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**WSJBREAKINGNEWS**

Wake Forest man found dead on Carolina Beach. Body was unresponsive when emergency services arrived. **Page 2**



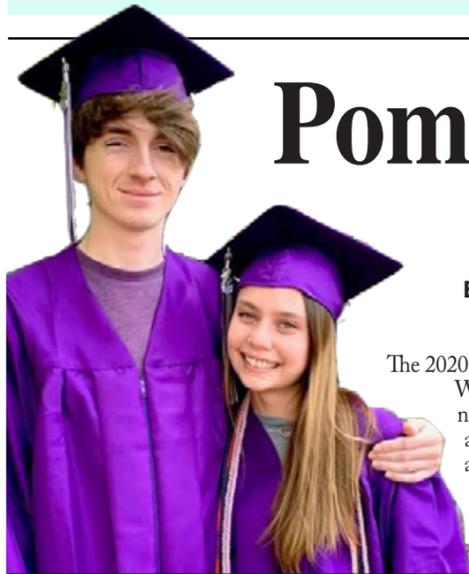
**WSJOPINION**

Columnist David Leone discusses the benefits of the merger of the Wake Forest Fire Department and the Town of Wake Forest. **Page 4**

**CORONAVIRUS CASES AT A GLANCE**

<b>1,212</b> WAKE COUNTY CONFIRMED CASES	<b>18,673</b> NORTH CAROLINA CONFIRMED CASES	<b>686</b> NORTH CAROLINA DEATHS	<b>1.5 M</b> UNITED STATES CONFIRMED CASES	<b>90,988</b> UNITED STATES DEATHS	<b>4.8 M</b> WORLDWIDE CONFIRMED CASES	<b>317,200</b> WORLDWIDE DEATHS
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Statistics as of 05/13/20



## Pomp under the circumstances

*WFHS graduation event scheduled for June 10*

**BY KATHY HARRELSON**  
For the WSJ

The 2020 WFHS graduation party is set! Wake Forest High School is planning a Wednesday, June 10, graduation experience for seniors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Principal Patti Hamler announced this weekend. The WFHS graduation will also be highlighted Thursday,

June 11, at 4 p.m. for seniors in a virtual graduation, she said.

Wake County Schools' system leaders announced Friday that virtual graduations will be for seniors June 8-13 throughout the county, and many of the county's 34 high schools are planning graduation events, similar to WFHS.

Heritage High School is expected to have a similar event for graduates.

WFHS graduates and their parents are invited to campus to drive through different stations to

receive senior acknowledgements, a senior gift bags, and their diplomas. At the end, students will drive to the front of the school where they and their parents will get out of the car and the student will walk up the steps to the platform to receive their diploma, hear their named called and have their picture taken by a professional photographer. The school plans to post more information to its website in the coming days.

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## Budget: Personnel town costs at 41%

**BY KATHY HARRELSON**  
For the WSJ

Personnel costs make up about 41 percent of the Town of Wake Forest's total proposed budget, lending itself to the most expensive operation of the municipality.

Operations follow at 31 percent. A roughly 3-cent decrease in the ad valorem tax rate from 52 to 49 cents per each \$100 in assessed property valuation based on an estimated tax base of \$6.6 billion (Wake County) and \$127 million (Franklin County) is proposed.

The 2020-21 proposed budget includes 387 full-time positions — up from the current fiscal year budget of 284; 84 of those are for the Fire Department, which is merging into town operations and will have roughly a \$9 million operating budget.

The fire chief salary (Ron Early) is proposed at \$122,548

The total proposed budget, including debt service and capital outlay (\$87 million), has personnel at a cost of \$35,385,405, with the town manager position (Kip Padgett) the highest at \$175,446 annually. (Any pay amounts in this story are current salaries.)

A reclassification of the assistant to the town manager to assistant town manager is proposed to increase from \$114,349 to \$125,359. Candace

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**CORONAVIRUS COLLATERAL**

## BYE, BYE MISS AMERICAN PIE

*Wake Forest cancels Friday Night on White concerts, other events for the rest of year*



The band Big Love performs to a crowd at the August Friday Night on White last year. The popular event's 2020 schedule has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PHOTO | DAVID LEONE

**FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS**

The Friday Night on White concert series has been cancelled. In what the Town of Wake Forest calls a difficult decision, the concert series as well as Family Movie Nights at Joyner Park and the Memorial Flag -Raising Ceremonies will not happen this year, because of the Coronavirus.

"We decided to cancel the Friday Night on White concerts because we are unsure about what will happen with the Covid-19 virus — and the

health and safety of our community must come first," Mayor Vivian Jones said Friday. "On top of that, these concerts require considerable planning and up-front costs that may be lost if we are not able to continue, so canceling the season was the prudent decision both socially and financially. We are all disappointed, but we appreciate all the many sponsors who help with these concerts and look forward to resuming next year."

Town officials, in a statement, said the decision to suspend these

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## Virus outbreak at senior care facility

**BY KATHY HARRELSON**  
For the WSJ

Coronavirus outbreaks were reported last week in Wake County at two long-term senior care facilities — one in Wake Forest, as pressure against the state to release more information explodes.

On Sunday, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued new rules requiring nursing homes to begin reporting specific information to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well. Separately, the new measure also requires facilities to

directly notify residents and family members within 12 hours of a positive case.

The new rules don't include any requirement for federal, state or local health officials to disclose those outbreaks to the public. The federal data on COVID-19 from nursing homes across the country should be available to the public online in the next few weeks.

