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Education board debates school site



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The Scotland County Board of Education voted 5 to 3 on Monday during their regular monthly meeting to move ahead with Phase III of consolidation and identify a location to build the new school.

Vote 5-3 to move ahead with Phase III

Bv Amber Hatten

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LAURINBURG — School officals voted to move onto Phase III of consolidation by identifying a site for a new elementary school during the regular meeting this week.

The site is a 30-acre plot of land located off Old John's Road just South of the I-74 bypass and is halfway between South Scotland and I. Ellis Johnson Elementary schools.

Board member Jamie Sutherland made a motion to have school board attorney Nick Sojka negotiate a price with the landowner. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 3. Those opposed were Rick Singletary, Carolyn Banks and Herman Tyson while those in favor included Chairman Jeff Byrd, Summer Woodside, Wayne Cromartie, Raymond Hyatt and Sutherland.

Singletary, along with Banks and Tyson, wanted more time and additional information before making a decision on a site.

"We've got so many things going on with Laurel Hill, Sycamore Lane, North (Laurinburg) and Covington with these new projects and I just want us to slow down and breathe a little bit," Singletary said. "The other part was to give the citizens the time to come out and give their input, but obviously the 5-3 vote they said no they want to move on so I'm a team player and am going to go along with what they are saying because we're

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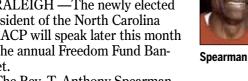
New NAACP president to visit county

Spearman to speak at annual NAACP Freedom Fund dinner

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RALEIGH —The newly elected president of the North Carolina NAACP will speak later this month at the annual Freedom Fund Ban-



The Rev. T. Anthony Spearman is the featured speaker for the dinner that helps raise money to support the work of the Scotland County Branch of the NAACP.

The banquet will be held Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. at Bright Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church in Laurinburg. Tickets are \$25.

Herman Tyson, president of the Scotland NAACP, described Spearman as a dynamic leader and said he looked forward to his visit to Laurinburg.

"Dr. Spearman is a long-time advocate for social justice and a key leader in the Moral Monday and Forward Together Movement that has brought national attention to many of the changes we are trying to bring to North Carolina," Tyson said.

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Courtesy photo

Volunteers load cotton into the restored mule powered cotton gin that sits on the site of the John Blue historic complex.

John Blue celebrates yesteryear

LAURINBURG - John Blue Cotton Festival began 34 years ago as a way to educate school children about early farm life, but it has since become a much anticipated community gathering.

This year's festival will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the grounds of the John Blue House

at 13040 X-Way Road. Admission is \$5.

The first event some 34 years ago was a display of antique machinery and displays about farm-life and the life of inventor John Blue, according to historian and descendant Jim Blue.

That display soon grew into the John Blue Cotton Festival that is now

equal parts country fair, hoedown, social gathering, history museum and

crafter's paradise. Saturday's entertainment lineup includes Glamour Athletics at 12:30 p.m., Karen Gibson School of Dance at 1:15, Jimmy Blue at 2, Crazy Feet Cloggers at 2:45 and Crystal McInnis School of Dance at 3:30.

On Sunday the Embers beach music band will take the stage at 1 p.m.

and perform until 4 p.m. Shoppers and crafters will find an array of handmade items from door wreaths and decorations to jewelry spread out over the grounds near the historic cabins.

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REAL IDs now available in NC

By Beth Lawrence

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LAURINBURG - Residents who work at or visit military installations, federal facilities, or plan to fly can now get a NC REAL ID.

In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act which tightened standards for issuing state identification like driver's licenses.

In 2020, federal agencies will begin to apply stricter security measures at airport check-ins, federal buildings, military installations and nuclear facilities.

The NC REAL ID the same as a regular driver's license or ID card, but a gold star endorsement is located in the top right

That means a person's residency and identity have been confirmed through

the following measures: documents proving identity and date of birth, Social Security number, current North Carolina residency, and citizenship or VISA status. Acceptable documents of proof are birth

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OBITUARIES

RONALD EARL WEATHERFORD

LAURINBURG — Mr. Ronald Earl Weatherford, 61, died Oct. 10, 2017 at Morrison Manor.

Born August 12, 1956, in Scotland County, he was a son of the late John and Margaret Hughes Weatherford. He had worked in construction.

Ronald is survived by daughters, Shannyn Clark (Garry), and Ashley McQueen (Jordan) both of

Laurinburg; son, Michael Johnson of Charlotte; sister,

ginia will be held at a later date. McDougald Funeral

Joni Weatherford of Laurin-

burg; grandchildren, Skyler

Peele, Austin Peele, Payton

Parker, Hayden Johnson

He was also preceded

in death by his wife, Patty

Johnny Weatherford, and

Mitchell Weatherford.

Weatherford; and brothers,

A private service in Vir-

and Colton Johnson.

Home & Crematorium is serving the family.

REVEREND AMOS BRYANT

RED SPRINGS — Reverend Amos Bryant, 70, of Red Springs, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Richard Boles Funeral Service officiated by Rev. Earl

Deese. Burial will follow at Trinity House of Prayer Holiness Church Cemetery in Lumber Bridge.

The family will receive friends following the service at graveside.

Services are entrusted to Richard Boles Funeral Service

DEATH NOTICES

OXENDINE

ROWLAND — Myrtle Strickland Oxendine, 73, of Rowland died on Oct. 10, 2017. Richard Boles Funeral Service in Laurinburg is in charge of the services.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Staff report

LAURINBURG — The Bridge-at-the-Village group met Oct. 9 for the Grand National Team Appreciation Game at Scotia Village under the direction of Brian Potter.

- 1. Bennett Preble McCallum Bowness;
- 2. Drymon Drymon Henry Smith;
- 3. Doubles Doubles Harris Harris.

The club meets 6-9 p.m. on Mondays at the Scotia Village Cafe at 2200 Elm Ave. The cost is \$5.

City to offer free trees

By Nolan Gilmour

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LAURINBURG — The Laurinburg Beautification Department is accepting orders for its

City residents have until Friday to order up to two free trees that will be planted by late

Annual Tree Giveaway.

December to early January.

"A tree giveaway is an annual event we put on for the beautification of the city," said Walker McCoy, Laurinburg Beautification supervisor. "If you get a tree, it must be planted in the view from a city street."

According to McCoy, the giveaway has been

going on for as long as he can remember with the city planting as many as 286 trees in a single year.

Residents can choose between a Purpleleaf Plum, Yoshino Cherry, Sugar Maple, Eastern Redbud, or a Crepe Myrtle. The cost of the trees — \$3,500 — is included in the city's beautification budget.

Once orders are completed, the city will deliver color coordinated flags for residents to designate where the trees will be planted, McCoy said.

The place an order, call the city at 910-276-8324 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Reach Nolan Gilmour at 910-506-

Sheriff's chief detective resigns

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LAURINBURG — Capt. Ruben Castellon has resigned as chief of detectives with the Scotland County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division.

Castellon made the announcement on Monday evening citing personal reasons.

The sheriff's office will appoint a replacement from within the department, according to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office has not released an official statement as of Tuesday afternoon.

Castellon was sworn in as chief of detectives in February.

