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Wake Forest considers cutting downtown parking. Wake Forest is considering requiring fewer parking spaces for businesses downtown. **Page 3**



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CORONAVIRUS CASES AT A GLANCE

8,768 WAKE COUNTY CONFIRMED CASES	89 WAKE COUNTY DEATHS	99,778 NORTH CAROLINA CONFIRMED CASES	1,651 NORTH CAROLINA DEATHS	3.8 M UNITED STATES CONFIRMED CASES	143,233 UNITED STATES DEATHS	14.6 M WORLDWIDE CONFIRMED CASES	607,891 WORLDWIDE DEATHS
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Statistics as of 07/19/20



Schools to reopen

In-person school allowed with stricter guidelines; masks for all; State remains in Phase 2 for three more weeks

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

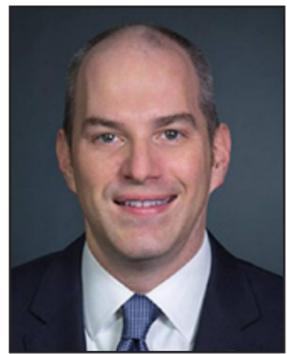
Gov. Roy Cooper announced today (July 14) that K-12 schools will open for in-person instruction under an updated Plan B that requires face coverings for all K-12 students, fewer children in the classroom, measures to ensure social

distancing for everyone in the building, and other safety protocols.

Families can opt for on-line learning only. Wake County's first day of school is Aug. 17.

Cooper announced the updated Plan B for schools during a briefing that included North Carolina Depart-

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FORD

Ford out; Thomas seeks 6th District nom

FROM WSJ REPORTS

Wake County Commissioner Chairman Greg Ford has withdrawn from the 2020 election, and Shinica Thomas is seeking that District 6 nomination.

Ford's husband leads a non-profit professional association and education foundation in California, and Ford will be moving there, he told supporters in a letter.



THOMAS

Thomas has been active in the Wake Forest Community, currently serving as the director of advocacy and educational partnership in a national non-profit, she said in a press release.

"I have a heart for service reflected in my community engagement, work within the Wake County Democratic Party, and volunteerism in the Wake County Public School System.

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RISE & SHINE

Flame out

Downtown staple Hardee's closing on Aug. 22; future in Wake Forest uncertain



Hardee's is shutting its doors on Aug. 22. The restaurant has been at its current location since the early 80s. Operators may build a new store in Wake Forest, but that decision has yet to be made. Story on page 9. **WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM**



With schools reopening, buses and cafeterias may still go unused if Wake County goes to exclusive remote learning. **WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM**

Wake County reconsidering how to return to school

FROM WSJ REPORTS

Wake County Schools could be following suit with Durham and Mecklenburg counties for exclusive remote learning.

Following a session Thursday about its Virtual Academy offering, Wake school leaders said they are reconsidering to enter the school year in the fall with all on-line instruction.

Wake has already decided to offer one week of in-person teaching at schools and two weeks of on-line on a rotation.

Durham County has decided to do at least the first nine weeks remotely for all students.

Mecklenburg will do the first two weeks in school then move to all remote.

Gov. Roy Cooper last week empowered the schools to allow students to go back into schools in the fall, with more restrictions than earlier proposed, including mandatory

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FBI investigating Wakefield racist letter; NC Born protests

FROM WSJ REPORTS

The FBI is investigating a racially charged letter that allegedly was sent to an interracial couple's home, possibly by another neighbor — all living in an affluent local subdivision, Wakefield Estates, while NC Born marched in the area Friday night.

"The letter was unsigned and warned the family to not post and "Black Lives Matter" signs in their yards.

The incident was looked into by the Wake County District



Protestors march to Wakefield High. **WSJ PHOTO | JAY LAMM**

Domestic dispute turns murder-suicide

BY JAY LAMM
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YOUNGSVILLE — Police here are investigating an apparent murder-suicide on Sunday after responding to a hang-up 911 call to return later to find the couple shot to death.

Youngsville police responded to a 911 hang-up call around 9:50 p.m. Sunday, from 133 Wolfpack Lane, in the Hampton Village apartment complex and then talked to two people to resolve

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The Renaissance Centre received a \$50,000 grant to use to support main stage programming, cultural arts, healing arts and virtual engagement. WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

Renaissance Centre receives \$50,000 grant

Contributed to WSJ by the Town of Wake Forest

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre a \$50,000 grant as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Renaissance Centre was one of 855 organizations selected out of 3,100 eligible applications nationwide to receive a grant.

The award will be used to support main stage programming, cultural arts, healing arts and virtual engagement. "Throughout these challenging times, we remain committed to serving our community in meaningful and safe ways," said Renaissance Centre Manager Debbie Dunn. "We are grateful for this support through the CARES Act as we move towards reopening and continue developing our virtual offerings."

Wake Forest earns National Main Street accreditation for 2020

Contributed to WSJ by the Town of Wake Forest

Wake Forest has been designated as a 2020 Accredited Main Street America™ program. Accredited status is Main Street America's top tier of recognition and signifies a demonstrated commitment to comprehensive commercial district revitalization and proven track record of successfully applying the Main Street Approach™.

"We are proud to recognize this year's 860 Nationally Accredited Main Street America programs that have dedicated themselves to strengthening their communities," said Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center. "These Accredited Main Street programs have proven to be powerful engines for revitalization by sparking impressive economic returns and preserving the character of their communities. During these challenging times, these Main Street programs will be key to bringing economic vitality back to commercial districts and improving quality of life during the recovery process."

In 2019 alone, \$6.45 billion of public and private reinvestment was generated, 6,466 net new businesses were opened, 32,316 net new jobs created,



With restaurants, shops, bars, breweries, retail and future additions, such as, a bakery, apartments and a co-working space, South White Street is an example of the growth Wake Forest is seeing. WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

and 10,412 buildings were rehabilitated in Main Street America communities.