More than 85 percent of the state's coronavirus-related deaths have been people who are 65 years or older, according to the North Carolina Department of



Brookdale Wake Forest had a COVID-19 outbreak last week. WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

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## New police officers

Wake Forest Police Department has added new personnel to their ranks, from left, Officer Lautner, Officer Moody, and Officer Martin.  
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# Virtual commissioners meeting: May 19

Contributed To WSJ  
From The Town of Wake Forest

The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. will be conducted virtually and not open to on-site visitors. The virtual meeting will allow the board to conduct the important business of government, while protecting the health and safety of the Commissioners, the public and Town staff. The only individuals expected to be physically in attendance are the mayor and commissioners, the town manager, town clerk and town attorney. All will be seated in a manner that ensures proper social and physical distancing.

The May 19 meeting agenda will be available online at <https://bit.ly/TOWFPublicMeetingPortal> no later than 5 p.m. Friday, May 15.

The BOC is providing two opportunities for public comment: 1) by submitting written comment and 2) by calling into the meeting to provide oral testimony. Anyone wishing to provide public comment virtually (written or orally) must complete and submit the BOC online comment form at <https://bit.ly/TOWFPublicMeetingPortal>.

Please note: The deadline to sign up to speak during the meeting via Zoom is 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, while the deadline to submit written comments is 24 hours following the close of the public hearing.

Members of the public wishing to provide oral testimony will receive directions via email for how to participate remotely no later than 4 p.m. on May 19. Please note: When completing the online comment form, you must provide the telephone number from which you

will be calling. During the public comment portion of the meeting, if Town officials do not recognize your telephone number, you will not be allowed to enter the meeting.

The Town Clerk will compile and distribute to the Board of Commissioners all written comments received at least 24 hours following the close of the public hearing. The clerk will read into the record the names of everyone who submitted comments. The comments will be made part of the permanent official record.

Members of the public may live stream the meeting at <https://bit.ly/TOWFPublicMeetingPortal> and view it on Spectrum Channel 10 (WFTV10) which is provided online in real time at [bit.ly/WFTV10](https://bit.ly/WFTV10).

There are also two ways the public can participate via audio only in the May 19 meeting:

- Join the meeting through Zoom from your computer or smartphone.

<https://zoom.us/j/86291893549>

Meeting ID: 862-9189-3549

By clicking on the link to join the meeting, the Zoom software application will be downloaded to your computer. There is no cost associated with the software or attending the meeting.

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When prompted, enter meeting ID: 862-9189-3549.

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# Greenways users urged to respect private property

Contributed To WSJ  
From The Town of Wake Forest

As the world continues coping with COVID-19, a growing number of area residents have been taking advantage of the Town's 50-plus miles of greenways. Some trail users like to walk and bike for exercise, while others do so for their mental well-being.

Regardless of your reason for using Wake Forest's greenways, it is important for everyone to respect pri-

vate property and remain within the confines of the marked trails. Anyone who ventures off the trails onto the adjacent land may be guilty of trespassing.

In North Carolina, trespassing is classified as a Class 2 misdemeanor under NCGS 14-159.12 and punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The Wake Forest Police Department urges greenway users to remain on the trails and off adjacent property. Anyone witnessing suspicious activity is urged to call the Police Department at 919-554-6150.

# Wake Forest man found dead at Carolina Beach

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

A Wake Forest man found dead in shallow water along the Carolina Beach strand early Saturday morning has been identified by police.

According to a news release from the Carolina Beach Police, the man is 23-year-old Kenric Joseph Jermaine Brown.

Carolina Beach Police, the Carolina Beach Fire Department and New Hanover County EMS were all dispatched to the beach near Scallop Lane around 7:50 a.m. Saturday in reference to an unconscious man in shallow water.

When emergency responders arrived there were no signs of life, according to the release.

No further details were immediately available.

## POLICE BLOTTER

# Wake Forest Police Dept. arrests for May 7-12

The Wake Forest Police Department made the following arrests from May 7-12:

### May 7

- Travis Keaton Taylor, 27, Sheppard Road, Norlina: two counts failure to appear, \$1,000 secured bond.

### May 8

- Artis Andre Gupton, 28, Bickett Blvd., Louisburg: misdemeanor probation violation; \$915 secured bond.
- Kenneth James Haas-Ramirez, 33, Morgause Drive, Raleigh: driving while impaired; \$1,000 secured bond.

### May 9

- Rickie Lee Everette, 58, Moss Garden Path, Raleigh: driving while impaired and hit and run, failure to stop causing property damage; \$1,000 secured bond.

- Tarique Shavon Jones, 28, Fox Haven Place, Raleigh: failure to appear and simple possession of a Schedule Two controlled substance; \$1,000 secured bond.

### May 10

- Xavierre Pakingan Hunter, 40, Stackhurst Way, Wake Forest: conspiracy to obtain property by false pretenses; \$4,000 secured bond.

### May 11

- Dario Montrelle Lassiter, 30, Kimarnock Court, Wake Forest: possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana and possession of marijuana paraphernalia; bond unavailable.

### May 12

- David Steven Collins, 70, Main St., Wake Forest: second degree trespassing and possession of marijuana paraphernalia; \$2,000 secured bond.

- Markayla Juanae Reaves, 22, Cascade Falls Lane, Durham: possession of a stolen motor vehicle, failure to appear and felony larceny of a motor vehicle; \$7,000 secured bond.

- Dannie Lee Richardson, 27, of Franklin St., Wake Forest: misdemeanor domestic violence protective order violation; no bond.