He began his law enforcement career with Hoke County Sheriff's Office as patrol deputy in 2004, and later transferred to the Civil Division to serve as civil deputy. He was then promoted to Detec-

tive Sergeant. While in the Detective Division, he was responsible for investigating crimes against persons, prop-

He served as a member of the Hoke County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's **Emergency Respond** Team, and later become a hostage negotiator. He was also a patrol sergeant at Spring Lake Police Department.

Castellon is a graduate of Liberty University at Lynchburg, Virginia,

with a Master of Business Administration and Criminal Justice Administration. He is also currently pursuing a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Administration at Liberty University.

He graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Program at Fayetteville Community College in 2003. He is also an Army veteran.

Reach Beth Lawrence 910-506-

Two schools dismissed early Tuesday

Staff report

LAURINBURG — Students at Scotland High School and Shaw Academy were released early Tuesday due to problems with air conditioning.

An air conditioning unit at the high school was not working and officials released students there at 1:15 p.m.

Shaw Academy was also released early

because the two schools share buses, according to Meredith Bounds, public information officer for Scotland County Schools.

School officials hope to have the issue corrected Tuesday afternoon so that the students could resume on a normal schedule today.

Parents and students will be notified of developments, according to Bounds.

Ashes and stinging smoke mark devastation in wine country

By Jonathan J. Cooper and Ellen Knickmeyer

Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. In neighborhood after neighborhood, all that remains are the smoldering ashes and eye-stinging smoke from a day of utter devastation.

Newly homeless residents of California wine country took stock of their shattered lives Tuesday, a day after wildfires killed at least 15 people and destroyed more than 2.000 homes and businesses. Hundreds more firefighters joined the battle against the blazes, which were still completely uncontained.

Authorities also began to identify the dead. including a 100-year-old man and his 98-year-old wife who died in their burning home.

A thick, smoky haze cloaked much of Napa and Sonoma counties, where neighborhoods hit by the fires were completely leveled. In the Santa Rosa suburb known as Coffey Park, house

after house was gone with only brick chimneys still standing. The flames burned so hot that windows and tire rims melted off cars, leaving many parked vehicles sitting on their steel axles. The only recognizable remnants at many homes were charred washing machines and dryers.

Officials hoped cooler weather and lighter winds would help crews get a handle on 17 separate fires, which are among the deadliest in California

history. "The weather has been working in our favor, but it doesn't mean it will stay that way," said Brad Alexander, a spokesman of the governor's Office of

Emergency Services. The extra firefighters came from throughout California and Nevada. Extra law enforcement officers will help with evacuations and guard against looting, Alexander said.

At least 100 people have been injured and 100 were missing in Sonoma County alone, authorities said.

The fires that started Sunday night moved so quickly that thousands of people were forced to flee with only a few minutes of warning, and some did not get out in time. Among the victims were Charles and Sara Rippey, who were married for 75 vears and lived at the Sil

verado Resort in Napa. "The only thing worse would have been if one survived without the other," their granddaughter, Ruby Gibney told Oakland television station

KTVU. In Washington, President Donald Trump said he spoke with Gov. Jerry Brown to "let him know that the federal government will stand with the people of California. And we will be there for you in this time of terrible tragedy and need."

More than 400 miles away from the winemaking region, flames imperiled parts of Southern California, too. Thousands of people were displaced by a wildfire that destroyed or damaged 24 structures, including homes. Hot, dry Santa Ana winds swept fire along brushy outskirts of Orange County suburbs and equestrian properties southeast of Los Angeles. More than a dozen schools were closed.

The blaze, which disrupted major commuter routes, spread over nearly a dozen square miles in less than 24 hours as a squadron of helicopters and airplanes bombarded it with water and retardant, and an army of firefighters grew to 1,100 by Tuesday morning.

At the northern end of the state, residents who gathered at emergency shelters and grocery stores said they were shocked by the speed and ferocity of the flames. They recalled all the possessions that were lost.

"All that good stuff, I'm never going to see it again," said Jeff Okrepkie, who fled his neigh-



Chuck Rippey looks over a cup found in the burned out remains of his parent's home at the Silverado Resort on Tuesday in Napa, Calif. Charles Rippey, 100, and his wife Sara, 98, died when wind-whipped flames swept through the area Sunday night.

borhood in Santa Rosa knowing it was probably the last time he would see his home of the past five

years standing. His worst fears were confirmed Monday. when a friend sent him a photo of what was left: a smoldering heap of burnt

metal and debris. Some of the largest blazes burning over a 200-mile region were in Napa and Sonoma counties, home to dozens of wineries that attract tourists from around the world. They sent smoke as far south as San Francisco, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) away.

Sonoma County established a hotline to help families looking for missing loved ones. It's possible that many or most of the people reported missing are safe but simply cannot be reached because of the widespread loss of cellphone service and other communications.

Much of the damage was in Santa Rosa, a far larger and more developed city than usually finds itself at the mercy of a wildfire. The city is home to 175,000 people, including both the winecountry wealthy and the working class.

Former San Francisco Giants pitcher Noah Lowry, who now runs an outdoor sporting goods store in Santa Rosa, was forced to flee with his wife, two daughters and a

son just over 2 weeks old. "I can't shake hearing

people scream in terror as the flames barreled down on us," Lowry said.

His family and another evacuating with them tried to take U.S. 101 to evacuate but found it blocked by flames, and had to take country roads to get to the family friends who took them in.

Driving around the area remained difficult Tuesday with many road closures and intense traffic on roads that remained open.

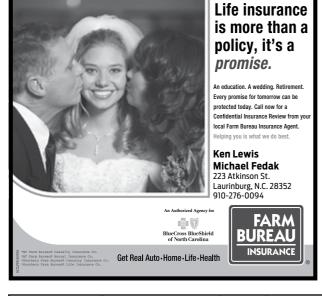
Highway 12, which winds through the heart of wine country, was rendered unusable by the flames.

The flames forced authorities to focus primarily on getting people out safely, even if it meant abandoning structures to the fire.

October has generally been the most destructive time of year for California wildfires. But it was unusual for many fires to take off at the same time.

Other than the windy conditions that helped drive them all, there was no known connection between the blazes, and no cause has been released for any of them.

Knickmeyer reported from Sonoma, California. Associated Press writers Jocelyn Gecker, Olga R. Rodriguez, Sudhin Thanawala and Juliet Williams in San Francisco and John Antczak and Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles also contributed to this report.



As a public service, the Laurinburg Exchange publishes free death notices, which may include the deceased's name, age and place of residence along with date of death and the funeral home that is handling the services. Death notices should be submitted by the funeral home handling the arrangements. The Exchange does not charge for publication of death notices. Paid obituaries includes the deceased's name, age, place of residence, date of death and all funeral and burial arrangements, along with requests for memorial condolences. Obituaries may also include biographical information, a listing of the decedent's survivors, personal messages and a photograph of the deceased. The Exchange charges \$14 per column inch for paid obituaries, which may be placed by either funeral homes or private parties. Private parties must make payment in full before an obituary is published. The submission deadline for all obituaries and death notices is 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any obituaries or death notices received on Saturday or Sunday will appear in Tuesday's edition. For questions on obituaries, call Amber

Hatten at 910-506-3170 or email lexobits@gmail.com.

Pilot Club golf event 'a success'

Staff report

LAURINBURG — The Barbara Sasseen Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Scottish Pilot Club of Laurinburg was a great success, according to organizers.

On Sept. 30, 52 golfers played in the tournament at Scotch Meadows Country Club.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will support the activities and projects of the Scottish Pilot Club.