Wake Forest's performance is evaluated by the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center, which works in part-

nership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet ten rigorous performance standards. Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive

and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

Boy, 8, drowns at Falls Lake

FROM WSJSTAFF REPORTS

An 8-year-old boy drowned in Falls Lake on Saturday evening, authorities said.

He was one of three children who got in trouble while swimming in the water by a bridge at New Light Road near Ghoston Road.

Deputies responded to a bridge on New Light Road near Ghoston Road just before 6 p.m.

When deputies arrived, the child was pulled from the water transported to WakeMed where he died.

Three nearby fishermen were able to rescue two of the children but weren't able to find the third.

Two family members who had tried to rescue the child were also taken to WakeMed with injuries that did not appear to be serious, according to the sheriff's office.

The Wake County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

POLICE BLOTTER

Arrests made July 9-14

FROM WSJSTAFF REPORTS

The Wake Forest Police Department made the following arrests from July 9-14:

July 9

- Santino Termaine Vaughn, 39, 7605 Weathered Oak Way, Raleigh: assault inflict serious injury; \$30,000 secured bond.
- Juan David Lopez-Morales, 25, 126 Textile Drive, Greensboro: order for arrest; \$2,500 secured bond.
- Eric Bailey Chapman, 31, 839 Mill St., Wake Forest: communicating threats; \$1,000 secured bond.

July 10

- Raul Aguilar Palacios 44, 2112 Broad St., Durham: fail to appear-misdemeanor; \$1,000 secured bond.
- Michael Edward Dugger, 27, 606 W. 1st St., Princeton: possession with intent to sell, distribute marijuana-felony; \$3,000 secured bond.
- Lewis Tyrell Bobbitt, 30, 1208 Autumn Park, Oxford: assault on a female; no bond.
- Joshua Micaiah Conrad, 27, 12085 Suitt Store Road, Franklinton: possession of firearm by felon; \$25,000 secured bond.
- Kenneth Bryant Peace, 46, 25 Balls Way, Franklinton: hit and run/personal injury; \$8,000 secured bond.

July 11

- Anthony Asante Phillip Morris, 25, 1141 Villa Green Court, Raleigh: Assault of female, communicating threats; no bond.

July 12

- Joseph Michael Bruno, 31, 1122 Slateworth Drive, Durham: weapon offense-free text, driving while intoxicated, speed in excess of 65 mph; \$1,000 secured bond.
- Carlos Andres Mata, 35, 11418 Cedar Branch Court, Wake Forest: assault on a female; no bond.
- Alexix Aaliyah Edwards, 22, 863 Raymond Tharrington Road, Louisburg: order for arrest; \$1,000 secured bond.

July 14

- Randal Scott Silva 27, 520 Opposition Way, Wake Forest: assault of female, larceny, interfere emergency communication; \$5,000 secured bond.

PRCR offering take-home activity kits for ages 5-11

Contributed to WSJ by the Town of Wake Forest

To promote art and creativity, while also emphasizing the importance of staying safe during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department is offering take-home activity kits for children ages 5-11 of all ability levels. Available for \$5 each to the first 35 people to register via RecDesk, the kits will be available for no contact pickup Thursday, July 23, from 1-3 p.m. and Friday, July 24, from 10 a.m.-noon at Joyner Park Community Center, 701 Harris Road.

Featuring a "Fun in the Sun" theme, this week's activity kit includes various outdoor activities, including a kite, jump rope, bubbles and more! Each kit includes supplies for one person and pre-registration is required. Please note: Due to the limited number of kits, a separate registration is required for each requested kit. The program is titled "02 Take Home Activity Kit - Fun in the Sun."

During pickup, remain in your vehicle. A PRCR staff member will bring your kit to a table in the half circle at the front of the building. Once the staff member has stepped away from the table, one person may exit the vehicle to retrieve the kit from the table.

For more information, contact Recreation Specialist-Specialized Programs Kelly Schurtz at kschurtz@wake-forestnc.gov or 919-208-0828.





Wake Forest is considering making changes in its parking requirements in the Renaissance Area. **WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM**



Will I stay or will I go?

The portable storage units outside of CVS on the corner of Roosevelt and South Main Street signify a change in the store. Are they packing up to leave their downtown location or something else? Something else. The are going through a remodel said CVS management. All the inventory is being crated up so an extensive remodel can be done. There is no timetable on the finish of the project.

WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

Wake Forest considering parking changes

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

Wake Forest commissioners are considering changes to the parking requirements in the Renaissance Area.

During a July 7 work session, the board was presented with changes to the town Unified Development Ordinance to define and reduce off-street parking requirements.

The information outlined the need for the changes, referring to:

- The avoidance of increased storm water volume
- Reduction in surface pollutants.
- Reduction in surface heat and glare.
- Ease to connect to street systems.
- Benefits to pedestrians and bicycle traffic.

The changes would be applicable to new and expanded development.

Under the new rules, permitted parking would apply and the number of parking spaces would be allotted according to planning use designations.

The proposed changes address satellite parking, off-site parking, loading areas and mandatory bicycle parking.

There will be a public hearing on the changes on Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, Wake Forest.

PRCR to host singles & doubles cornhole tournament July 24

Social distancing, masks are part of rules, one spectator per player

Contributed to WSJ by the Town of Wake Forest

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department will host a singles and doubles cornhole tournament on Friday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m. Open to players ages 18 and older, this inaugural event will be offered rain or shine at Flaherty Park, 1126 N. White St. Both the singles and doubles tournaments offer a two-game guarantee with awards presented to the top two players and teams in each category.

Registration for both tournaments is underway at <https://bit.ly/PRCRCornholeTourney>. The singles tournament is limited to the first 20 people to register, while the doubles tournament is limited to the first 10 teams to sign up. The cost is \$10 per person for

the singles tournament and \$20 per person for doubles play. No registrations will be accepted on the day of the tournament.

