

# Chief Newnam may run for mayor

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"If I do decide to file, and if I file and win, my intentions are to have peace and harmony, and let the town work in a very positive fashion and for us to be as efficient and effective as we possibly can in planning the future of this town."

Newnam also sees no problem with his wife and himself both serving on the board.

Mrs. Newnam wants to run again to make use of the knowledge she has gained in her first four years of service.

"When I first came on the board, I knew very little about town government, but now that I've been on for three and a half years, I've learned a lot. I'd like to make use of that knowledge when I run again, because when you first come on, it takes a while to get your feet wet. After you get your feet wet, you at least need to make use of that." She also wants to see some projects through that were started during her first tenure.

"When I first decided to run, one of the big things that I wanted to do was to get sewer in Shiloh. We've gotten some there, we've got to take it a little bit at a time, but we've got

a ways to go, too."

She said a goal would be "getting enough sewer and everything for the whole town. Hopefully we'll get that when we get our connection with Cary next month. Another thing I was hoping to accomplish was getting the streets paved, and we've done that. The next big thing that we really need to do is to get sewer for everyone."

Mrs. Broadwell said her first four years were not always pleasant.

"There's been some hard times, but there have been some really good times, and I enjoy working with the people of the town. We're up there to help the people. That's what I'm trying to do—just do what they put us there to do. Sometimes that's difficult."

The board for the past two years has been factional, with Mayor Margaret Broadwell and Commissioner Mark Silver-Smith usually taking an opposing view and disagreeing with the majority opinion.

Mrs. Broadwell served two years of the unexpired term of Mayor Ernest Lumley, who moved out of town a little more than two years ago and had to give up his seat. Sauls had served as acting mayor for

several months and had run against Mrs. Broadwell in 1995.

Mrs. Broadwell has served the town for more than 10 years. Her first service was as chairman of the Board of Adjustment for two years. She then won a four-year-at-large commissioner's seat, and four years later, was elected for District 2.

After eight years as commissioner, she ran unsuccessfully against long-time mayor Ernest Lumley. But when he moved to Wilson less than two years later and had to give up his seat, she ran against Mayor Pro Tem Billy Sauls and won.

"I'm counting on having board members who will work together so that collectively we can come up with what is best for this town," Mrs. Broadwell said. "I expect to have two new board members to join me in my efforts to propel this town forward."

Some of the things she has tried to make happen during her two years on the board are the formation of a Rotary Club, the construction of a public butterfly garden, flashing lights at Morrisville Elementary School and a Fourth of July celebration, which the town has never had before. She has also been involved

in an ongoing effort to establish a public library in Morrisville.

Sauls said in the eight years he has served on the board, "The staff has increased tremendously, the town has moved forward a lot. The new police station will be completed before too much longer. Everything that we've got, I've been a big part of. We got a bond issue passed that was able to provide the funds to secure water and sewage for the future, that was the most critical thing. We have developed a very nice parks and recreation system, a very nice community center, which I fought for very hard."

"You can't do anything by yourself, it's my ability to work with the people who helped me get these things done," Sauls added.

He said he is still discussing his options with his family.

"If the town, I feel like, needs me, I'm going to run. It's not an ego trip. I have a business, I have a family, and I spend an awful lot of time working for the town," he said.

He added that if he feels like the other candidates are qualified, "maybe I'll step down."

He added, "I will run a clean campaign, if I run."

# Guide dogs from N.C. program are successful

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One of the four dogs that the Dodsons have raised ended in a home from that list.

"He didn't make it due to temperament. A lack of confidence," Sherry said.

The second dog the Dodsons raised was named Wrally, after WRAL-TV. She was the publicity dog as the Dodsons were trying to get the organization off the ground in North Carolina and she visited the "Live at Noon" news about once a month.

"Wrally turned out to be a brood. The breeding stock is the cream of the crop," Sherry said.

The Dodsons got to keep her and whelp her, to the tune of 38 puppies, and she still lives with them, now 10 years old and retired.

One reason Guiding Eyes is so successful is because they breed most of the dogs themselves. Ninety-five percent of the dogs are Labrador Retrievers, but occasionally they use a Golden Retriever or a German Shepherd.

"The Lab is more of an easygoing dog," Don said. "Anybody that feeds them, they love them. One of the things that the dog has to do is to break the bond with the puppy raiser, in order to bond with the trainer, and then with the blind person. Some dogs are more of a one-person dog all their life."