First Place winners of the tournament were Jim Henery, Blake Bartlett, Drake Holden and Zach Saylor. Mac McLaurin, Mark Murphy, Eric Walsh and Tyler Walsh placed second. Mike Clemmons, Chris Gainey, Mike Giannini and Glenn Webb placed third.

"The golfers were impressed, enthused, ready to play and looking forward to returning next year. Let us not

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grow weary doing good, or to rest on our laurels, because there are still needs in our community that are not met and/or addressed. Let us continue to Do More, Care More and Be More,' Dorothy Tyson, the local Pilot Club's presi-

The Scottish Pilot Club is a member of Pilot International which is a communitybased service organization founded in 1921on the guiding principles of "friendship and service." Pilot International transforms communities by: developing vouth, providing service and education and uplifting families.

Tournament proceeds help support the following organizations: Project InAsMuch, Scotland County Special Olympics, St Andrews University Equestrian Therapy Program, Christmas Cheer, Cancer Treatment Center, **Brain Safety education**



From left, North Carolina District Governor Joyce Ferguson, Tony Sasseen and Dorothy B. Tyson pose for a photo at the 2017 Barbara Sasseen Memorial Golf Tournament and Premier Silent Auction sponsored by the Scottish Pilot Club.

in Scotland County Schools and college scholarship are a few of the Club's local causes. The Scottish Pilot Club also supports the North

Carolina District projects with sponsorship to Surfers Healing at Wrightsville Beach, a surf camp for autistic children and Camp

Carefree, a camp for persons with traumatic brain injury.

Currently the Club is releasing emergency funds to Pilot International for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma relief. For information about the Scottish Pilot Club,

contact Dorothy Tyson

at 910-276-8376.

Fall Ingathering

Thursday, October 12th, 2017

Faith Presbyterian Church located at 2220 Elm Avenue (Just beyond Scotia Village entrance)

Hours: 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Serving Barbecue & Chicken Salad Plates Plates: \$8 each Eat-In or Take-Out 1 lb. containers Chicken Salad \$8.00 1 lb. containers Barbecue \$8.00

For deliveries for 10 or more plates Please call 910-276-9151 by 9:30 am on the 12th

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar items are listed free of charge for nonprofits, community organizations and educational institutions Private yard or estate sales do not apply. Send calendar items to Scott Witten at switten@ laurinburgexchange.com. For questions, call 910-276-2311

Oct. 12

Tutor training: The Scotland County Literacy Council will host a volunteer/tutor training event from 6 to 8 p.m. at 213 McLaurin Avenue. The training is for those who want to help children and adults with reading or math and work one or one or with small classes.

Democratic Women: The Scotland County Democratic Women will host a candidates forum for Laurinburg District 2 council seat and also a candidate for District 1. The confirmed candidates for District 2 are Drew Williamson, George Medlock, and Frank Evans and from District 1 is JD Willis. District 2 candidate Brian Gainey is invited. The meeting is at noon at Scotland Place on Turnpike Road.

Oct 14

LOF reunion: LOF retirees and actives from the years 1973-2000 will be having another reunion from 6-9pm. It will be held at The Main Table in Laurinburg.

Bike Ride: Scotland County Cooperative Extension will hold a 4-H motorcycle ride at 11 a.m. at Tractor Supply at 1690 S. Main Street. A fish fry will be served after the ride. Registration is \$15 per rider and \$25 per couple. Register by Oct. 5 at scotland.ces.ncsu.edu/events or call 910-277-2422.

John Blue Festival: The annual John Blue Cotton Festival is held on the grounds of the historic John Blue House. The event features crafts, antique collections, entertainment, food, and demonstrations of 19th century games and farming practices. Admission is \$5. Free for those under 6. Visit www.johnbluecottonfestival.com.

Oct. 16

Candidates' forum:

The Laurinburg-Scotland County Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidates' forum for the 2017 municipal election. The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Scotland County Courthouse.

Community workshop: The Scotland County Health Department will hold a "Eat Healthy — Be

Active" program starting on Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. The program will then be held every Monday through Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. in the Education Room at Scotland County Health Department, 1405 West Blvd. in Laurinburg. Those who are interested can register by calling Kathie Cox, 910-277-2470 ext. 4478.

Oct. 17

Alzheimer's support: The monthly meeting. sponsor by The Pilot Club of Laurinburg will meet in the Boardroom at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Alison Warner, administrator for Prestwick Village. All caregivers are welcome. For information, contact Margaret Herring at 910-

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Storytelling festival:

The Storytelling Festival of Carolina will be held at the Storytelling and Arts Center of the Southeast. The festival also offers storytelling, food, crafts, and resources for the storyteller's art. For information or tickets, call the Arts Center at 910-277-3599.

Oct. 20

Pancake feast: The Laurinburg Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a pancake feast from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church and on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 7 to 10 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the community. Tickets are \$7 and include pancakes, sausage, coffee, soda, orange juice and syrups (regular or sugar free.) Eat in or take out available.





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Editorial

4A Wednesday, October 11, 2017 Laurinburg Exchange

THEIR VIEW

President on track to erase **Obama legacy**

News and Observer

Donald Trump has never been a political ideologue, or a Republican or Democrat with hardpartisan beliefs. In fact, he's been a member of both parties, has been on all sides of most issues and has never shown any interest in keeping company with his blue-collar, hard-right supporters in what's said to be his "base."

The president's lack of strong political convictions therefore makes his latest volley — intended to weaken birth-control protections for women and the rights of those in the LGBT community when it comes to being discriminated against all the more suspect and opportunistic.

Directives from Trump's administration would allow more employers to opt out of federal mandates to provide no-cost birth control for workers — a part of Obama-era policies — and would couch an intention to remove discrimination protections for those in the LGBT community in the cloak of "religious freedom." What that in effect means is that organizations, including presumably governments, could claim religious beliefs are more important than legal protections for LGBT individuals. It sounds like rules requiring public officials to issue marriage licenses for gay couples, for example, could be in jeopardy. Those officials could claim their religious beliefs prevent them from doing their government jobs, and they would be protected. That could create a form of government-sponsored discrimination.

This is simple: Trump, obsessed with blaming all ills, even imagined ones, on his predecessor and diverting attention from the failures of his first year in office, has given free rein to people such as his right-wing attorney general Jeff Sessions.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi had it right when she said: "This administration's contempt for women reaches a new low with this appalling decision to enable employers and health plans to deny women basic coverage for contraception."

Trump has accomplished virtually nothing of consequence in nine months, and even now he's embroiled in a tussle with his own secretary of state. His staff has turned over; many important iobs remain unfilled; his lack of empathy for the victims of natural disasters — even when he "shows up" — can't be covered up by toweltossing or repeated boasting of how great he is at

Into this vacuum of leadership come hard-right ideologues eager to pounce, to put into law some utterly wacky notions. No birth control coverage? In what universe is increasing the likelihood of more unwanted, potentially hazardous births and the consequences for those children good policy?

If Trump continues stumbling along with extreme executive orders and commands from his Cabinet that please only his base, his administration is set on a do nothing but undo rules and policies within its reach. That's not leading the nation. It's simply wrecking the work of his predecessor, who was a far more popular, effective and compassionate president.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wagram Town Board

Meets first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Wagram town hall.