The following local businesses have generously contributed to the July 24 cornhole tourney: B&W Hardware, The Cotton Company, Lemon Tree, Unwined on White, Jersey Mike's, Southern Suds & Gifts, Wake Forest Awards & Engraving, Sugar Magnolia Café, Shorty's Famous Hot Dogs and North Carolina General Stores.

Community health and safety is the top priority for the PRCR Department. On the evening of the cornhole tournament, the following precautionary measures will be taken to protect players and spectators:

■ All players and spectators will be encouraged to stand at least six feet apart at all times;

■ All players and spectators will be encouraged to have no physical

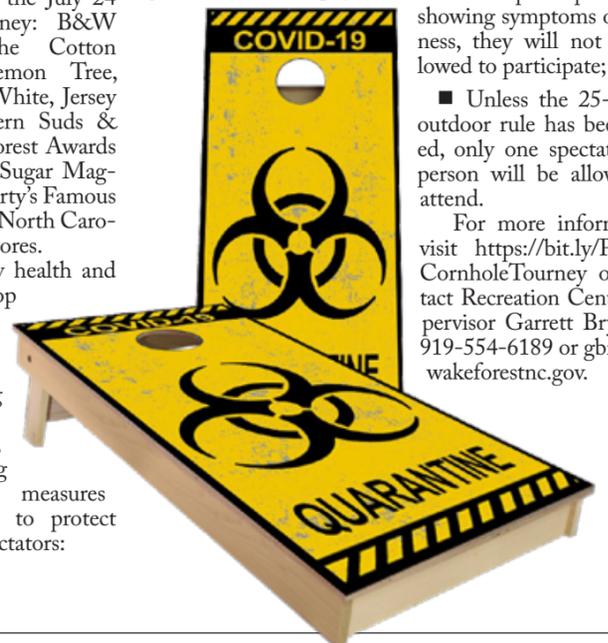
contact of any kind, including high-fives, handshakes, face-to-face conversations and more;

■ Players will be required to wear masks;

■ If participants are showing symptoms of sickness, they will not be allowed to participate;

■ Unless the 25-person outdoor rule has been lifted, only one spectator per person will be allowed to attend.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/PRCRCornholeTourney> or contact Recreation Center Supervisor Garrett Bryant at 919-554-6189 or gbryant@wakeforestnc.gov.



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Jess and Mark of Plant Cakes Bake Shop, coming soon to the Powerhouse Row building in Downtown Wake Forest. PHOTOS | CONTRIBUTED

How sweet it is: All-vegan bakery coming downtown

Plant Cakes Bake Shop opening in Powerhouse Row building this fall

FROM WSJSTAFF REPORTS

An all-plant cupcake?

Yes, and anything that comes with it!

Plant Cakes Bake Shop, an all-vegan bakery, will be the first animal product-free bakery in the region, opening this fall here in the PowerHouse Row building.

The bakery and dessert bar will feature fresh baked doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, cakes, cookies, cupcakes and dairy-free cheesecakes sourced from organic ingredients, according to general manager Jess Reilly.

There will be curbside pickup, delivery, wholesale and in-store dining. The bake shop will also offer special event and wedding dessert catering services.

"We are excited to expand our operations and open our dream bakery in downtown Wake Forest. We look forward to bringing the community together, from Saturday morning family fun runs, holiday cookie decorating parties for the kids and local musician nights. We are thrilled to share our passion for baking healthier sweets with the greater Triangle region," Reilly said.

Plant Cakes Bake Shop was created with a central mission to provide healthier delicious treats to everyone, including those choosing a plant-only diet, those with dietary sensitivities, allergies, or other intolerances, Reilly said. The menu is always dairy-free, egg-free and plant-based.

Established in February 2018 Plant Cakes Bake Shop, Inc. is a North Carolina Corporation. Visit www.plantcakesbakeshop.com for more information or email customerservice@plantcakes.com, also check out Plant Cakes Bake Shop on Facebook and Instagram.

Right now, orders can be placed for delivery or curbside pickup at The Lemon Tree Café, 113 South White St.



A sample of the creative baked goods of the Plant Cakes Bake Shop.



Scott Mason, the Tar Heel Traveler, was at North Carolina General Stores on South White Street Saturday signing his books and talking with customers and fans. PHOTO | NC GENERAL STORES

Tar Heel Traveler makes stop at NC General Stores

BY JAY LAMM
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Scott Mason, the Tar Heel Traveler, made a stop on South White Street on Saturday.

Mason was at the North Carolina General Stores for a book signing from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

He is the host of WRAL-TV's Southeast Emmy winning Tar Heel Traveler since 2007. He has authored numerous books on his experiences traveling across North Carolina.

"Scott is a good guy, very personable. His fans love him," said Tim Forrest, co-owner of N.C. General Stores in downtown Wake Forest.

"Scott seems to remember everybody's name and took time with everyone he met," said Forrest.

"It was a very good day for us, we saw people in the store we had never seen, and it was because of Scott and his huge fan base."

Not a stranger to Wake Forest, after his book signing, Mason went down South White to Shorty's Famous Hot Dogs to eat with old friend Chris Joyner.

After catching up with Joyner, the "Tarheel Traveler" got his hot dog, of course, to go.



Lilly Smith, forefront, and Ruth Ann Dyer sell blueberries from Wake Forest Farms Saturday at the North Carolina General Stores. The two found shade in the general store's doorway from the heat, selling the berries for \$7 a package. WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

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Former mayor of Rolesville passes away



C. Neal Mitchell

September 5, 1933
~ July 19, 2020

Clarence Neal Mitchell, 86, passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Neal was an active contributor to his community, having lived in Rolesville most of his adult life with wife, Bobbie. He served as mayor of the Town of Rolesville in the 70s. Neal was a charter member of the Rolesville Fire Department and remained active for almost 60 years. He was usually first to respond, having lived just behind the station. Neal and Bobbie

have valued the continued support of the Fire Department. He was a member of the Rolesville Lions Club. For over 60 years, as a member of Rolesville Baptist Church, he volunteered many hours helping with church events and programs, especially the youth. He served as a deacon and as a Sunday School teacher. The above organizations were the benefactor of many barbecue chicken dinners, of which he became an expert. Neal was employed at Peden Steel for 29 years and later employed by Athey Products.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning, July 22, 2020 in the Chapel of Bright

Funeral Home. Face coverings and social distancing will be appreciated.