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## Recruits receive training

The Wake Forest Fire Departments's 0919 Academy and a number of instructors, attended training at Gaston College recently. This training focused on search and firefighter rescue drills. The recruits will soon graduate and come on line.  
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## Wake Forest to celebrate National Trails Day

The Wake Forest Greenways Advisory Board will host a family-friendly 5K race as part of National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6, at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. A new event has been added this year, a Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run for ages 12 and under. Online registration for both races is available at <http://bit.ly/wfnationaltrailsday>. The 5K entry fee is \$30 before May 24; and \$35 through June 6. Everyone who registers before May 24 will receive a race T-shirt. Same-day registrations will be accepted. The Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run is for children ages 12 and under and the entry fee is \$5.



Wake Forest will will celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 6, at E. Carroll Joyner Park.  
 PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED

### Race Day Schedule Saturday, June 6

- 7-7:45 a.m. Race Day Registration & Packet Pick-Up
- 7:45-7:55 a.m. Warm-up with Burn Boot Camp
- 8 a.m. Start of 5K Race & National Trails Day Festivities
- 9 a.m. Kids' 1-Mile Fun Run Begins
- 9:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony
- 10:15 a.m. Free Yoga with certified instructor Stephanie Barnhill
- 11 a.m. National Trails Day Festivities Conclude



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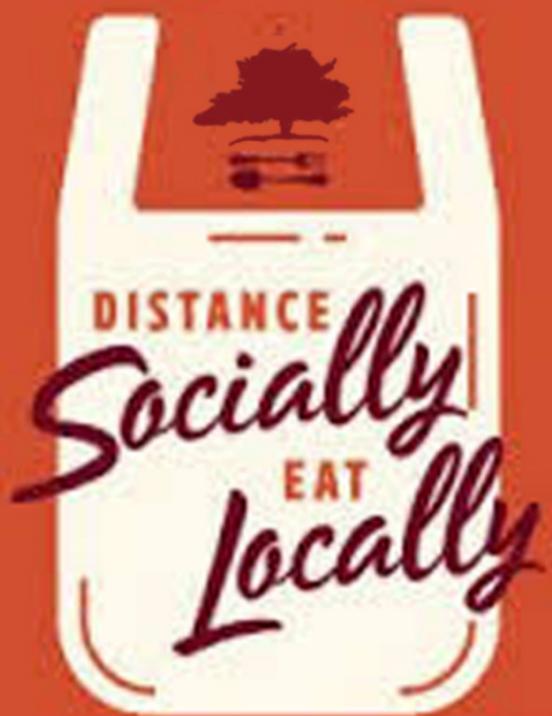
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# WSJ OPINION

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EDITORIAL

## WE THE PEOPLE

**A** federal judge's temporary order on Saturday does more than allow North Carolina churches to worship inside again.

It is a wise legal statement of our time that only begins to reveal the blinders placed on the American people involving the Coronavirus.

The order by federal court Judge James C. Dever III, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina Eastern Division, strongly reveals how haphazardly government has imposed restrictions on all of us to attempt to fight back a virus without consistent guidelines, enforcements or penalties. The very lack of governmental decision-making on how we are to all behave in the name of public safety has only added to the nonchalant attitudes toward the dangers of the virus by most of the public, further and more so endangering those most susceptible.

The order is a victory in light of the Constitution. Cooper's order is in violation of allowing religious freedom.

The judge also pointed out that the governor's order is not neutral in its selection of indoor activities. How true. We can mass gather at Lowe's to buy gardening materials, waiting in line at ABC stores but can't praise our God together in the houses of God.

"The government cannot treat religious worship as a world apart from nonreligious activity with no good, or more importantly, Constitutional explanation," Dever wrote.

Checkmate.

Cooper's order disallows more than 10 people to gather, with an exception of 50 for a funeral. The former state Attorney General, Cooper relied upon local county sheriff departments to monitor and enforce the order, but sheriffs statewide rebuffed that authority and refused to make charges against violating churchgoers. The order carries with it a Class 2 misdemeanor for violators, although few have been arrested. Right now, the judge's order prevents any arrests to indoor church attendees.

Cooper's order states that the churches must be held outdoors unless absolutely impossible. Dever took just exception to that phrasing, asking who is it who determines the impossibility? How can you determine that it is impossible?

Dever ruled that Cooper "appears to trust citizens to perform non-religious activities indoors (such as shopping or working or selling merchandise) but does not trust them to do the same when they worship together indoors."

Indeed, we ask, who is it who is determining any possibilities or impossibilities in this pandemic? The orders to the people nationwide have been haphazardly created and enforced, and Dever's ruling is likely just the beginning of petitions to the courts if restrictions are not removed timely. Adding to the fever, timeliness with all these government suppressions on our economy and our lives is also undefined from the top of the federal government to county seats.