East Laurinburg Board of Commissioners

Meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Municipal Community Building on Third

Laurinburg City Council

Meets the first Tuesday after the 15th of each month at 7 p.m. at 303 West Church St.

Scotland County Board of Education

Meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the A.B. Gibson Center at 322 South Main St.

Scotland County Board of Commissioners

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the A.B. Gibson Center at 322 South Main St.

Gibson Town Council

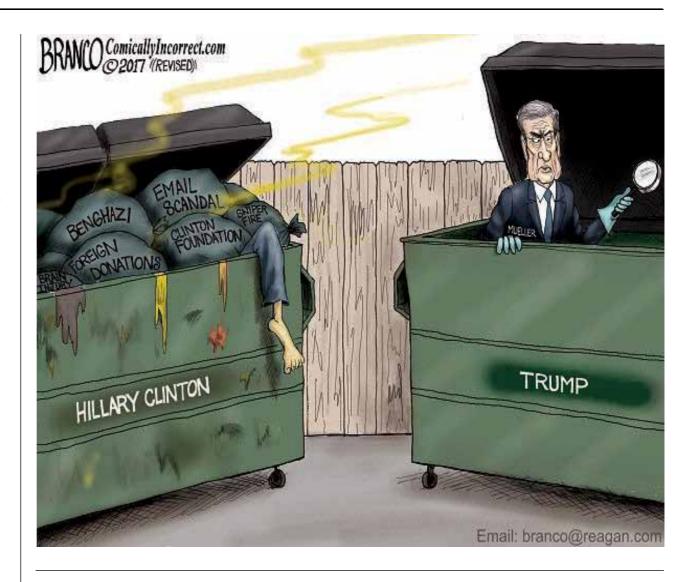
Meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Gibson Depot on Main Street.

Maxton Town Board

Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building at 201 McCaskill Ave.

Maxton Community Watch

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at



THEIR VIEW

Wiley Cash's N.C. history lesson

Can we trust the people who taught us our state's history when we were growing up?

Or do we have to turn to fiction writers to open the doors to a true version of North Carolina's past?

In his 1997 "Cold Mountain," Charles Frazier destroyed our glorious and heroic images of the Civil War, replacing them with visions of brutal conflict, hunger, mean-spiritedness, treachery, disappointment and desertion.

"Cape Fear Rising," Phillip Gerard's 1994 fictional account of events in 1898, brought out the true facts of Wilmington's nightmare racial conflict.

Released this month, Wiley Cash's novel, "The Last Ballad," set in 1929's Gaston County's textile mill country, forces us to confront uncomfortable facts about the brutal conditions workers faced on the job and in their struggles to make a life on their meager pay.

Ella May Wiggins, the lead character in Cash's book, is based on a real person, who was killed

while participating in a major strike at Loray Mills in Gastonia. As Cash explains in the October issue of PineStraw magazine, the 28-yearold Wiggins had given birth to nine children and was working a 72-hour week for which she earned \$9. She wrote and sang protest songs, some of which were later performed by

Woody Guthrie. On the frame of this real character, Cash builds a moving story that puts readers in Wiggins' shoes as she walks the two miles every evening from her hovel in Stumptown to American Textile Mill No. 2 in Bessemer City, works all night in the dirt and dust and clacking noise, and then walks back to tend to the children she had left alone the entire night.

Cash follows her decision to support the strike at Loray Mills where her ballad singing at worker rallies mobilized audiences more than the speeches of union leaders. He relates how her



D.G. Martin columnist

nents that led to her death. Along the way we meet people who framed her life: her no-good husband John, her no-good boyfriend Charlie, the Gold-

berg brothers who

negative responses

ran the mill where she worked, her African American co-worker and neighbor Violet, the union strike leaders, a 12-year-old worker who loses half his hand when it caught in the mill's machinery, and Wiggins's children as they struggle through hunger and illness.

The picture Cash paints is an ugly one, showing conditions of Wiggins and her fellow workers to be only a step or two away from serfdom and slavery.

Education for the workers or their children was a pipe dream, as Wiggins explained to a fictionalized U.S. Senator Lee Overman, who had told a striker she should be in school.

"Let me tell you something," Wiggins shouted

at Overman. "I can't even send my own children to school. They ain't got decent enough clothes to wear and I can't afford to buy them none. I make nine dollars a week, and I work all night and leave them shut up in the house all by themselves. I had one of them sick this winter and I had

to leave her there just

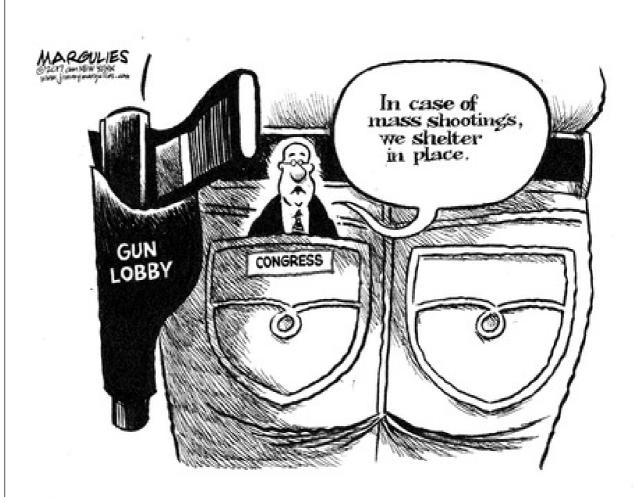
coughing and crying.'

Writing in PineStraw, Cash, who grew up in Gastonia, tries to explain what made writ ing about Wiggins so difficult. "How could I possibly put words to the tragedies in her life and compress them on the page in a way that allowed readers to glean some semblance of her struggle?"

I am not sure how Cash did it, but what he put in words brought Wiggins and the oppressive times in which she lived into full focus.

And those words and the story they tell confirm Cash's place in the pantheon of North Carolina's great writers.

D.G. Martin hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch," which airs Sundays at noon and Thursdays at 5 p.m. on



Real ID

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certificates, passports, Social Security cards, school records, utility bills, W2s, pay stubs or citizenship paperwork. For a full list of documents visit: www. ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/ realid/requireddocuments

REAL IDs cost the same as a driver's license or ID card and can be obtained at a DMV driver's license office by bringing the required paperwork.

The DMV will scan and store the documents to the driver's DMV record. The state will mail the ID within 10 to 15 business days.

Driver licenses and ID cards are \$5 a year and are issued for an eight year period. Parents can also order REAL ID cards for children for \$13. Duplicate driver's licenses to replace lost or broken IDs are \$13.

up a mobile site at the NC State Fair. "North Carolina State

The DMV is also setting

Fair, attendees will be able to receive driver license services from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles. The DMV booth and mobile RV will be located between the Dorton Arena and Jim Graham Building," according to a press release from the NCDOT.

Fairgoers can renew their licenses, get ID cards, and get a NC REAL ID or replace a lost or broken driver's license or ID from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday

to Friday and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

DMV staff will be on hand to "to answer questions about driver licenses, ID cards, vehicle registrations and titles, vehicle theft and identity fraud, as well as services that can be handled online without visiting a driver license office or license plate agency," the release said.

Visitors can also get a handbook for motorcycle and commercial truck driving or pick up a copy of state maps at the state fair mobile site.

