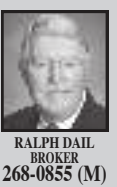
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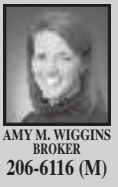
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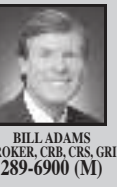
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THAT HERSHEE BE RETURNED TO ME TODAY - ALIVE
AND WELL, SAFE AND SOUND,
AND HEALED! I BIND ON EARTH
EVERY NEGATIVE FORCE/FORM
AGAINST - AND LOOSE ON EARTH
EVERY POSITIVE FORCE/FORM -
FOR HERSHEE'S SAFE RETURN
(THEY HAVE BEEN BOUND AND
LOOSED IN HEAVEN)! MATTHEW
16:19, MATTHEW 21:22, MARK
11:23-24 LUKE 11:9, JOHN 14:13-14,
JAMES 5:16, PSALM 150:6 PRO-
VERBS 12:10, DANIEL 3:17-18,
YOUR PRAYERS AND CALLS ARE
APPRECIATED!
MISSING 02-28-13. Pit/Hound or

Looking for love?

POPEYE



PEANUTS



BARNEY GOOGLE & SNUFFY SMITH



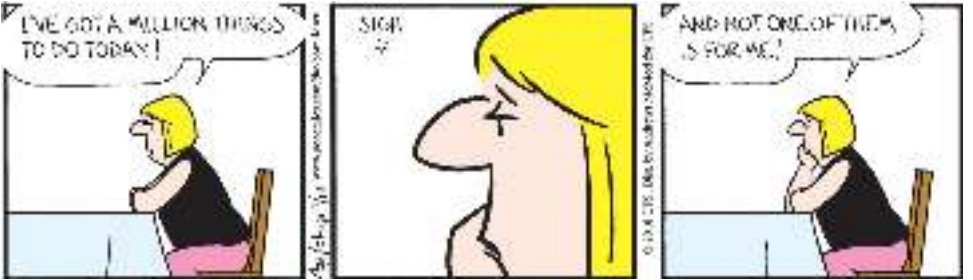
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THE BORN LOSER



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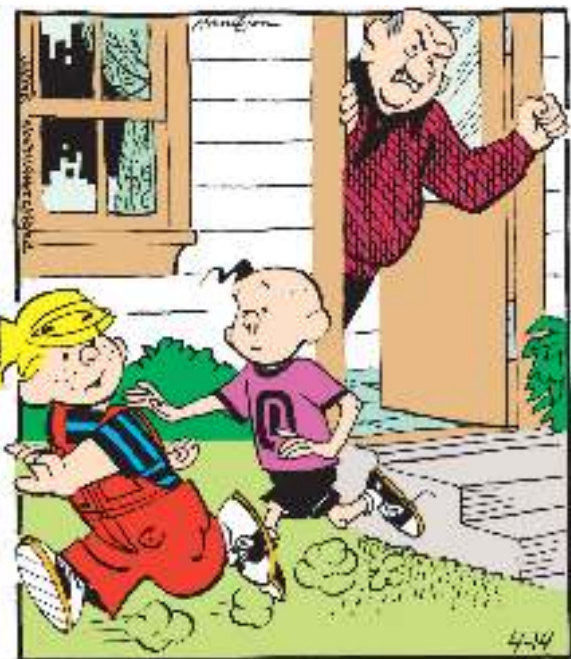
HI & LOIS



FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



THE LOCKHORNS



HOROSCOPE EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Hesitation will make you appear weak, and jumping too quickly will make you appear unreliable. Do your homework and know what you are talking about before you enter into a discussion that can determine your future. Stability will help build trust. ★ ★ ★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stick to what and whom you know. Don't be too trusting. Avoid confrontations and dealing with authority figures. Live by the rules, and be willing to offer up information that will separate you from anyone doing something wrong. ★ ★ ★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't share your feelings with someone trying to control situations that involve you. Gather information and use your intelligence to put yourself in an informed and fortunate position. Know what you want before you counter what's being said. ★ ★ ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your emotions interfere with your responsibilities. You'll be caught off guard if you leave yourself open to questioning by someone who tends to meddle in other people's affairs. Personal changes will lead to an opportunity. ★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are ready to engage in talks that can bring about change and encourage others to support your actions. Reconnect with people you lost touch with, and you'll discover something new regarding your past. ★ ★ ★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll face uncertainty regarding joint endeavors or finances. Make sure equality and fairness prevail, or you will end up in a heated debate, or even worse, suffer a loss. Don't give in to pressure or emotional manipulation. ★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Deal with personal problems by being upfront as well as willing to compromise and work alongside others to rectify any existing problems. Understanding the needs of others will help you find amicable solutions. Don't test someone's patience by being wishy-washy. ★ ★ ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Listen to what's being said and asked of you carefully before you make a choice. An impulsive decision without regard for someone close to you will create an unnecessary argument. Be open about what you want to do before you commit. ★ ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let the past go. If you continually defer to someone or something that has led to disappointment in the past, you will make it difficult to move forward. Concentrate on self-improvement and doing what's best for you. Update your image. ★ ★ ★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't limit what you can do because someone tries to stand in your way. Be prepared to do your own thing, and don't worry if someone declines to participate in your plans. Trust in your judgment and focus on personal gains. ★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Size up situations before you decide to take part. If you think you are likely to fall back into a lifestyle or relationship that wasn't good for you in the past, be on guard and ready to make an abrupt exit. ★ ★ ★ ★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep your emotions tucked away while you observe what's happening. If you are properly informed, you will dodge the emotional pressure someone puts on you to conform to what he or she wants you to do. Concentrate on making physical improvements. ★ ★ ★

ZIGGY



STEVE BECKER
CONTRACT BRIDGE

Thinking things through

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	J 10 9 3		
♥	A K Q 4		
♦	J 10 3		
♣	6 4		
WEST		EAST	
♠	K 6 5 2	♥	8 7 4
♥	J 10 8 6	♦	9 2
♦	8 5	♣	9 6
♣	A K Q	♠	J 10 9 8 3 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦		2 ♣	
3 ♦		3 ♥	
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Let's say you're declarer in five diamonds and West cashes two clubs and shifts to the jack of hearts. You win with the queen and draw two rounds of trump, but what do you do next?

There are two obvious chances for the contract. One is that the opposing hearts will divide 3-3, and the other is that a spade finesse will succeed if the hearts don't divide evenly.

Neither prospect is very attractive. First, the odds are against a suit dividing 3-3, even if the opponents haven't bid. But given West's takeout double, he is more likely to have four hearts.

Second, you shouldn't invest even a plugged nickel on the chance of winning the spade finesse. West is virtually certain to have the king, as he could scarcely double without it.

Since these two probabilities add up to down one, you start looking for another way to make the contract. And if you look hard enough, you find the answer.

Assuming your initial conclusions are correct, West will have to guard both the hearts and the spades, in which case you can put him under extreme pressure by cashing your remaining trumps.

So you play the rest of your diamonds, reducing your hand to the A-Q of spades and 7-5 of hearts while retaining the jack of spades and A-K-4 of hearts in dummy.

On your last diamond, West must choose a discard from the K-6 of spades and 10-8-6 of hearts. He cannot spare a heart, so he discards the six of spades.

You now cash the A-K of hearts, on which East, as expected, shows out, and then lead the jack of spades toward your A-Q. After East follows low, you go up with the ace, since West's last two cards are almost surely the ten of hearts and king of spades, and the contract is home.

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7				1			4
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	1				9		
				5		2	
	7	5	9		8		
		4		6	7		5

Level: Advanced

SUDOKU TIME!

(suh-Doe-koo) is a Japanese puzzle based on logic, reasoning, and patience. To solve Sudoku, just fill in each 3x3 subgrid with a digit 1-9; some digits are already given. Every column, row and subgrid must contain the digits 1-9 only once. Now get your pencils ready and give it a try! You'll see why it's so addicting!

6	9	8	2	9	7	8	1
7	1	9	8	8	6	9	2
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9	2	1	6	7	8	8	1
9	6	1	8	2	2	9	7
8	4	8	9	1	9	2	6
2	3	4	9	7	1	8	9
1	9	6	7	8	9	7	2
8	7	5	2	6	8	1	9

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