



Scholars Meredith Pendry, Lavadia Spaugh and El Roberts.

## Crosby Scholars earn scholarships

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Crosby Scholars program has presented scholarship awards to three local students.

Meredith Pendry of North Forsyth High School earned the Paul Fulton Carolina Medal, which is awarded annually to a Crosby Scholar who has been admitted to the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and who has shown an active and exemplary commitment to service to others. The Fulton Scholar is awarded a one-time \$1,500 college scholarship from Crosby Scholars.

Pendry is a member of the Key Club and has participated in a number of service projects. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Drama Club and editor-in-chief of her school's yearbook. She is the daughter of Cathy Pendry.

Lavadia Spaugh of Reynolds High School earned the \$1,200 Mommie J. Scholarship, which was established as a trib-

ute to the special friendship of Kathryn Crosby and Jewel Fulton. To earn the award, Spaugh, who will attend UNC Asheville, wrote about her friendship with her godmother, Kay. She is the daughter of Diane Spaugh.

El Roberts of East Forsyth High School has earned the \$1,200 Les and Evelyn Riley Scholarship. Candidates for the scholarship express a significant experience in their lives and its impact on them. Roberts received the Classics Scholarship of the Oxbridge Academic Summer Program. She studied Latin poetry and language and drama with a focus on Shakespeare in England for a month. Roberts, the daughter of Lisa Roberts, will enroll at Georgetown University.

The Crosby Scholars program works to assist public middle and high school students in Forsyth County in preparing themselves for successful college enrollment.

## Blessings Foundation gives out more than \$35,000 in grant funds

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The Blessings Project Foundation granted more than \$35,000 during its spring 2010 grant cycle and through its emergency relief program, which benefited victims of the earthquake in Haiti and local homeless people.

Grant recipients included the Bethesda Center; the Coalition to Unchain Dogs; Glenda Wharton (for her film "The Zo, Keeper of the Mountains Foundation"); the Naynya Project; Sustainable Alamance; Well of Mercy; and Winston-Salem Youth Chorus.

The Blessings Project Foundation was established in 2006 by local philanthro-



Glenda Wharton

and funding for grassroots non profit organizations that share in Blessings' commitment to human and animal rights, and preservation of the environment and the arts. Foundation offices are located at 823 Reynolda Road and at 541-A Trade St. Since 2006, the Foundation awarded grants to organizations globally and locally that share in the belief that that spiritual and physical health is inseparable from the health of the planet.

For more information, call 336-724-9393, email amy@blessingsfoundation.org or visit www.blessingsproject.org.

pist Beverly Johnston, who serves as the organization's president and chairman of the board of directors. Through a biannual grants process, the Blessings Project Foundation provides

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## What's Happening NOW in City Government

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### City Council weighing 2010-2011 budget

The city budget would drop \$10.4 million to \$362.4 million and the city property-tax rate would increase three-fourths of a penny to 47.50 cents per \$100 of value under the 2010-2011 budget City Manager Lee Garrity has proposed to the City Council.

Overall the proposed budget allocates \$295.5 million for operations and debt service, and \$66.9 million for capital improvements.

The City Council's Finance Committee is holding workshops this month to review the budget. The council is scheduled to hold a public hearing and vote on the budget on June 21. By state law, the council must adopt a budget for 2010-2011 by June 30. The budget would take effect July 1.

In his budget message to the City Council, Garrity noted that the proposed budget spreads the impact of three years of successively less revenue due to the economic recession. "The proposal requires city employees to do more with fewer people, smaller budgets, older

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM	
Property Tax	\$98.9 million
Sales tax	25.7 million
Licenses & permits	9.8 million
Intergovernmental revenue	38.8 million
Investment income	2.5 million
Charges for services	113.5 million
Bond proceeds	\$6.2 million
Civil penalties, other	17.0 million
Total: \$362.4 million	

  

WHERE THE MONEY GOES	
Environmental health	\$154.9 million
Public safety	83.5 million
Transportation	33.0 million
Debt service	25.9 million
Recreation & culture	23.0 million
General government	4.9 million
Human resources	8.8 million
Other	7.7 million
Total: \$362.4 million	

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equipment, and without any increase in compensation," he said. "It also affects our citizens with some changes in services and modest increases in some fees and the property-tax rate."

#### Specific budget provisions include:

- Eliminating 37 city jobs that are currently vacant, saving \$1.3 million. Three other vacancies in construction-related programs would be frozen and unfunded to save \$195,000 more.
- Eliminating all employee pay increases, saving \$1.2 million.
- Reducing operating accounts that will not substantially affect services to the public, saving \$900,000.
- Deferring equipment replacements, saving \$690,000.
- Implementing curbside garbage collection on Oct. 1 for all able-bodied residents. Those who are physically unable to bring their garbage cart to the curb could elect to continue backyard service. The net first-year savings, after providing roll-out carts to city residents, would be \$176,000.

#### PARTICIPATE in the budget process:

- Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at public libraries and City Hall, 101 N. Main St., Suite 30; and online at [www.CityofWS.org](http://www.CityofWS.org)
  - The City Council's Finance Committee will hold workshops on the budget at 4 p.m. June 3 and 10 and at 5 p.m. June 14 in the Council Committee Room (Room 239) on the second floor of City Hall.
  - The Finance Committee will hold a public hearing on the budget at 7 p.m. June 8 in the Council Chamber (Room 230) on the second floor of City Hall.
  - The Public Safety Committee will review the budgets for the Police, Fire and Emergency Management departments on June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Council Committee Room.
  - The City Council will hold a public hearing on the budget at 7 p.m. June 21 in the Council Chamber before voting on the budget.
- All of the above budget meetings will be televised live on WSTV 13.

- Raising \$900,000 by increasing various fees and fines, including the yard-waste collection fee, code enforcement fines, some recreation fees, on-street parking fines, and off-street parking rates.
- Increasing the property-tax rate to 47.5 cents from 46.75 cents per \$100, raising \$1.56 million. The owner of a home valued at \$130,000 would pay \$9.75, or 1.6% more, in property taxes. The city last raised property taxes in June 2007.
- Reducing donations to non-profit community agencies to be consistent with the budgetary savings required of city departments.

## FUN PRESERVER

This summer, all city pools will require patrons under 48 inches to wear a pool-provided life jacket unless they pass a swim test. Parkland, Kimberley Park and Bolton pools are now open. Polo opens June 5. All others open June 11.

### Free swim lessons!

All city pools are offering free swim lessons this summer, thanks to the American Red Cross and the Rotary Club of Winston-Salem.

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