For information on REAL ID and the schedule of the DMV's seven Mobile Offices, visit myNCDMV.gov.

Reach Beth Lawrence 910-506-

NAACP

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"Scotland is fortunate that we will be one of the first engagements for the new president to share his

vision.' Spearman was elected Saturday at the 74th annual N.C. NAACP Convention in Raleigh that also included talks by New Jersey Sen.

Cory Booker, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and journalist Roland Martin.

He replaces Bishop William Barber, who stepped down after 12 years as president. Barber plans to work in Washington, DC with the Poor People's Campaign, but will continue to serve as president emeritus of the NAACP.

Spearman said he hopes to build on the work of his predecesor.

"My ideology is very, very similar to the ideology of Bishop Barber, and what the NAACP lifts up as what they call 'game-changers" Spearman said in his campaign for president. "When we talk about pro-labor, antipoverty policies that ensure economic sustainability, and educational equality ... and health care, and fairness in the criminal justice system, and protection of all kinds

women's rights, LGBT rights, immigrant rights ... all of those are right at the cutting edge of the things we need to continue in terms of having the kind of ideology that's going to help us to make some ground so that we can continue to move forward together and not take one step back.

Spearman, a third vice president of the N.C .NAACP, has been a member of the organization

for 53 years. During that time, the 66-year-old has also served as chairman of the N.C. NAACP Religious Affairs Committee, and president of the Hickory Branch of the NAACP.

He is also senior pastor of St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church in Greensboro and president of the N.C. Council of Churches.

As a young man, his father got memberships for his sisters and him.

telling them to keep them up because "you will be fighting for justice for the remainder of your years."

Spearman has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mercy College in Yonkers, N.Y.; a Master of Divinity Degree from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury; and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio.

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Blue

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Food aficionados will have access to fair staples like funnel cakes, barbecue, cakes and collard sandwiches from vendors and local churches, according to Blue.

Reminiscent of the county fair days gone by is the Old Timey Fair competition.

"It goes back to when you had County Fairs and ladies would enter their cakes, pies, jellies, quilts, knitting and everything." Blue said. "It's not just the ladies now, men can enter their whittling and carving anything that is handmade or grown house plants or fruits and

vegetables that have been grown through the season."

Entries will be on display in one of the cabins, and items will be judged by a panel. Awards will be given for first, second and third places.

Little festival goers can play old timey games like hopscotch, checkers, stilts and marbles. Free pony rides will delight children, and for a small fee, riders of all ages can take a trip on the Cotton Blossom Special, a miniature train that runs a half mile around the back of the property.

The historian will delight in an opportunity to walk through or look inside of historic structures from across the county and state. The historic complex boasts cabins, a corn crib and a springhouse and a general store. The McNiell, Jones-Lytch and Shaw cabins are furnished to give visitors a

of rights - voting rights,

settlers. The restored cotton gin will be in operation and festival goers can see a refurbished log tobacco barn.

glimpse of the life of early

"The cabins are open and they are interesting to go in. The cotton gin powered with mules will be ginning cotton and people can go upstairs and look as it gins," Blue said. "And there's the restored log tobacco barn. I've been told its only one of four in North Carolina open to the public; most were destroyed by fire or torn

down."

There will be demonstrations of how early farmers accomplished chores. A candle maker, woodwright, beekeeper and blacksmith will give visitors a glimpse of the craftsmanship and work that went into everyday living in the past. The will be demonstrations of how to milk a cow, make salt and grind cornmeal and the fresh ground meal will be available for purchase.

The historic complex also boasts a renovated 1920s sawmill.

The Pee-Dee Antique Power Club will be on hand to show off antique hit-andmiss engines and tractors ranging from steam powered to combustion engines.

The crown jewel of the site is the former home of farmer and inventor John Blue. The house was designed to resemble a Mississippi river boat. Tours of the home will be available for a small fee. "The house is definitely

worth a dollar or two to go and look at," Blue said speaking of the hundred year-old home's design and craftsmanship. The event celebrates the

life John Blue who left his mark on farming though his inventions, 1861-1935.

Blue invented his first farm implement, a cotton stalk cutter, while growing up on his father's farm. The cutter was patented in 1891. The rest of his life

was devoted to producing equipment that would make farming easier and increase production. He eventually bought his own farm and began a business to repair farm equipment. According to historians, Blue also created fertilizer spreader which he patented in 1893. He also invented 1-row cotton planters and a line of plow stocks.

Blue later established his own foundry in 1886 to make cast-iron farm machinery.

It is the ingenious spirit of John Blue and other early farmers that the festival celebrates.

Reach Beth Lawrence 910-506-

School

From page A1

a team."

The John's Road location was one of nine sites chosen last year by a site selection committee made up of former school board member B.J. Gibson, county commissioner Guy McCook, one parent from South Scotland Elementary School and I. Ellis Johnson Elementary School and several community members.

The committee submit-

ted the top three sites to the board in December.

School officials debated the sites in multiple closed session meetings in March but were unable to come to a consensus. Unable to agree on a location, school officials split consolidation into three phases instead of two in order to have more time to select a site.

In August, the board took a field trip to view five of the potential sites to allow Banks, Singletary and Tyson to view the sites that were being discussed since

they were not part of the original tours.

Tyson said the Old John's Road site was not high on the selection committee's list.

"We're saying through process of elimination that the board is willing to settle for the fifth or sixth best site," Tyson said. "Is this a personal opinion that this is bers on the board would the best site or has a professional team went out and surveyed the land saying this location is the best site to build a new school?"

Officials said several

of the sites the committee looked at were not for sale, one sites was under contract with the city and the former ZV Pate location was found to have soil contamination — which pushed the Old John's Road property to the top of the

Banks said the new memlike to slow the pace of consolidation.

"You have to look at what you're doing as far as the faculty and the students so I say move a little slower,"

she said. "We were not fully, when I came on the board, in favor of consolidation but since you had gotten to a certain point we had to buy into it and that's what we did. Now we're asking you to give us the same privelege to get as much information as we can to make the best decision."

Reaching out the landowner for a price, according to Sojka is just the first step. The board would then have to go to the county commissioners for approval on the purchase on the land which would be contingent on a property search and the results of an environmental study.

"I don't feel like there has been a push, this is has been an on-going process since 2014. This school would be a year or two after the consolidation at Laurel Hill and Sycamore Lane," said Byrd. "I'm looking at the site that is best for the kids being considered for consolidation into this new school."

Amber Hatten can be reached at 910-506-3170.

TODAY



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Winds: ENE 4-8 mph

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UV INDEX: 3

Very warm with intervals of clouds and sunshine Winds: SSW 4-8 mph

UV INDEX: 5

SUNDAY

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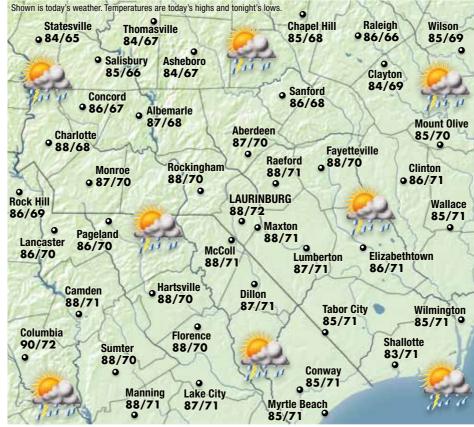
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Scotland Health extends service area

Staff report

Laurinburg - Scotland Health Care System has increased access to obstetric and gynecological care to the residents of Robeson County. The Scotland Physicians

Network recently announced that the Women's Health Center of the Carolinas at Pembroke has joined its network, and Dr. Samuel Cummings will join Scotland Health Care System's medical staff.