The service will be live streamed for those not able to attend or who choose to watch it later. To access the live stream, go to www.bright-funerals.com beginning at 10:55 am on Wednesday and click on the live stream arrow below the obituary.

Neal is survived by his wife of 66 years, Bobbie; two children and their spouses, Phil and wife, Meredith, and Denise and husband, Will; two grandchildren, Jennifer Asher and Sam Mitchell; two great-grandchildren, Reid and Jillian Asher. He is survived by three

brothers, Bill, Curtis and Willie Gray. He is predeceased by his parents, Clarence and Vera Mitchell and by three sisters, Faye Doby, Annie Gray Richards and Louise Coffey.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorial donations be made to youth programs or the Condolence Committee at Rolesville Baptist Church, P. O. Box 185, Rolesville, NC 27571.

There will be a drive thru visitation on Tuesday evening, July 21, 2020 from 6:30-8:00 at the Rolesville Baptist Church, 203 E. Young St., Rolesville, NC 27571.

A service of Bright Funeral Home & Cremation Center.



Robert Hale Hoekstra

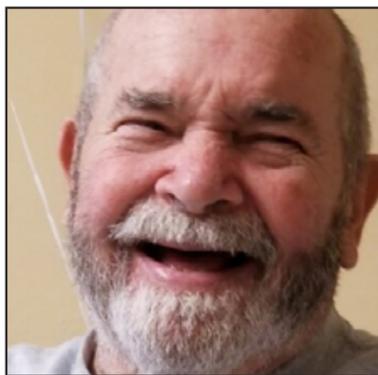
March 10, 1950 ~ July 17, 2020

Robert Hale Hoekstra, 70, passed away Friday, July 17, 2020. He was born March 10, 1950 in Manchester, CT son of the late Richard and Dorothy Hale Hoekstra.

A memorial reception to celebrate the life of Mr. Hoekstra will be held Friday, July 24, 2020 at The Pullen House, 10801 Durant Road, Raleigh from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Candus Hoekstra, children, Aaron Cannon and wife Kelly, Haley Myers and husband Kyle, Samantha Hoekstra, Sarah Hoekstra and Robert Hoekstra and wife Lindsey, a sister, Annie Hoekstra, a brother, Scott Hoekstra, and grandchildren, Grace, Caleb, Baily, Max, Rose, Sophia, Collin, Dottie, Kattie, Diggy, Lillian and Gilbert.

A service of Bright Funeral Home and Cremation.



Bernice Coy Rochelle

December 28, 1945 ~ July 12, 2020

Bernice Coy Rochelle, 74, of Wake Forest, passed away Sunday morning, July 12, 2020 at Litchford Falls Healthcare & Rehabilitation of Raleigh. He was born in Wake County to the late Everette Coy Rochelle and Bessie Tilley Rochelle. Mr. Rochelle worked for America Tobacco for many years before becoming owner/operator of Rochelle's Construction & Electric. He loved his family dearly and will be greatly missed.

A funeral service was at 2 p.m., Friday afternoon, July 17, 2020 at Faith Harvest Church, 4737 Willeva Drive, Wake Forest. Burial followed in the Sykes Family Cemetery.

Mr. Rochelle is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sue Holbrook Rochelle; sons, Mickey Rochelle & wife Meaca of Wake Forest and Larry Rochelle & wife Becky of Wake Forest; grandchildren, Jessica, Erica, Amber, Heather, Derrick, Jeramee, Daniel, Julianna and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Nathan, Anderson, Kynlee, Kaitlyn, Aubrey and Maverick.

Friends visited with the family from 6 to 8 pm, Thursday evening, July 16, 2020 at Clancy Strickland Wheeler Funeral Home.



Jane Ellington Holmquist

September 4, 1929 ~ July 9, 2020

Jane Ellington Holmquist, 90, of Raleigh, passed away Thursday morning, July 9, 2020 at Morningside of Raleigh. She was born in Wake County to the late Ralph & Juanita Franklin Ellington and was raised by her grandparents, Junius & Hattie Franklin.

Jane was a homemaker, mama and nanny. She loved her cats, Angel 1 and Angel 2 and loved watching and feeding the squirrels on her deck. She was born on and lived on Jones Franklin Road most of her life. She loved telling the story of how she named the road Jones Franklin when she was a child. Special thanks to Elizabeth Schneider, her wonderful caregiver for over three years allowing Jane to stay at home.

A graveside service was at 12 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Montlawn Memorial Park with Pastor Gary Williams officiating.

Mrs. Holmquist is survived by her children, Rose Marie Wheeler of Florida and William Holmquist of North Carolina; grandchildren, Chris Miller, Paul Miller, Marc Beddingfield, Michelle Brantley, Justin Wheeler, Erica Holmquist and Scott Holmquist; great-grandchildren, Dilan, Devin, Trevor, Tanner, Jordan, Lena and Noah. She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett G. Holmquist and a daughter, Susan Miller.

Flowers welcome or memorial contributions can be made to the SPCA or charity of your choice.



Kenneth Robert Pearce, Jr.

February 23, 1980 ~ July 14, 2020

Kenneth "Ken" Pearce, Jr. 40, of Raleigh passed away on Tuesday July 14, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Wake County the son of Betty Kinton Pearce and Kenneth R. Pearce, Sr.

Ken was a retired Senior Traffic Officer with the Raleigh Police Department.