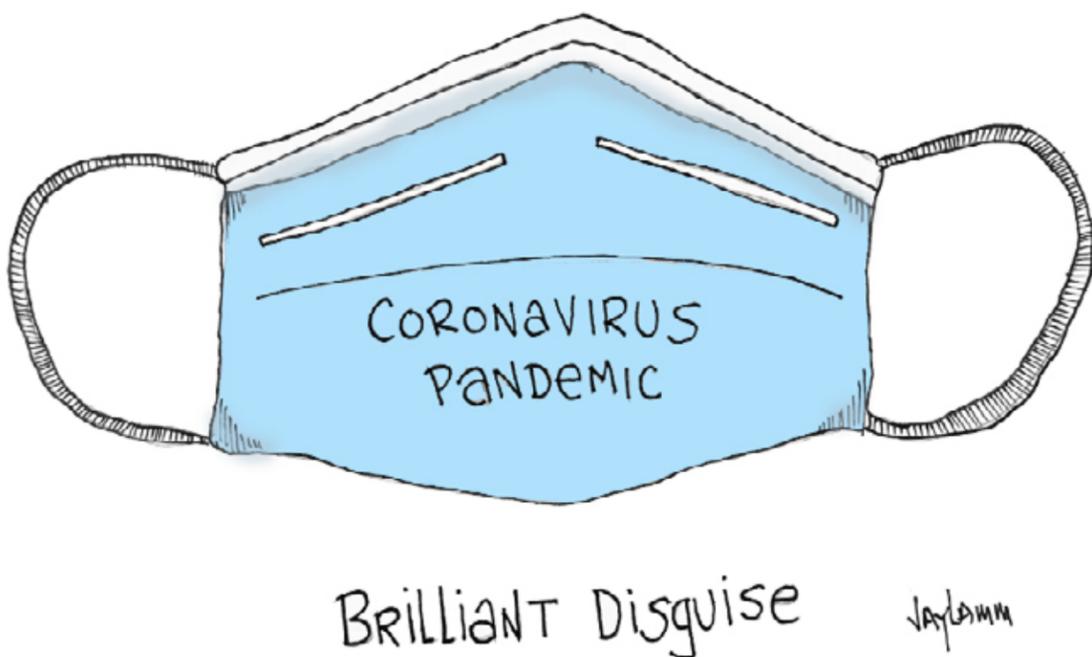
While the federal government under President Donald Trump has ditched authority and has given governors the power to be primary sources of how to deal with the Coronavirus, wishy-washy state orders continue to keep businesses limited or closed and people out of work — more than 40 percent of the nation now on unemployment.

Governors have entrapped themselves in their "plans," and we as faithful rats have scurried to do what is right as our lives collapse around us. At first we were scared. Now we are getting aware.

We are however, now in it. We can only hope that future challenges to restrictive orders can be addressed as quickly as this one was and that restrictions are removed sooner than later.

Dever's decision cements the foundation of our country — not only for freedom of religion but for freedom of Americans. We are Americans. We are not pawns of the government, and we will not allow any of our freedoms be trampled upon.

*(The temporary order by Judge Dever was made from a lawsuit filed last week by two Baptist churches, a minister and a Christian revival group saying Cooper's executive order violates their First Amendment freedom of religion and other constitutional rights. A hearing is scheduled May 29 on whether the order will become permanent. Cooper has said he will not appeal.)*



THE BACK FORTY

## What about the fish fry?

**I** see in the White Street Journal that the town is finally merging with the Wake Forest Fire Department, which is probably one of the best run non-profit entities in the region. I hope they do it justice and keep it in tiptop shape. In general, town mergers are good for fire departments, which have to run on tight budgets from town and county contributions. Non-profit departments use a lot of volunteer firefighters, but in these modern days where people's jobs are across the county from where they live, and where their jobs eat up their days, nights and weekends, holding onto volunteers gets tougher and tougher. The days in which a guy gets a page or text at work and drives over to the firehouse to change and then go out, or drives straight to the scene of a fire or incident and gets in gear, are fading fast, at least in cities and towns.

The biggest benefit from the town running the department is pay and retirement. Towns pay reasonably well, and their people tap into a local governments employee healthcare package and retirement system, part of the state employees benefit system — one of the best incentives to working for a municipality. I've

heard that some folks run for town board, or at least keep upping for re-election because they can tap into those healthcare benefits. Imagine a job paying less than \$10,000 a year that has better healthcare than your real job. I checked with Virginia Jones, human resources director at the town. She says town commissioners get \$8,000 a year and the mayor receives \$10,000 (hardly sufficient for all the work they do!). But they can sign up for free medical, dental and \$10,000 in life insurance.

Jones said the fire department currently has a fire and rescue pension program, which the department will keep. But as new employees to the town they'll also get state retirement and pension — a big boost for those firefighters. They're very hard workers who risk their lives for us. They deserve it.

There are 20 Wake Forest Fire volunteers. They'll stay with the department — they're essential to the operation of Station 5, which has no full time staffing, Fire Chief Ron Early tells me. That's the former Falls Fire Department, the "River Rats" station, which, though technically outside of Wake Forest near the Falls Dam, still serves a lot of mutual

communities. The chief says they get some money from the county for that station, but not enough to keep it open without the volunteers. When you think about how money runs the world, isn't it amazing that people still dedicate their time to be firefighting volunteers, an activity that though it's exciting, is fraught with risk? Kudos to all of them — and all the volunteers at the rural fire departments statewide.

The firefighters are excited about the merger, which goes through July 1, Early said. One benefit is he'll be able to talk with other department heads and with Town Manager Kip Padgett (his new boss) more frequently for long range planning. Early has worked in municipal-run fire departments before, so it should be copasetic. He didn't know if they will be doing a merger event like they did with Station 5 a few years ago, because of, well you know, the coronavirus. Maybe we could Zoom it, though that might get difficult with one thousand or so Zoom windows, and everyone forgetting to hit mute.

I've left the most important part of this story to the end, the one every fan of the fire department has on the



DAVID LEONE

tip of their tongue (literally). Early and Padgett have talked about the fundraising the firefighters do

that helps pay for extras — such as educational efforts with children; the drone they use for search and rescue and to see hotspots in a house fire; special gear that isn't always justifiable in a tight budget; their donations to the Purple Heart Foundation and Camp Celebrate for child burn victims. That will all continue through a foundation run apart from the town. And that means that, though it was canceled this year due to the pandemic, yes, Virginia, the Wake Forest Fire Department fish fry will return.

— David Leone is a writer, photographer and raconteur who has worked in Wake Forest since 2007 and lived there since 2012.

END OF STORY

## Goodbye was long ago

**G**ood morning. My Dad died this week. He was 90. He taught me how to go back on a pop up from an infield position. He would hit the ball, then make me spin around five times, then look for the ball. Probably one of my rare athletic talents that I can still do today at almost 60. He taught me not to lie, but when the occasion called for it, he had no trouble stretching the truth.