"The dog spends about a year with the puppy raiser and about five months with a trainer before being assigned to a blind person.

Other schools use other breeds, the Dodsons said. But "Guiding Eyes developed their own line of dogs. We have the oldest colony of a line of dogs being used continuously. The line is over 30 years old."

The third dog the Dodsons raised was the one they gave up to a person on the waiting list in New York, but the fourth dog, Liebler, still lives

with them.

"He was going to be a stud for them. He's a donated dog from a breeder in the New York area, but he ended up with a bad hip."

The Dodsons kept him as a pet, and a PR dog for the program.

"He is wonderfully big and wonderfully loving," Sherry said.

Besides Wrally and Liebler, they have another lab, a collie, three cats and two horses.

"We kind of walk across them at times," Sherry said. "They give us an immeasurable amount of love."

When they aren't volunteering with Guiding Eyes, Sherry is a full-time nurse practitioner with N.C. State. Don just retired as a lieutenant with the Cary Police Department. He will be devoting some time to a marketing business he has started.

One evening a week, Sherry teaches an obedience class at Northwoods Animal Hospital.

"It came about because of what we were doing with Guiding Eyes," Sherry said. "I was doing puppy kindergarten classes for the guide puppies. [Local veterinarian] Dan Hudson asked if we could do it to help a lot more people."

She's been teaching the classes for about 5 and a half years now and the demand is high.

Besides these activities, their roles as area coordinators for Guiding Eyes keep them on their toes.

"I don't even want to guess the number of hours we spend," Sherry said.

Their main duty is finding volunteer puppy raisers, interviewing them, keeping them educated in between evaluations and making sure things are going well during the three months between when the puppy evaluator comes.

Trying to locate sponsors is another major duty. Each puppy gets a veterinary sponsor; there are also food sponsors for many of the pup-

pies.

"And there are also people that maybe can't raise the puppy but love dogs, and they serve as puppy sitters, for times that the puppy raiser needs to go away. They will take the puppy and keep it a weekend, a week, two weeks."

The Dodsons also spend time at Raleigh-Durham Airport, picking up new puppies and sending puppies back to headquarters. "People think we live at the airport," Sherry said.

The people at the airlines have been wonderful, she added.

"We had a litter going up two or three years ago on a beastly hot day," she said. "We waited until an evening flight to get them on board, but then there was a delay. I was just worried to death about the puppies in a crate in the belly of the plane. We went up and looked out and they had an air conditioning unit pulled out to the plane blowing cool air into the crate with these eight-week-old puppies in it."

"They were being very well taken care of without our even asking. It was real tender and real dear to look at these men holding this unit, blowing the cold air in on these puppies. They were being very diligent to have these puppies be comfortable," she said.

They send a quarterly newsletter to about 300 people, current volunteers and former puppy raisers, including one that now lives in Colorado.

Strong friendships have been formed within the organization. "The volunteers are a great group of people with a common interest, their love for animals."

"We can't tell you it's easy to let the dogs go, but you realize from day one that it's not your dog, it's got a higher calling, to help people..."

"It's a true labor of love," Sherry said. "It's a great thing for anybody who loves to work with animals."

"The best way I've ever heard it put, one of our puppy raisers said, with other charities you can give money, but with Guiding Eyes you give your

heart, a year of your life to this dog to benefit another person. It truly, truly is a gift of love, independence and mobility for this individual."

"They open up their families, their hearts, to these little beings. They give them the house manners and social experiences needed to be a guide dog."

North Carolina provides about 20 per year of the 400 dogs that are sent to Guiding Eyes. Only about 250 of those will graduate and be assigned to a blind person.

The North Carolina program has the highest repeat raiser rate of any of the 29 areas. Some of the raisers have raised seven or eight puppies.

After 10 years coordinating the program, the Dodsons have not tired of it. "We've enjoyed every program we've given," Sherry said.

But "with any good organization, there can't be just one person in charge, one person knowing all. We have got a great group of support staff. I feel very comfortable that if I had to step, out the program would go on," Sherry said. "None of us know what's going to happen tomorrow. We are prepared that if something unforeseen should happen to us, the program goes on."

But the Dodsons aren't quitting. What keeps them going?

Sherry answered, "Puppy breath. Little roly-poly puppies, and meeting all the great people that we've come in contact with. It's been a true blessing in our life."