A graveside funeral service was at 11 p.m. Saturday July 18, 2020 in the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery 2124 Oak Grove Church Road, Youngsville.

Ken is survived by his children; McKayla Faith Pearce and Mason Gray Pearce, his mother; Betty Kinton Pearce of Wake Forest and his father; Kenneth R. Pearce, Sr. of Wake Forest, numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Oak Grove Baptist Church Building Fund P.O.Box 63 Youngsville, NC 27596.



Kenneth Barber

December 11, 1946 ~ July 17, 2020

Henry Kenneth Barber, 73, of Wake Forest, passed away peacefully at Transitions LifeCare in Raleigh on Friday, July 17, 2020. Kenneth graduated from East Montgomery High School in Biscoe, NC and was drafted into the Army in 1966-1968 serving in Korea most of that time. He married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Rush, in 1968. Kenneth loved his children and grandchildren more than anything.

He was a long-time active member of Wake Forest Baptist Church, and served as Chairman of the deacons, usher, volunteered in many areas of children and preschool departments, and WEE Care preschool committee.

He was retired from Boston Gear in Louisburg and Pergo Flooring in Garner in Inventory Control.

A private funeral service will be held at Wake Forest Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Pine Forest Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; their children, Kennie Schwiier and her husband, David, of Wake Forest, Keisha Shell and her husband, Bill, of Raleigh, and Brandon Barber of Sunriver, Oregon; grandchildren, Jacob Schwiier, Brady Schwiier, and Pacey Shell; his sister, Darlene Davis and her husband, Tim, of Star, NC and their children, Kent and Kia Davis and families; sister-in-law, Beverly Barber of Star and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. In addition to his parents, Henry and Novalene Barber, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Larry and Steve Barber.

Special thanks to his wonderful caregivers, Kathleen and Dorothea and Transitions LifeCare in Raleigh.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wake Forest Baptist Church WeeCare Preschool, 118 E. South Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587.



Millard Wayne Bailey

June 9, 1936 ~ July 14, 2020

Millard Wayne Bailey, 84, of Wake Forest, NC, passed away peacefully at RexHealthCare, Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from COVID-19. He was the son of Mike and Lizzie Bailey and was a member of Stony Hill Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Ruth Pearce Bailey; sister, Gladys Bailey Harrison, and by his infant brother, J.M. Bailey, Jr.

Mr. Bailey was a retired Federal employee at the John Umpstead facility in Butner. He is survived by his sister, Lathie Bailey Ray, and by many loving and caring in-laws, Ricky Pearce, Ruby Babb, and Mae Harrison.

Mr. Bailey was a resident at Hillside Nursing Center and Assisted Living in Wake Forest where he received excellent care from all of the staff. He was known as "Mr. Mayor" at Hillside and had a sign to that effect on the back of his wheelchair. Mr. Bailey always showed his appreciation for his caregivers with a heartfelt "thank-you" for their service.

A graveside funeral service was at 2 p.m. Friday afternoon, July 17, 2020 at Stony Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Mayfield officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stony Hill Baptist Church, 7521 Stony Hill Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

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Dennis Edward Brogden

December 28, 1953 ~ July 14, 2020

Dennis Edward Brogden, 66, of Youngsville, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. He was born in Granville County and was a car and motorcycle mechanic.

A graveside funeral service was at 11 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2020 at the Brogden Family Cemetery on Old Weaver Trail.

Mr. Brogden is survived by his mother, Dollie Brogden; daughter, Kim Carroll and husband, Rodney, and their children, Emily and Zoie. He was preceded in death by his father, Morris Edward Brogden and by his grandparents, Tom and Beulah Brogden of Creedmoor and Homer and Lessie Mitchell of Youngsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 11454, Alexandria, Va., 22312.

A service of Bright Funeral Home & Cremation Center.



Brenda Bryant Joyner

August 10, 1948 ~ July 3, 2020

Brenda Bryant Joyner passed away at home in Youngsville, NC on Friday, July 3, 2020.

Born August 10, 1948, she was the daughter of James Thomas Owens and Marjorie Land Owens. She is predeceased by her parents and brother, James Thomas Owens, Jr.

Brenda is survived by her husband, E. Carroll Joyner, and her son, Bradford Bryant. She is loved by family and friends who remember her positive attitude and ability to face the most challenging circumstances without despair.

An outdoor memorial service is planned for September 27, 2020 in Wake Forest, NC.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Helene Foundation, 13200 Strickland Road, Suite 114-308, Raleigh, NC 27613 (helenefoundation.org); (919) 280-7800.

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Obituary submissions

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NCHSAA delays start of Fall sports season until at least Sept. 1

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

With Gov. Roy Cooper announcement of the reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year, the NCHSAA made their decisions relative to sports.

The NCHSAA board of directors approved the following rule and calendar changes:

The start of NCHSAA fall sports is delayed until at least Sept. 1.

The first five (5) student days of the 2020-2021 school year will be designated as a “dead period” for ALL sports, allowing school staff to focus on the start of school.

NCHSAA Phase One of the summer conditioning and workouts will continue until further notice.

Commissioner Que Tucker provided the following statement:

“For now, we believe these steps provide hope for our student-athletes, and the possibility for playing fall sports. We know that many decisions are being made relative to the reopening plan your school(s) will follow. After each LEA has had an opportunity to formalize and finalize those reopening plans, the NCHSAA Staff will survey the membership to determine how sports should and/or can fit into the various models that will exist across the state. Please understand this delayed start date is not “in cement” and can be delayed even further if we do not have improved data from DHHS, or some other reason exists for delaying further into September or beyond.

We acknowledge that playing certain sports are more problematic at any time without a vaccine; however, we remain in consultation with our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) members, and they believe we can and should offer a sports program, with all necessary modifications, delays, etc. In the coming weeks, we will continue working with the SMAC as we plan our next steps for the fall, as well as determining when equipment could be shared—i.e. balls—and/or if we can move into Phase 2 of the summer workouts/conditioning.