He said always register as a Democrat,

because the Republican primary doesn't matter, even though he was a Republican in his thinking. That was back in the 60s and rang truer then.

He never cared much about my education, even though he wanted me to have one.

He always thought my girlfriends were snobs but always said two can live cheaper than one.

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JAY LAMM



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WSJ LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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**Lynette Ware**

February 4, 1958 ~ May 6, 2020

Lynette L. Ware, 62, of Wake Forest, passed away on May 6, 2020 at home with her family. She was born February 4, 1958 in Palmerton, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Elmer and the late Marie (Oswald) Henry.

Lynette graduated from Shippensburg University with a Bachelor's degree in Math and then studied further at East Carolina University where she obtained her Master's Degree in Math Education. She was a devoted high school math teacher for many years in North Carolina and Virginia. She was an avid bird watcher, enjoyed gardening and also was a member of the church choir.

Along with her father, Elmer, Lynette is survived by her husband of 35 years, Timothy Ware, of Wake Forest; her children: Joshua Ware and his wife, Jennifer, of Raleigh and Zachary Ware and his wife, Corie, of Fuquay Varina; her siblings: Joan Maring and her husband, Gary, of Colorado Springs Co, and Donald Henry and his wife, Wendy, of Mesa, AZ.

Due to the Coronavirus a private funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 in the Chapel of Bright Funeral Home, 405 S. Main St. Wake Forest, NC 27587. Interment will follow at Wake Forest Town Cemetery. A live streaming link of Lynette's service will be available to view on Tuesday am.

In honor of Lynette's love of teaching and her many students, in lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Beaufort County Education Foundation, 321 Smaw Road, Washington, NC 27889.

www.brightfunerals.com



**Jason Dane Reinhardt**

March 25, 1973 ~ May 9, 2020

Jason Dane Reinhardt (Jay), 47, of Raleigh, NC, peacefully passed away on May 9, 2020, after years of declining health. Jay was born in Yadkinville, NC and grew up in Newtown, PA and Merchantville, NJ.

He is predeceased in death by his father, James D. Reinhardt, Jr. and a brother, Justin D. Reinhardt. Jay is remembered with love by two beautiful, smart, and amazing daughters, Hannah J. Reinhardt and Keira M. Reinhardt; his mother Elizabeth C. Branin and step-father Jeffrey N. Branin; a brother, James D. Reinhardt III (Laurie); three nieces; an uncle, R. C. Carter (Marcie) and a lifelong true friend, B J. Johnson.

He will be remembered for his love of cooking, his willingness to help anyone in whatever way he could to assist them and his support of the Philadelphia Eagles and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Jay would say his biggest accomplishment in life was being a father. His daughters called him an amazing Dadoo and thanked him for teaching them so many lessons. They would say to each other, "I love you to the moon and back plus infinity times pi." They know that as long as there are memories, his hand will be on their shoulders guiding them through life.

The family will return the ashes of Jay and his faithful dog, Jax, to the Earth in an ocean burial. He requested this burial as a way to be connected to where he had wonderful memories.

**Jean Patricia Page Edwards**

July 31, 1936 ~ May 9, 2020

Jean Edwards, 83, of Raleigh passed away quietly on Saturday May 9, 2020.

Jean was born in Halifax, NC and is the daughter of the late Mildred Baker Page and William Ellis Page.

Jean was a dedicated daughter, wife and mother. Quick to help, loyal to a fault and full of adventure. There was not an old farm house or dirt road she would not explore. A Lover of animals and people, Jean never met a stranger. Jean expressed her love through her arts and crafts gifting them freely to others.

Jean was also one to give back to the community through her volunteering at Bay Leaf Baptist Church. Jean was also a member of the Eastern Star.

Jean is survived by her husband Reuben B Edwards Jr, sons R Bryan Edwards III and William Page Edwards.

A graveside funeral service will be held in the Bay Leaf Baptist Church Cemetery on Thursday May 14, 2020.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children at [shrinershospitalforchildren.org/shc](http://shrinershospitalforchildren.org/shc) or to Bay Leaf Baptist Church 12200 Bayleaf Church Rd. Raleigh, NC 27614.

A service of Bright Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Wake Forest, NC



**Perry Neal Ray Jr.**

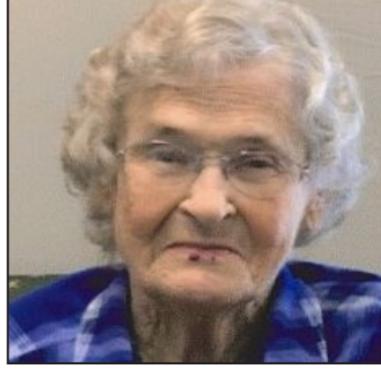
December 23, 1987 ~ May 12, 2020

Perry Neal "J.R." Ray, Jr. 32, passed away suddenly on Tuesday May 12, 2020. He was born in Wake County the son of Terry Payne Ray and Perry Neal Ray, Sr. He was a loving son, brother and grandson.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning May 16, 2020 at the Brier Creek Memorial Gardens in Raleigh with Dr. Tom Jenkins officiating.

"J.R." is survived by his parents, Terry and Perry Neal Ray, Sr. of Wake Forest; a sister, Ashley Michelle Ray of Los Angeles, CA; grandparents, Charles and Wynelle Attardi of Raleigh; step-grandmother, Betty Rich Payne of Palatka, FL; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Operation North State, 151 Windemere, Winston Salem, NC 27127.



**Ruby Woodlief Fuller**

September 14, 1936 ~ May 9, 2020

Ruby Woodlief Fuller, 83, of Franklinton passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Rex Hospital. She was born in Wake County, the daughter of the late Nolie Beatrice Catlett Woodlief and Marvin Roosevelt Woodlief.

A funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning May 13, 2020 in the Chapel of Bright Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Franklinton.

Mrs. Fuller is survived by her husband; John Fuller, Sr., her children; John Fuller, Jr., Susan Fuller Medlin and husband Tim, grandchildren; Adam and Jordan Medlin, sisters; Frankie White and Margaret Caton, brothers; Marvin "Pete" Woodlief, Herman "Cuddy" Woodlief and Frank Woodlief. She was preceded in death by her siblings; Eugene "Gene" Woodlief, Pauline Dupree, Thurman "Buck" Woodlief, Ronald "Joe" Woodlief and Donald "Sug" Woodlief.

Friends may visit with the family from 6-8 Tuesday evening May 12, 2020 at Bright Funeral Home Cremation Center, Wake Forest, NC.



**Philip Craig Powell**

December 2, 1968 ~ May 11, 2020

Philip Craig Powell, 51, of Youngsville, passed away on Monday May 11, 2020 at WakeMed in Raleigh. He was born in Anderson, SC, the son of Juanita Basinger Powell and the late Larry Eugene Powell.

Philip was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle and friend. He was a Purchasing Manager with Mattamy Homes.

Along with his mother, Juanita, Philip is survived by his wife, Sheryl Tyndall Powell, daughters: Faith Tyndall Powell, and Olivia Hope Powell, siblings: Ronald Alan Powell (Molly), Mark Wilson Powell (Barbara), Tamela Powell Dyar and Barbara Wells; father-in-law, Sherwood Keith Tyndall, sister-in-law, Ramona Tyndall Holdstock (David), and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the family or to the American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 11454 Alexandria, VA 22312.

Friends may visit with the family from 11-12:30 pm, Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Bright Funeral Home & Cremation Center 405 South Main St. Wake Forest, NC 27587.

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He was a Shriner, a Mason, served 30 years in the National Guard and the head of his union at the Post Office. He helped people, but I think I got that trait from my Mom's mother, not him.

My friends liked him because he could always make them laugh.

My older brother took care of him the last few years of his life. He was the only child of us three that still lived in Wilson. My dad had two sons and a daughter.

My Dad had dementia, which eventually took him.

Not all family relationships are good, and there is no reason to pretend they are. My Dad died this week.



**William Darmanchev**

July 24, 1993 ~ May 8, 2020

William Darmanchev, 26, of Raleigh, died unexpectedly on Friday, May 8, 2020. He was born July 24, 1993 in Moldova a son of Ivan and Liliya (Mihai) Darmanchev.

Will enjoyed hiking, going to the beach, having cookouts and most of all, spending time with his family and friends. He was an avid outdoorsman.

Along with his parents, Will is survived by his wife of two years, Mirela Darmanchev of Raleigh, his son, Adrian Darmanchev of Raleigh, siblings: Emma Darmanchev, and Ben Darmanchev of Raleigh; as well as many extended family members and friends.

A time of visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020 at Bright Funeral Home, 405 S. Main St. Wake Forest, NC 27587.

A funeral service will begin following the visitation at 11:30 am, in the Chapel at Bright Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Historic Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh.

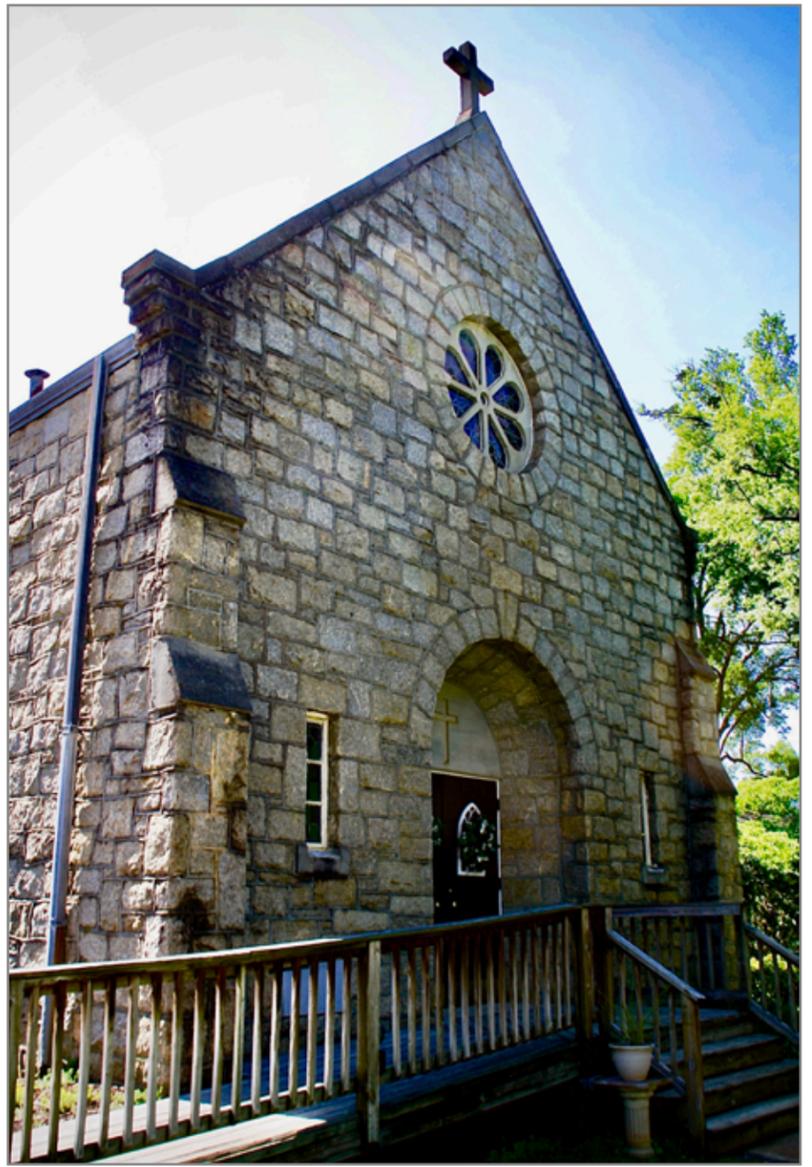
In accordance to the COVID-19 regulations we will maintain the number of 50 people in the facility at a time. The funeral service will be live-streamed on our website.

