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Motorist Charged in Teen's Death

BY JULIAN EURE AND CHRIS DAY
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A Hertford motorist has been charged in the death of a teen who was struck and killed while skateboarding on a Perquimans County roadway last month.

Tyrone Mitchell, of the 280 block of Jacocks Lane, is charged with vehicular hit and run involving a fatality in the death of Kane Michael Mountjoy, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol's collision report.

Mountjoy, 14, of the 180 block of Cove Road, was skateboarding eastward on New Hope Road Sunday, Sept. 6, when he was struck from behind by Mitchell's vehicle, which also was travel-

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ROWELL'S WORDS Remembering Makiia Slade

BY WILLIAM ROWELL

If 2020 has not been bad enough, on Friday, July 24, a mother and her daughter were senseless shot while traveling on US 17 in Edenton.

The mother, Shatory Hunter Slade, survived, but nine year old Makiia Slade did not. Here is a young girl not yet in her teens and deprived of getting there by some deranged individual.

The crime is yet to be resolved, so we have no explanation for it. In reality, there can be no logical explanation. Who living among us could have a reason for such a senseless action? I am sorry

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Mystery Disease Kills 4 Horses, Infects 12

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Four horses have died and 12 others are being treated by veterinarians following an outbreak of a mysterious disease at a Perquimans County stable.

Carla Bundy, owner of New Hope Stables, said a Virginia-based veterinarian tested the animals for coronavirus, cryptosporidiosis, clostridium and salmonella, and none of the horses tested positive for the diseases.

In addition, preliminary tests on the horses' food have come back negative. New Hope Stables is currently feeding the animals another type of food until what's causing the animals to get sick can be determined. The stable is also using an alternate water source until testing on the current source is complete.

"The events of the past 10 days have been devastating to not only myself but to the entire barn family," Bundy said, referring to the horses that have gotten sick and died.

Eight horses that remain at the stable are also suffering from the mysterious illness and are considered in critical condition, Bundy said. Six of those horses have required an intravenous drip.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Kaylin Russell (left) and veterinarian Shanna Edwards work to treat Stormy, one of the horses that is sick at New Hope Stables. Several of the stable's horses are at N.C. State University, in Raleigh, under observation.

Stable in Sky Gains Treasure

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

One particular horse named Treasure is a symbol of the New Hope Stable's commitment to care.

Though the horse died recently, the animal lived an amazing life.

New Hope Stable owner Carla Bundy said she found Treasure in 2004 when she was about two years young.

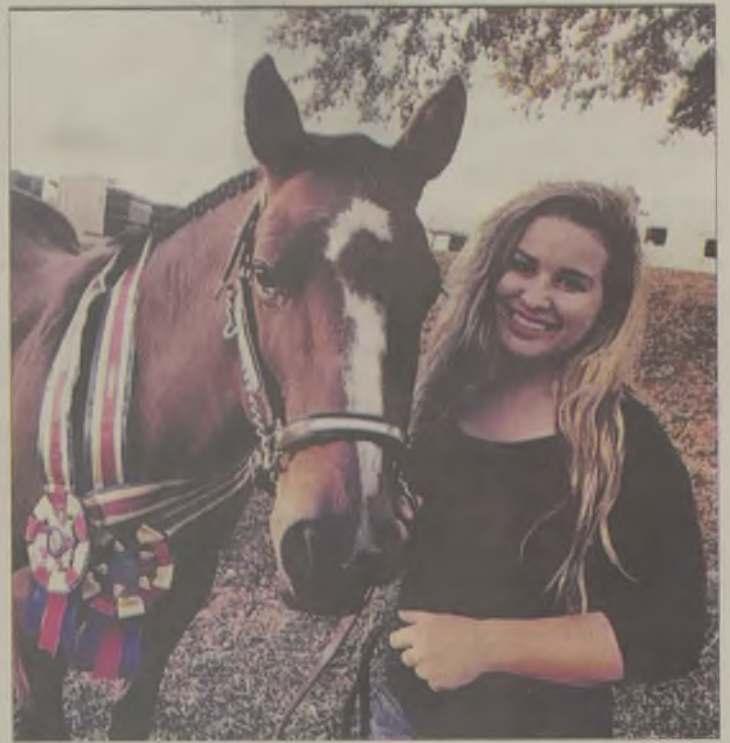
"The name fit perfectly, because that's exactly what she is to us. A true treasure. A diamond in the rough," Bundy said.

Bundy shared the tragic sto-

ry about how the original owners had Treasure in a dog pen with another horse. Treasure was about to be sold through a yard sale for \$1. She had been starved, beaten and abused. The United States Rescue League discovered this and the owners had to surrender her.

"What the original owners were blind to, was how much of an amazing horse they were throwing away," Bundy said. "We, New Hope Stables, adopted Treasure through the late Amy Woodard with the United States Rescue League shortly

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Sam Ownley stands beside Treasure, a well-loved ribbon winning horse, who recently passed away recently.

Sen. Steinburg Committed to Prison Reform

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Editor's Note: This concludes our two-part series on state Senator Bob Steinburg's visit to the state's 55 correctional institutions.

Three years ago, state Senator Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, penned an essay that included the phrase "secret society" to describe a prison system that protects its own, resistant to change.

In April 2017, a corrections officer at Bertie County's correctional facility was killed.

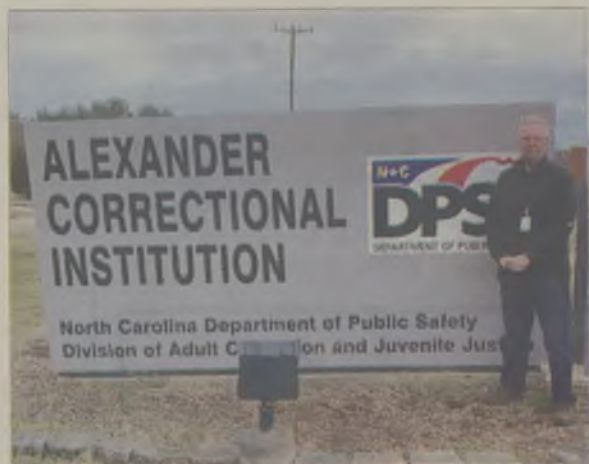
Later that year in October, four prison employees were killed and 10 other workers were injured during an inmate escape attempt at correctional facility at Pasquotank County in 2017.

Spurred to action, Steinburg

vowed to visit each of the state's 55 correctional facilities. Soon after Steinburg was elected to the senate in 2018, senate leadership selected him to serve as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Prison safety reform. He held many hearings on matters affecting the state's correctional system that employs 16,000 workers that houses more than 35,000 inmates.

During Steinburg's listening tour, he spoke with administrators, cooks, prison guards - ev-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
State Senator Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, visited each of the state's 55 correctional facilities located in places near and far such as Alexander County in the mountains.



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