Each NCHSAA Board Member believes in the value of education-based athletics and is committed to SAFELY offering a fall, winter, and spring sports program during this school year; however, there is also a commitment to the health and safety of students and coaches. Towards this end, we all will continue to follow the guidance of the Department of Health and Human Services relative to the data and how we all safely move forward.”



The Swamp Donkey's shortstop Dan Thomson charges a ground ball and fires to Justin Rogers at firstbase to get the out. WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

Donkeys swamp Braves, 13-2

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

Swamp Donkeys fired up the offense on a sticky night in Wake Forest. The Donkeys scored in the first inning and never looked back. Ken Glanville singled, stole second base and scored on a Chase Barnes double.

Swamp Donkeys sealed the contest in the seventh when they put up six runs. Carlos Mata, Rob Woyicki, Tyler Brown, Brian Pate, Karl Zellman, and Jacob Geotz each drove in runs during the inning.

The Donkeys pitching continues to be lights out. The Donkeys did not give up a hit until the sixth.

Starter Rob Woyicki was the winning pitcher for Swamp Donkeys. He went three innings, allowing no hits and no runs while striking out two.

Tyler Brown pitched two innings of hitless baseball in relief.

Chase Barnes and Carlos Mata finished the game for the Donkeys in relief duties.

The Swamp Donkeys totaled 14 hits. Mata went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Swamp Donkeys in hits.



The catcher's throw is too late to beat the Swamp Donkey's runner to third base. WSJPHOTOS | JAY LAMM

Donkey's go yard on Pine Ryderz

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

Swamp Donkeys sweat out a 6-3 victory over Pine Ryderz on Sunday. On a 105 degree day in Wake Forest. The Swamp Donkeys continue to play fundamental baseball, hit the ball, field the ball and throw strikes.

Swamp Donkeys opened up scoring in the first inning. Jordan Choiniere singled, swiped second and later scored on Carlos Mata's sacrifice fly.

Dan Thomson took the complete game win for the Swamp Donkeys. Thomson allowed seven hits and three runs while striking out eight and walking one.

Down 3-2 in the sixth inning, Jordan Choiniere blasted a game winning 3-run-homer to center field. Dan O'Connnor and Joel Odegaard scored on Choiniere's game winning hit.

The Donkeys tacked on an insurance run from a Carlos Mata RBI double.

Swamp Donkeys tallied ten hits on the day. Chounere, Thomson, and Tyler Brown each had good days at the plate for Swamp Donkeys. Chounere went 3-for-3.

The Swamp Donkeys pitching has been solid this season. They have a team earned run average of 2.62 with Dan Thompson leading the way.

After going 3-1 this past week the Donkeys have next weekend off. The Donkeys will face the Braves on Sunday, Aug. 2 at Heritage 300 field.



Pine Ryderz batter hits a two run blast off Swamp Donkey's pitcher Dan Thomson.



Ron Woyicki beats the throw to first.



First baseman Chase Barnes takes a throw throw from the second baseman after a ground ball.

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ment of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen and education and health leaders.

Cases and hospitalizations of the Coronavirus continue to increase in North Carolina. On July 14 there were 1,956 cases reported with an all-time high of hospitalizations at 1,109.

"The most important opening is that of our classroom doors. Our schools provide more than academics; they are vital to our children's health, safety and emotional development," said Governor Cooper. "This is a difficult time for families with hard choices on every side. I am committed to working together to ensure our students and educators are as safe as possible and that children have opportunities to learn in the way that is best for them and their families."

The Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit outlines the updated requirements for Plan B. Districts may choose to operate under Plan C, which calls for remote learning only, and health leaders recommend schools allow families to opt in to all-remote learning. Modifications have been made to Plan B since it was released in June to make it more protective of public health.

"After looking at the current scientific evidence and weighing the risks and benefits, we have decided to move forward with today's balanced, flexible approach which allows for in-person instruction as long as key safety requirements are in place in addition to remote learning options," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen. "We will continue to follow the sci-

ence and data and update recommendations as needed. We ask every North Carolinian to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19 and follow the three W's: Wear a face covering when in public, Wait 6 feet apart, Wash your hands."

Governor Cooper also announced that the state will provide at least five reusable face coverings for every student, teacher and school staff member in public schools. In June, the state provided packs of personal protective equipment to schools that included a two-month supply of thermometers, surgical masks, face shields and gowns for school nurses and delegated staff who provide health care to students.

"Educators and stakeholders across our state have worked tirelessly to reopen our school buildings safely for our students, teachers and staff. Today, we take another critical step towards that goal. We also know families need to choose the option that is best for their children, so all school districts will provide remote learning options," said Eric Davis, Chairman of the State Board of Education.

Under the updated Plan B, schools are required to follow key safety measures that include:

- Require face coverings for all teachers and students K-12
- Limit the total number of students, staff and visitors within a school building to the extent necessary to ensure 6 feet distance can be maintained when students/staff will be stationary
- Conduct symptom screening, including temperature checks

- Establish a process and dedicated space for people who are ill to isolate and have transportation plans for ill students

- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces in the school and transportation vehicles regularly

- Require frequent hand washing throughout the school day and provide hand sanitizer at entrances and in every classroom

- Discontinue activities that bring together large groups
- Limit nonessential visitors and activities involving external groups

- Discontinue use of self-service food or beverage distribution

In addition, schools are strongly recommended to follow additional safety measures that include:

- Designate hallways and entrance/exit doors as one-way

- Keep students and teachers in small groups that stay together as much as possible

- Have meals delivered to the classroom or have students bring food back to the classroom if social distancing is not possible in the cafeteria

- Discontinue activities that bring together large groups

- Place physical barriers such as plexiglass at reception desks and similar areas

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appeared to be a domestic dispute, police reported. Authorities said the officers spent about 20 minutes there.