Cummings is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. He earned his medical degree from the University of North Carolina and completed his residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Cummings

has been practicing for more than 30 years.

The practice provides a full range of women's services treating women of all ages, beginning with their first gynecological exam, and continuing through pregnancy, childbirth and also into menopause.

For appointments at Women's Health Center of the Carolinas at Pembroke, call 910-522-7220. The practice is located at 17 Livermore Drive in Pembroke.



Cummings

Health Department holds flu shot clinics

Staff report

LAURINBURG — The **Health Department** now has flu shots available weekdays with no appointments.

Scotland County Health Department began offering vaccines last week. Walkins or appointments are welcome from Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The department's educaton officers want residents "to protect yourself and everyone in your family who is 6 months and older."

Flu activity can begin as early as October and last as late as May, but the Centers for Disease Control recommends being vaccinated by the end of October.

By two weeks after a vaccination, antibodies to protect against the virus should have developed.

"It's important to get vaccinated against the flu since influenza is a serious, contagious respiratory illness, caused by flu viruses, that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. Every flu season is different and influenza infection can affect people differ-

ently" said Alisa Freeman, public health nurse supervisor. "There are benefits of the flu vaccination; it can reduce the chances of your getting sick with the flu, reduce the risk of flu associated hospitalization, helps protect women during and after pregnancy, as the vaccine protects the developing baby during pregnancy and for several months after the baby is born, may make your illness milder if you do get sick, and getting vaccinated yourself protects people around you, including those more vulnerable to serious flu

illness like babies, young children, and, it's a preventive tool for older people and people with chronic health conditions."

Most people who get influenza will recover in several days to less than two weeks, but some people will develop complications as a result of the flu.

It usually comes on suddenly, and often people feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chilled – though not everyone with flu will have a fever
- Cough

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
 - Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Possible vomiting and diarrhea - though more common in children than adults

Some people should not be vaccinated without first consulting a doctor: people who have had a severe allergic reaction to chicken eggs, had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past, developed Guillain-Barre' Syndrome (GBS) within six weeks

of getting the influenza vaccine, children less than six months of age, or people who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever until symptoms lessen.

It's important to note the CDC is recommending the use of injectable influenza vaccines and not the nasal spray flu vaccine. lu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.

For information about the flu vaccine and cost, or to schedule an appointment, call the Scotland County Health Department at 910-277-2440.

Americans don't get enough nutrients nutritionists say

icans don't get enough vitamins and minerals.

Many nutritionists think this is a simple dietary challenge. Americans just need to eat more fresh produce, lean protein, and whole grains.

That's easier said than done. Many people, particularly the poor, live in communities that lack healthy food options. And the economics don't help. Nutrient-rich foods tend to be expensive, while cal-

Nearly nine in ten Amer- orie-dense, nutrient-poor foods tend to be cheap.

Fortunately, solving America's dietary shortfalls is possible with the help of nutritional supplements like daily multivitamins. They're no substitute for healthy eating, but they're a realistic way to plug the gaps in our diets.

Many Americans living in remote rural areas, or inner cities without supermarkets, struggle to access fresh, healthy foods. In

Minneapolis, nearly four in ten corner stores don't sell fresh produce. For most Detroit residents, the nearest grocery store is twice as far as the closest fast-food

joint. Half a million Houstonians live in neighborhoods so far from grocery stores they're called "food deserts."

Even Americans with access to healthy foods fail to get enough of the nearly



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three dozen nutrients for which the federal government has established recommended daily intakes. Vitamins A and D, magnesium, fiber and choline

are among the shortfall nutrients in our diets.

Getting nutrients from food alone is difficult. Consuming the governmentrecommended 1,000 milligrams of calcium per day would take over 10 cups

of cooked kale — or more than 7 cups of cottage cheese. Meeting advised daily Vitamin D levels would necessitate chowing down nearly a dozen eggs or over 4 pounds of Swiss cheese. Folks would need to eat over three cups of black-eyed peas or nearly six cups of cooked broccoli to reach the recommended

amount of folic acid. Those deficiencies can lead to serious health problems. A lack of Vitamin A can leave people

more prone to infections and eye problems. Vitamin D deficiencies can contribute to osteoporosis, depression, and cancer. A person who doesn't get enough magnesium may develop high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, and type 2 diabetes.

Given these risks, it's no wonder that nutritionists urge people to eat nutrient-rich foods like quinoa, chia seeds, oysters, almonds, and blackeyed peas.



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Did you know?

When a person is diagnosed with breast cancer, tests are then conducted to study the cancer cells. According to the National Cancer Institute, such tests are used to determine how quickly the cancer may grow and the likelihood that the cancer will spread throughout the body. These tests also may help doctors determine a course of treatment and if a patient is likely to experience a recurrence of the cancer down the road. One such test is the estrogen and progesterone receptor test, which measures the amount of estrogen and progesterone receptors in cancer tissue. The cancer may grow more quickly in patients who have more of these receptors than normal. In addition to measuring the amount of these hormones in the cancer tissue, an estrogen and progesterone test can determine if a treatment aimed at blocking estrogen and progesterone may prevent the cancer from growing.





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Tennis advances doubles team to regionals



Amber Hatten | Laurinburg Exchange

Lady Scots second doubles duo Liza McIntyre and Kathryn Goowin will represent the team on Oct. 18 in Raleigh in the 4A Mid-East Regionals. McIntyre and Goodwin along with the rest of the Lady Scots competed in the Sandhills Athletic Conference tournament on Monday in Southern Pines.

Senior Kathryn Goodwin, junior Liza McIntyre will compete in Raleigh

By Amber Hatten ahatten@laurinburgexchange.com

SOUTHERN PINES

— The Lady Scots tennis
team will be represented
at 4A Mid-East Regionals by second doubles
duo senior Kathryn
Goodwin and junior Liza

McIntyre.
The tandem, along with two singles players and the Lady Scots first doubles team, traveled to Pinecrest High School to compete in the first Sandhills Athletic Conference tournament.

Goodwin and McIntyre were ranked No. 13 out of 16 doubles teams in

the conference and took on the No. 14 ranked duo from Purnell Swett High School Harlie Scott and Tierra Locklear. The Lady Scots won their first round match in three sets, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to advance to the second

The Lady Scots duo then faced off with Pinecrest's Maddie Arrington and Lizzie McClymont in round two. That match was much more one-sided than the first match as the Lady Patriots won in

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Amber Hatten | Laurinburg Exchange

Lady Scots first doubles Samantha Bowen and Cheyanne Strong high-five during Monday's Sandhills Athletic Conference tournament in Southern Pines. Bowen and Strong were one match away from advancing to regionals, but fell in a second set tiebreaker.

Two Fighting Scots seniors named to 2017 Shrine Bowl

Staff report

LAURINBURG — The Fighting Scots will be represented in the 81st Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas in December by seniors Javon Ratliffe and Tyler Smith

Smith.

The Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas brings together the best high school football players from North and South Carolina in Spartansburg, S.C. at Wofford College to benefit the Greenville Unit Shriners Hospital for Children in South Carolina and the 21 other Shriners Hospitals for Children across the nation.

One of the starting linebackers for the Fighting Scots Ratliffe will play defense while Smith, an offensive

lineman, will
protect one of three quarterbacks selected for the game
— Conly High School's Holton
Ahlers; Robert B. Glenn's Stephon Brown; or Murhpy High
School's Joey Curry.

So far this season, Ratliffe has 23 tackles — seven for loss — to go along with three quarterback sacks and a fumble



Ratliffe

enough running room for the Fighting Scots running back to accumulate almost 2,000 rushing yards in six games. Smith and the line have also protected quarterback Warren Bell well enough he has thrown for almost 350 yards and four

recovery.

Smith is the starting right tackle for the Scots and

This year's Shrine Bowl will be played on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at Gibbs Stadium on the campus of Wofford College in Spartansburg, S.C.

tackle for the
Scots and
along with his
fellow offensive linemen
have created

the campus of Wofford Colle
in Spartansburg, S.C.
The Shrine Bowl began in
1937 based on the model of the
East-West Shrine Game that
was played in San Francisco,

1937 based on the model of the East-West Shrine Game that was played in San Francisco, but the game took on a new slant in the Carolinas. Instead of being a college all-star game, it would become the nation's first high school football all-star game.

The inaugural game, under the leadership of former Charlotte Fire Chief Hendrix Palmer

See SCOTS | 4B

Knights suffer last- devastating second loss on road in Virginia

ception.

Bluefield College scores game-winner in final 53 seconds

By Troy Baranik

SAU Sports Information Director

BLUEFIELD, Va. — The St. Andrews University football team dropped a devastating 34-27 game to Mid-South Appalachian Division foe Bluefield College (Va.) on the road Saturday.

St. Andrews offense opened the game with a five-play

48-yard drive capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from red-shirt freshman quarterback Dashaun Ferguson to fellow freshman wide receiver Jermaine Trotman — who made his Knights debut on Saturday.

Trotman added a spark to the Knights offense as St. Andrews went on to score 20 points in the first quarter and 27 first half points.

After their opening possession touchdown, the Knights offense responded with a 61-yard scamper by freshman tailback Trevor McNeil to give St. Andrews a 13-0 lead just seven minutes into the game.

touchdowns with just one inter-

seven minutes into the game.
Bluefield answered with a
nine-play 77-yard drive topped
off by a seven-yard touchdown
run from running back Alex
Martin.

The scoring extravaganza continued as the Knights

responded with their third touchdown of the quarter. This time Ferguson found Trotman for a 63-yard catch and run to put the Knights up, 20-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Rams narrowed the gap to 10 points with a 26-yard field goal with just over nine minutes left to play in the half.

St. Andrews offense marched down the field 64-yards on

See KNIGHTS | 4B

St. Andrews cross country teams race in Koala Classic

By Troy Baranik SAU Sports Information Director

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The St. Andrews University men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Koala XC Classic in Columbia on Saturday and came away with some quality individual finishes.

The Lady Knights finished seventh out of 10 teams in the Div.II/ NAIA 5K meet. Columbia College, Brenau University (Ga.) and St. Andrews were the only three NAIA teams competing.

The University of South Carolina won the meet with Tusculum College finishing runner-up. Columbia finished third and Brenau sixth just a few points ahead of the Lady Knights who had 188 team points.

Senior Hannah Biddle led the Lady Knights with a 19th place finish overall. Biddle turned in a time of 22:43 to finish third among the three NAIA schools.

Freshman Hannah Adams took 30th place with a time of 23:56 while juniors Nina Havelka and Kaitlyn Maddox were 49th and 51st. Havelka finished in 26:41 and Maddox in 27:12. Junior Shelby

See RACE | 4B

Bringing back the buzz to Charlotte

Howard-Clifford reunion may determine Hornets' success

By Steve Reed AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE — Dwight Howard is hoping a reunion with coach Steve Clifford in Charlotte will rejuvenate his NBA career.

Clifford is hoping the reunion rejuvenates the Hornets' struggling defense.

Regardless of what happens, Howard's arrival in Charlotte will go a long way toward determining whether the Hornets can rebound from a disappointing 36-46 season and reach the playoffs for the third time in five

years.

"It was fate for us to be back together," said Howard, an eight-time NBA All-Star and three-time defensive player of the year. "I think we know each other so well. He understands me. He knows how passionate I am about winning and helping my teammates."

Howard spent six season working under Clifford, then an assistant coach, with the Magic and Lakers and there's an undeniable respect between them.

So Clifford is willing to overlook two rough seasons in Houston and Atlanta where Howard was criticized for his play and being a locker room distraction.

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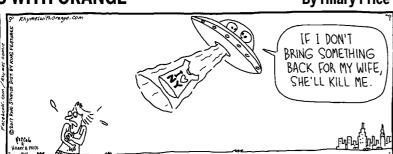
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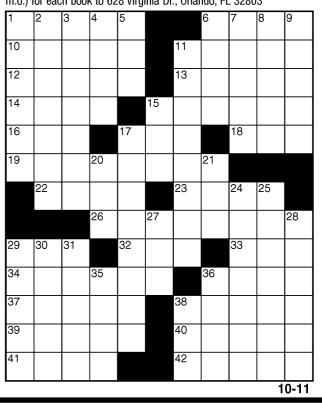
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Hornets

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"I know what he has to do to play well," Clifford said after the Hawks traded Howard one year into a three-year, \$70.5 million contract. "He understands that I know him. I know his game. Being around him in different settings I have a feel for what he likes to do. ... There is no reason he can't get back to playing at a really high level."

Clifford said his goal is for the Hornets to finish in the top five on defense in the league and in the top 10 on offense.

The Hornets struggled defensively last season, particularly late in games. But Howard gives them a rim protector they've never had during the Clifford era. Clifford said he still considers Howard an "elite basket protector and elite shot blocker."

Clifford said the Hornets have been working hard in training camp on re-establishing a defensive toughness, something that was noticeably absent last year.

"We have to get our defensive ego back where guys are more determined to keep the ball in front of them," Clifford said. ".... We weren't as discipline and we didn't guard the ball 1-on-1 nearly as well as need to last year."

Some other things to watch this season with the Hornets:

REPLACING BATUM: Nic Batum will not need surgery to repair torn ligaments in his left elbow, but will still miss six to eight weeks to start the season while rehabbing. That's a huge blow for the Hornets because Batum was expected to play a pivotal role in the pick and roll game with Howard. Charlotte will turn to Jeremy Lamb as its

starting shooting guard to open the season.

ZELLER'S NEW ROLE: Center Cody Zeller said it doesn't bother him going from two-year starter to a bench role if it means the Hornets will be a better team. "I have always been a team guy and I think Dwight is going to help our team," Zeller said. "... If they want me to will hand out water bottles, I will." Clifford is excited about what Zeller can accomplish working with the second team. "So you are not only getting a front-line starter," the coach said, "but you are taking a position where we struggled (at second team center) and it should be a position of great strength."

WALKER'S ENCORE: Kemba Walker averaged a career-high 23.2 points per game and established personal best in field goal percentage (44.3 percent) and 3-point shooting



Charlotte Hornets

Dwight Howard's arrival in Charlotte will go a long way toward determining whether the Hornets can rebound from a disappointing 36-46 season and reach the playoffs for the third time in five years.