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**Obituary submissions**

Once we have lived a full life, comfort is needed to those left behind after death. The WSJ respects this. Local people should be remembered in a record for generations to come. The WSJ accepts obituaries, at no cost, that describe who your beloved really was. Did he have a best friend to mention? A faithful pet? Did she have the best apple pie ever? In the notice, be free to tell his/her story like it should be. Keep the length to about 750 words. Photos of the deceased with family are welcomed. We will accept one portrait photo and one photo of your choice. Please identify those in the photos as best as possible. Send obituary submissions to [editor@wsj30.com](mailto:editor@wsj30.com).

**WSJFAITH**



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Having a guest speaker? Or having a fundraiser to help out a building fund? Wake Forest is brimming with churches and religious activities, and we will publish your news, complimentary. Photos of programs and other activities are welcomed. Please include names of those in the photos and limit your information to about 250 words. Send to [editor@wsj30.com](mailto:editor@wsj30.com). Above is the Wake Forest Christain Church Disciples of Christ.

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During specified times throughout June 10, by alphabetized last names, there will be drive-thru stations — and seniors will receive their diplomas.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (students A-G); 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (students H-N) and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (students O-Z), will be hosted on campus.

Last week, the county school system cancelled traditional, in-person ceremonies that would have been in late May and early June, despite calls, letters and requests from parents and seniors to schedule a late summer graduation.

“We have listened carefully to these students and parents and have taken into consideration the many phone calls, emails and social media postings,” Wake County Schools posted online. “Principals have been meeting virtually and have spent many hours discussing options. The result is a plan for graduation that we hope incorporates the wishes of graduates and their families, while responsibly maintaining health and safety standards.”

The Department of Instruction has mandated that graduations adhere to state executive orders by Gov. Roy Cooper. The state remains in Phase 1 of a recovery plan that limits how many people can meet at events due to the Coronavirus. The current stay-at-home order is effective at least until May 22.

Each high school’s online graduation will include the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance,” speeches from students and the principal, the calling of names, a slide for each and every senior and tassel turning.

Wake County Schools said ceremonies will be scheduled as close to the original dates as possible.

Graduates will be notified of when the ceremonies will occur.

Most of the in-person celebrations, like the one in Wake Forest June 10, will be in June. Some smaller schools are planning these events for this month.

The individual school celebrations are supposed to be festive with cheering, decorations and, where possible, music.

“Our primary goal is for our graduates to leave their school one final time knowing that they are valued, seen and truly special to their schools and families,” according to the online post by WCSS. “We want all Class of 2020 parents to know that we will provide for them a moment where they can celebrate not only the person their child has become but also the person we know they can be!”

As a part of the virtual graduation, according to Hamler, each student will have a slide that shows his or her senior portrait, has the name, and also shares if they are an honor graduate and/or an N.C. Scholar. Students will have a chance to re-view their slide and suggest updates and to verify content.

On May 18, Wake Forest High School seniors will receive an email to their WCPSS email account giving them access to an online portal to review their information. Specifically:

- A senior portrait will be used. If a student chooses another photo, log log into the portal to make that change.

- Let the principal know if you do not want a photo or name used.

- The portal will open on May 20 at 8 a.m. and close on May 21 at 6 p.m.



**Plans are being made so Wake Forest area students will have an in-person graduation ceremony. PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED**

**BUDGET | CONT'D FROM PAGE 1**

Davis is currently the assistant to the town manager.

Employees are evaluated annually by performance, which occurs between October and November. Any increases are effective Jan 1, and projected amounts of increases are included in the proposed budget.

If a town employee reaches the top of a pay range, he/she receives a lump sum

equivalent to the merit percentage increase, Town Finance Director Aileen Staples said.

Based on information provided by the Finance Office, the town has a leadership chain that has an experienced pool of employees. Inspections director J.J. Car, for example, was first hired in 1996 (\$135,616), with Planning Director Courtney Tanner hired in October of 2019 (\$131,250).

Other annual salaries of department heads for the town are:

- Downtown Development Director Lisa Hayes, hired 2012, \$94,530;

- Public Works Director Magda Hollo-way, hired 2018, \$119,07;

- Economic Development Director Jason Cannon, hired 2016, \$128,068;

- Communications and Public Affairs Director, hired 2005, \$131,793;

- Human Resources Director Virginia Jones, hired 2013, \$138,813;

- Parks and Recreation Director Ruben Wall, hired 2011, \$139,245;

- Police Chief Jeff Leonard, hired 1994 and became chief in 2014, \$157,119;

- Chief Financial Officer (Staples), hired 2001, \$160,375.

Each department oversees a travel budget. Travel has been frozen until June 30, 2020, due to the Coronavirus.

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staples was based on the unpredictability of the coronavirus, a desire to safeguard the health and safety of the community, and an expectation that residents will not be allowed to gather safely in large groups for the foreseeable future based on the executive orders in place by Gov. Roy Cooper.