According to Youngsville Police Chief Greg Whitley, moments after the Youngsville police left the apartment complex, a neighbor called 911 to report shots fired. Police from Youngsville and Franklinton responded, along with the Wake Forest Police Department's Special Response Team, Franklin County EMS and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, which is now the lead

investigative team.

It was not immediately clear from the sheriff's office what time any officers entered the apartment and discovered the bodies following the second 911 call about gunshots heard.

Franklin County sheriff deputies and members of the Wake Forest Special Response Team first entered the apartment, according to a press release from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. Wake Forest Public Information Director Bill Crabtree said seven Wake Forest police officers assisted.

Officers found Lamien Fornite Moore, 51, and Albert Jerome Crudup, 52, dead. Investigators suspect Crudup shot Moore before shooting himself, according to the press release.

Police collected evidence and interviewed neighbors Monday morning. The State Bureau of Investigation is assisting, Franklin County Sheriff Kent Winstead said.

Chief Whitley said the Youngsville Police Department is assisting the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in its investigation.

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masks for students, staff and support.

Schools can opt for a stricter operation.

The reconsideration is in the wake of continual increases in the cases and hospitalizations of people in North Carolina with the Coronavirus.

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"My life experiences have led to this decision to seek your vote for Wake County commissioner."

Thomas said government should reflect the people it serves and she is ready to lead based on shared values.

"I am not a politician. I am a wife, a mother, volunteer, and active Democrat committing to vote in a manner that ensures critical investments in our schools, our most vulnerable residents, and ensuring the quality of life that makes us all love Wake County," she said.

She has a "no one-left-behind approach."



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Flame out

Downtown staple Hardee's closing on Aug. 22; future in Wake Forest uncertain

BY JAY LAMM
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The grill will be turned off, and no more biscuits nor burgers will be made for a downtown restaurant staple in Wake Forest.

Hardee's is closing on Aug. 22. "The rent has got too high for this building, so we are shutting down," said a member of the Hardee's management team this week.

"The place has become too small, and it just makes financial sense to close," he told the WSJ, preferring not to be identified for this story.

The restaurant has been in Wake Forest since the early 1980s and still has a good customer base.

No decision has been made to replace the restau-

rant in another location in Wake Forest.

"Wake Forest loves Hardee's, but I don't know if we will be back," said the employee.

"Management has talked with developers about building in a more upscale location, but nothing has been decided on. We have left locations we don't own in other towns recently and have built our own buildings. But we have not made that decision in Wake Forest. We just built in Wendell and in the last few years, Wilson."

All current employees will be offered jobs at other Hardee's and will be welcomed back to Wake Forest if they open a new restaurant.

The building has been listed on real estate websites stating its availability is Aug. 30.

The Hardee's in Wake Forest is owned by Bod-

die-Noel Enterprises in Rocky Mount.

The company, first started in 1962 in Fayetteville, today, owns 350 Hardee's franchises.

Representatives at Boddie-Noel did not return phone calls to comment.

The company website does state its goal is to add new locations and rebuild existing locations or rebuild in towns they have already established a strong customer base.

"Wake Forest needs Hardee's," the employee said. "And Hardee's needs Wake Forest."



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The incident was looked into by the Wake County District Attorney's Office with no action taken. The FBI, however, could determine a civil rights violations.

"[P]lease remember that the rest of us live in an upscale neighborhood and have spent the extra money to stay out of mixed neighborhoods and/or the ghetto," the letter states. "No one wants trouble or any circumstance arising which could turn our neighborhood

into a 'semi-ghetto.'"

The letter singles out the husband and children of the family, saying "no one is interested in your or their 'struggles.'"

"Keep matters inside your own house and do your best to keep this area upscale and free of that element," the letter states. "Most of us would not hesitate to call the police if your kids or husband get unruly, so please be considerate of everyone else living amongst you."

Since, the family responded by sending

copies of the letter to their neighbors, along with their own note.

A community caravan last week traveled from Forest Ridge Park and drove through Wakefield Estates and Wakefield Plantation in protest of the letter.

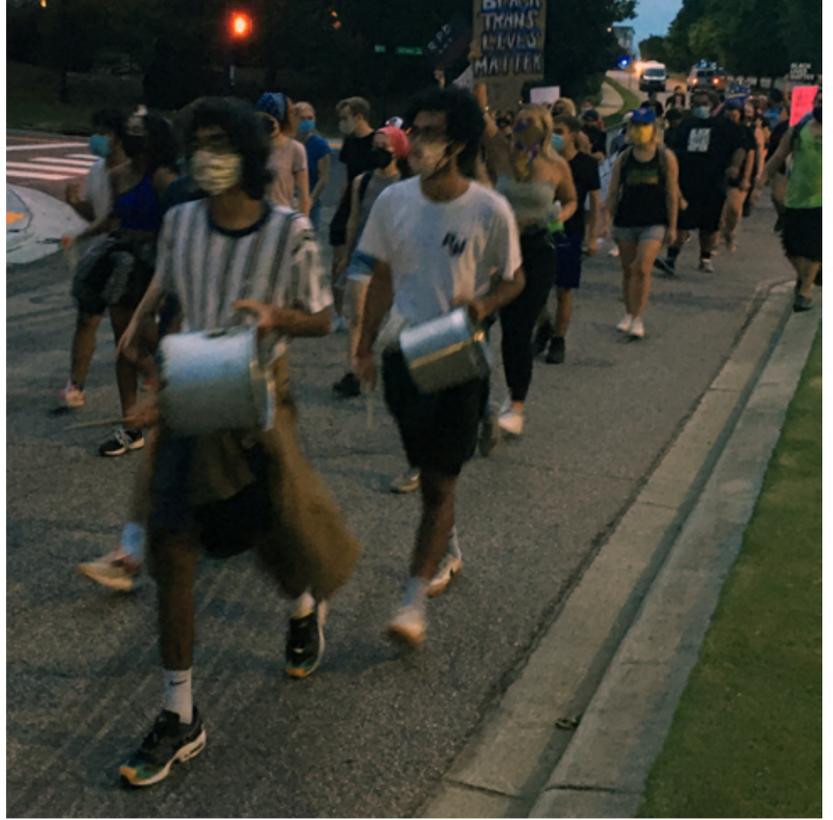
The community has painted messages and put posters on their cars as a stand against racism.