(39.9 percent). For an encore, Walker said, "The biggest thing for me and all my guys is making the playoffs, really. That's what we're playing for."

MONK A STEAL: With Lamb having to step into a starting role,

rookie Malik Monk's learning curve could be accelerated as the No. 2 shooting guard. Walker said the Hornets getting the sharp-shooting Monk with the 11th overall pick is a steal. "I thought he'd be gone," Walker said.

CARTER-WILLIAMS INJURY: The Hornets brought in Michael-Carter Williams to backup Walker at point guard, but he won't be ready in time for the regular season opener because of a lingering knee issue.

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Hornets' Jordan donates \$7 million to build medical clinics

By Steve Reed AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hornets owner Michael Jordan is donating \$7 million to launch medical clinics that he hopes will help at-risk communities in Charlotte.

It's the largest philanthropic donation ever by the former NBA champion.

The donation will fund two Novant Health Michael Jordan Family Clinics, which are projected to open in 2020.

"Through my years of working with Novant Health, I have been impressed with their approach and their commitment to the community," Jordan, a North Carolina native, said in a release Monday. "It is my hope that these clinics will help provide a brighter and healthier future for the children

and families they serve."

Jordan's spokesperson

Jordan's spokesperson
Estee Portnoy told The
Associated Press Monday
that the Hornets owner
"feels so great about being
able to impact the Charlotte community and help
people who really deserve
it. Michael and Novant are
really excited about this
project."

Portnoy said Jordan, 54, was motivated by a study that found poor children in Charlotte have the worst odds of those of any of the top 50 cities in the United States to lift themselves out of poverty.

A release from Novant stated the clinics will provide an avenue to affordable, high-quality care — including behavioral health, physical therapy, social work, oral health and family planning — to individuals in the community who have little or no health care.

The clinics have the potential to decrease emergency room utilization by 68 percent and decrease hospitalization by 37 percent for the residents of these neighborhoods, according to Novant.

Novant added that the clinics are projected to care for nearly 35,000 children and adults who do not currently have access to primary and preventive care or who use the emergency room for non-urgent medical needs.

"This gift will transform the lives of thousands of families and children living in poverty-stricken communities," said Carl Armato, president and CEO of Novant Health said. "We are thankful to Michael for his generosity. The gift will remove barriers to high-quality health care in some of the most vulnerable communities."



SAU Athletics

The St. Andrews University football team dropped a devastating 34-27 game to Mid-South Appalachian Division foe Bluefield College (Va.) on the road Saturday. The Knights have their second bye this week before going back on the road to face Appalachian Division foe Point University (Ga.) on Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Knights

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their ensuing possession to set up a nine-yard touchdown run by Trotman on a nifty reverse to make it 27-10 Knights with just over six minutes until halftime.

Bluefield College again cut the Knights lead to 10 with a 12-yard touchdown run by the Rams' Malik Brown to end first-half scoring.

In the first half, Trotman set a season high 98-receiving yards with two touchdowns for St.

Andrews.
After halftime, Blue-field College scored 17 unanswered points on a quarterback keeper by Cason Whitt and a seven-

vard carry by Martin.

Those two touchdowns coupled with a 31-yard field goal by Tanner Griffith sealed the win for the Rams, 34-27.

The game winning touchdown by the Rams came with just 53 seconds left on the clock.

Bluefield carried the ball 64 times for 231 yards. St. Andrews was more efficient in their carries with 30 for 229 yards. McNeil finished the game with five carries for 73 yards. The Knights freshman is averaging 14.6 yards per carry.

Ferguson finished his day with eight passes for 157 yards and two touchdowns, but threw two costly interceptions. Ferguson's 157 passing yards was a season high for the Knights offense while Bluefield threw for 216 yards.

Freshmen safety
Nathan Belch led the
Knights with 12 solo
tackles and 14 total — a
season–high for him
and the team. Freshman
linebacker Chris Smith
recorded 10 total tackles
while freshman defensive
end Codie Emunson had
nine tackles — four for a
loss — and a quarterback
sack.

St. Andrews falls to 1-5 overall and 0-2 in the Appalachian Division with the heartbreaking defeat while Bluefield improves to 3-3 and 1-0 in division.

St. Andrews has their second bye this week before going back on the road to face Appalachian Division foe Point University (Ga.) on Oct. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Scots

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attracted 5,500 spectators, many of whom paid one dollar to attend and raised \$2,500 for the hospital. Since 2013, game receipts and temple contributions have raised over 1.7 million dollars.

Since the first game, over \$75 million dollars have been raised for Shriners Hospitals. The mission of Shriners is to provide the highest quality care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special healthcare needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment. Along with providing education for physicians and other healthcare professionals.

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Stegall made her season debut and ran a time of 31:19 while fellow junior Grace Matonis came in with a time of 34:41.

The St. Andrews men did not register a team score in the 8K meet.

Tusculum College out of Tennessee won the men's meet while Bob Jones University out of South Carolina finished in second place.

Leading the St. Andrews men and coming in 15th overall was junior Eduardo Andrade with a time of 31:14 — just two and a half minutes off the top time.

Freshman Austin Hunt

came in 19th place with a time of 31:32. Freshman Ciaran O'Cleirigh made his season debut and placed 43rd in 35:36 while senior Franco Portillo came in right after in 44th in 35:47.

The cross country teams will travel to Hardeeville, S.C. on Oct. 21 to compete in the USC-Beaufort Sandshark Invite at 9 a.m.

Tennis

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straight sets, 6-0, 6-0. Goodwin and McIntyre battled the heat and humidity in their consolation match against Hoke's Jamie Moore and Madison Bishop. The win would advance the duo to the 4A regionals. Goodwin and McIntyre dug deep and won their consolation match in two sets, 6-3, 6-3.

"I'm excited and proud to have Liza and Kathryn going," said Lady Scots head coach Atondra Ellis. "With such a young team and less experience than most of our competition the Lady Scots performed well."

The Lady Scots other doubles duo of sopho-

more Samantha Bowen and Cheyanne Strong started Monday's conference tournament with a straight sets victory, 6-0, 6-0, over Hoke's Zaidee Burroughs and Lilly Cummings in the first round.

Bowen and Strong were seeded as the No. 4 doubles team and the win forced them to play Pinecrest twins Chappy and Claudia Ray in the second round. The Ray twins, as they did twice during the regular season, defeated Bowen and Strong in two sets, 6-0, 6-2.

The loss moved Bowen and Strong into the consolation bracket where they played Richmond's Destiny Buie and Kathleen Pittman. The duo dropped the first set, 4-6 before fighting back in the second 6-6 to force a tiebreaker. Bowen and Strong continued to play hard, falling in the tiebreaker, 5-7 to end their season.

The Lady Scots also had two seniors compete in the singles bracket — Justice McCrimmon and Karrigan Campbell.

McCrimmon played Purnell Swett's Abbi Lowry in her opening match falling in straight sets, 0-6, 0-6. Campbell played Hoke's Addriana Galaz for her first match and ended her season with an 0-6, 3-6 loss.

Goodwin and McIntyre's win advances them to the 4A Mid-East Regionals which will be held in Raleigh at Millbrook Exchange Park on Oct. 18.

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