“We are terribly disappointed about canceling these events,” said Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree. “However, our main priority is the health and well-being of our community. The latest information we have indicates we will need to continue social distancing into the summer months and beyond to help minimize the impact of COVID-19.”

Planning was well underway for the 2020 Friday Night on White Concert Series and Family Movie Nights at Joyner Park before

the COVID-19 pandemic was declared. The Town of Wake Forest recognized the sponsors that had already pledged their support for these events.

Sponsors are: Friday Night on White: White Street Brewing Company, Gladwell Orthodontics, McPherson Family Eye Care, Mitchell Heating & Cooling, Pro Audio & Light, Foxy 107/104, Orangetheory Fitness Wake Forest, Capital PowerSports, Burn Boot Camp, NuImage Surgical & Dental Implant Center, Wells Family Dental Group, Triangle Family Dentistry, Capital Chevrolet, Fonville Morisey, Westgate Auto Group, Ads N Art, B&W Hardware, Sole Dimensions, Birkner Insurance, Circa Magazine, Coastal Credit Union, Wake Skin Cancer Center, Ting, Cavemen Moving & Storage, Heritage Eye Care, Wake Dental Wellness, Orthopedic Physical Therapy, Fidelity Bank, Wake Weekly, Chick-fil-A, Stanley Martin Homes, Avance Primary Care, Epic Axe, Goodberry’s Frozen Custard,

All American Gutter Protection, Wake Forest Federal, Carolina Regenerative Medicine, and First Choice DJ Services; Family Movie Nights at Joyner Park: Thomas Walters All-state, Bumgarner & Martin Orthodontics, Arrow Church, Abshire Team – HPW, Mosquito Joe, Primrose School of Heritage Wake Forest, McPherson Family Eye Care, Wake Med, The College at Southeastern, Wells Family Dental Group, and Christi Spencer – State Farm.

The Town acknowledged the veterans’ organizations responsible for coordinating the April-October flag-raising ceremonies: American Legion Post 187, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187, American Legion Riders, Marine Corps League Detachment 1257, VFW Post 8466, and Wake Forest Purple Heart Foundation.

“We understand how disappointing this announcement will be to the supporters who look forward to these events every year,” said Crabtree. “But we believe we are making the

socially responsible decision. It’s certainly not the end of these events. Instead, it’s a pause as we navigate these uncertain times and learn the safest ways we can host our events in the future.”

Decisions have not been made about other summer programs, events and operations, including the Independence Day festivities and openings of Holding Park Aquatic Center and Taylor Street Park Sprayground. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. For COVID-19 updates on Town of Wake Forest operations, services and events, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/covid-19-coronavirus](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/covid-19-coronavirus)

*(EDITOR’S NOTE: It is the policy of The WSJ not to include sponsor names within news stories, however these are exceptional times and circumstances. The WSJ joins the Town of Wake Forest in saluting those sponsors that had committed to these community events that help define the community.)*

**OUTBREAK | CONT'D FROM PAGE 1**

of Health and Human Services. About 60 percent of N.C. Coronavirus deaths come from nursing homes and residential facilities.

North Carolina currently reports 90 facilities with outbreaks, according to DHSS, as of Friday.

The facilities affected in Wake County are operated by Brookdale Senior Living.

Wake County Public Health officials said Brookdale North Raleigh, 1200 Carlos Drive, Raleigh and Brookdale Wake Forest, 611 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest had positive COVID-19 tests affecting residents and staffs.

Executive Director Jennifer Stowe at the Brookdale Wake Forest told The WSJ that the person who tested positive at the facility is no longer there.

“We are taking all precautions to keep residents and employees safe and healthy,” Stowe said.

“Rapidly identifying cases among residents

and staff at congregate care outbreak sites is key to limiting the spread of COVID-19,” Dr. Jeff Williams, who is overseeing the Wake County Emergency Operations Center’s public health branch, said in a statement. “We’re working closely with the centers to conduct additional testing and provide guidance to prevent the further spread of the virus.”

Wake County defines an outbreak at a long-term care facility as two or more people testing positive for the virus. That particular definition is being challenged at a state level by the industry, in which some leaders are saying the designation is too drastic and puts a negative light on rest homes unnecessarily.

Aggravating the situation is some counties in the state are identifying the nursing homes and others are not, despite public push for identity, including the North Carolina AARP and news media, which has formed a coalition for the release of the locations statewide — not individual patients.

“We urge the state to publicly release the

names of nursing homes, assisted living communities, and other residential care facilities with confirmed COVID-19 cases among residents or staff. This transparency is critical for public health and the health and well-being of the residents and staff of these facilities. Moreover, residents and family members deserve to have this information for their own health decisions and as they consider possible next steps and interventions for their loved ones,” the N.C. AARP wrote to Gov. Roy Cooper on Thursday.

“To be clear, we are not advocating for the disclosure of any private patient information. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) rightfully protects the privacy of an individual. It does not, however, preclude a state health agency from releasing the names of facilities, because those facilities are not a covered entity as defined by the law.”

The letter also expresses concerns about related elder abuse.

Access to information about a COVID-19

outbreak in North Carolina, defined by DHHS as two or more laboratory-confirmed cases in the same congregate living setting, varies depending on the county and, in some cases, the nursing home in question. DHHS is releasing the number of new outbreaks at nursing homes but not specific facilities nor how large the outbreaks are.

“Providing specific health information, like small numbers of positive test results for a reportable disease in combination with the geographic location at the facility level, makes the protected health information of the individuals served by that facility identifiable,” DHHS said on its website. It is a privacy issue, the state has maintained.

Wake, nearby Franklin and Mecklenburg counties are publicly naming the locations of nursing home outbreaks. People 65 and older are considered most at risk of developing severe symptoms when infected with COVID-19, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

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