The Wake County Sheriff's Office has confirmed with the WSJ that the FBI is looking into the letter.

On Friday night (July 17), a group of about 50 protestors stopped traffic in northern Wake County. The group NC BORN marched down Falls of Neuse Road in the Wakefield area to protest racism.

Most in masks, they carried signs and used bullhorns and gave obscene gestures to those watching from a distance.

They briefly sat in the road and blocked traffic. They later circled back on to Wakefield Pines Drive where they also voiced their concerns about Raleigh police.



Clockwise from top, a crowd of protestors sit in the middle of an intersection near Wakefield, listening to N.C. Born activist Lauren Howell's speech. Police had the roads block to prevent any cars from disturbing the gathering. Howell said N.C. Born didn't get a permit to protest because they didn't want the police to stop them from gathering. Right photo, the protest moved down the street to Wakefield High School with a march full of chants and protestors banging pots and pans. Bottom left photo, N.C. Born activist and speaker Lauren Hill. Top left, protestors gathered at Wakefield High School. **WSJPHOTOS | JAY LAMM**

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told the crowd she was only 20, but later when I interviewed her she admitted she was really 21.

Ms. Howell was well dressed and groomed. She looked like a leader. And the crowd of maybe 60 or so, were listening to her as if she was their leader.

Howell wasn't as much "speaking" to the crowd as she was "ranting."

Her speech was well rehearsed, but at times she would get ahead of herself and get lost and stutter, causing her microphone to screech. But she kept going.

Her speech was not one to motivate or uplift, but one to incite.

Her group, NC Born, came to the area to protest a racially charged letter allegedly sent to an interracial married couple living in Wakefield Plantation. It is a letter the FBI is now investigating.

She was trying to start a fire under this crowd using hate, racism, oppression and a disdain for everything police. But with this crowd, her matches were wet.

They offered applause, fist pumps and the snapping of fingers when they really liked something. You know how beatniks used to relate in the 1960s to the likes of poet Rod McKuen and Bob Dylan, usually in coffee houses crowded with white kids in mini dresses and goatees going to college to stay out of Vietnam?

The fire never got past smoldering. That could have just been the crowd and

not Howell.

Some of the crowd looked like they came to hear what she had to say. Others look like they came to see what it was about. Some looked like they took a seat in the circle to take a break from jogging and others just seemed like they wanted to belong to something or were dateless on a Friday night.

Racism is not something we need in this country, but there are those with a message and then there are those with an agenda. And the one's with the agenda don't want racism to die, because if it did, what would be their excuse for their actions — black, white, yellow or Trump orange.

Howell has an agenda. Her talk on racism floated on the struggles of the 1960s. Many of her facts were wrong. She even got some of the names wrong. She did mention Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once, but she got his quote wrong.

She kept saying the police were there to block off the road so people couldn't hear her message. That was not true. They did keep cars from going down the road so no one would get run over. It was not to stop anyone from hearing her message. If that were true, no one could have walked up to the group and took part in the sit in at the intersection. I walked up. No police interfered with me.

Howell said she didn't trust the police to keep them safe, so they brought their own marshals to keep traffic away. The marshals came across more as a farce than a force.

Young men standing a few yards from

the police cars to protect their group from the police and any cars the police would let by to ram the crowd. They stood like the statues, very much like groups such as this one have torn down in the last few weeks. It reminded me of the photo of all the men around Martin Luther King Jr. on the motel balcony when he was shot in Memphis. It was a nice show of force and protection, but completely worthless.

After a free Gatorade break, offered by someone in the Wakefield neighborhood, the group marched to Wakefield High School. They chanted, raised their protest signs and beat cooking pots with sticks or utensils. It looked like a marching band on the first day of practice.

When I finally made my way to the high school parking lot, I was stopped by police to ask why I was there. The crowd had beat me by a good 10 minutes, so I walked up alone. I told them I was with the newspaper and they let me go. I still had a good 400 hundred yards to go to reach the crowd.

When I got to crowd, Howell was giving the same speech she had just minutes before, to the same crowd. However, with it being the last speech of the night, the last 10 minutes offered up something new, the payoff, that explained it all. It was a campaign speech against President Trump. All the racist talk, wanting three Raleigh police officers fired, oppression and fear for their lives all came to this: don't vote for Donald Trump.

At that time, when I looked at the speak-

er, I could envision the check in her pocket. All credibility went out the door.

The speeches were over and the crowd left. They must not have feared too much, because Howell was left behind with a white-bearded, old white guy - me.

After checking my credentials as a journalist, which meant showing her the WSJ30.com website on my phone, I started the interview.

At first she still had the hate she had carried in her eyes for the time I had been at the protest. She was with N.C. Born and they were going to get things done. Stop racism, defund the police, stop the KKK and take care of business no matter what it took.

It sounded rehearsed. I'm sure they have a media package.

But then I threw her a curve. I asked about her and how she was holding up through all her stressful work. The hate came out of her eyes. Even though she was wearing a mask, I could see her smiling eventually. Then I got her to laugh a couple of times, even blushing, before I walked away.

Lauren Howell appeared to have the tools to be a leader on Friday night. And like many that do, they get stuck on the wrong message. Hopefully Howell will realize that theatrics, threats and smoke and mirrors are not the way to go and common sense, real knowledge and a cool head will get her closer to achieving her goals.

And yes, Ms. Howell, all lives matter.