"One of these days we'd like to raise another puppy. Our lives have to slow up a little bit. This program takes a great deal of time. That's why we've not raised any more than the four."

But the Dodsons have raised about 130 dogs vicariously.

"We know all of them, we know the raisers, we know the dogs. We feel a very strong bond with them. I cry each time a dog leaves to go up to Guiding Eyes," Sherry said. "We get attached. And we feel a great deal of pride when one of them makes it."

# Police prepare barbecue fund-raiser to help residents with rabies

More than 1,000 tickets have been sold in advance for a barbecue fund-raiser to be held this Friday at the Luther Green Center to benefit rabies victims.

Barbecue chicken plates will sell for \$6 per person. The plates will include cole slaw, baked beans and a dinner roll, Pepsi, Mt. Dew or Diet Pepsi. They will be available from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Advance tickets are available at the Morrisville Town Hall, the Morrisville Police Department, the Morrisville Chamber of Commerce and the Morrisville Community Center.

Police Chief Bruce Newnam is heading up the event, and most of the volunteers will come from his department. The event is not sponsored by the Town of Morrisville.

"We're a community-oriented police department," Newnam said. "We have always tried to do for the community."

The police department put on two barbecues for the local chamber of commerce in 1991 and in 1992.

About 45 Morrisville residents had to receive shots after a puppy that belonged to Randy and Marcelle Riley of Green Drive was diagnosed with rabies. The series of shots range from about \$2,000 to \$2,500, and are not covered under any insurance policies.

Six large grills have been lined up and tents have been borrowed from the N.C. National Guard for people to sit under in case of rain.

Area businesses who have already donated money for the fund-raiser include DeHaven's Transfer and Storage on Airport Boulevard, Bryant Industrial Contractors, Inc. of Chapel Hill Road, J.F. Wilkerson Co. of Chapel Hill Road, Triangle Mini Mart and Grill of Chapel Hill Road, and Southport Business Park of Aviation Parkway. The businesses have donated more than \$1,000 to get the event started.

"We are hoping to clear in excess of \$10,000 after expenses," Newnam said.

Town manager David Hodgkins agreed to help Newnam find assistance from the Wake County Health Department in disbursement of the funds.

"They are used to determining eligibility," Hodgkins said, "and they are a disinterested third party."

Marcelle Riley is compiling a list of her neighbors who received shots and the amount of money each one paid. The list will be used to help determine how the money will be disbursed.

—By Mary Beth Phillips

# Golf course on tap for Morrisville

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The site for the course is the northern most part of a 188-acre tract between Weston and the Cedar Fork soccer field. The site has 700 feet of road frontage along N.C. 54.

The request was made so that the Wake County Erosion Control could begin assessments in the preparation for grading.

The project at Lumley Park was awarded to Willow Run Enterprises for a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Webster bid \$10,600 for the project, which would fill in the soccer field in the lower part of the park.

Two members of the public works department attended the meeting to request that the board consider the bid from Willow Run. Willow Run did the grading for the new police department building.

Willow Run bid \$100 an hour, figuring 50 hours a week, approximately three weeks, for a total not to exceed \$15,000.

The motion, made by C.T. Moore, stipulates that at least 8,050 cubic yards of dirt will be crowned and seeded to make the new field. Already, between 5,000 and 8,000 cubic yards of dirt have been donated from construction sites around the area. Willow Run will crown and seed the new topsoil to elevate the field surface so it will drain properly.

In other business at the June 23 board meeting:

Bids will be opened July 31 at 2 p.m. for the long-awaited Shiloh sewer project, which will extend lines past Shiloh Baptist Church as far as Barbee Road along Church Street and north of the Metro Center along N.C. 54.

A rezoning request that would allow for a 310-unit apartment complex was sent to the Planning Board. Three-story, brick buildings are pro-

posed with siding and porches, if the residential management zoning is granted. Each building would have a garage. The 28.47 acres of land, across from Treybrooke Apartments and the Cary Montessori School on Church Street, is currently zoned industrial management.

Awarded a contract to the low bidder, Jerry Welker, for \$34,500, to replace a sewer line off Boxford Road in the Huntington Woods subdivision. The line, which was constructed before town standards were upgraded from PVC pipe to ductile iron pipe, has failed.

Sent the zoning classification of Village Core back to the Planning Board for study. "It's just not working," said Commissioner Phyllis Newman in making the motion.

Asked the Parks and Recreation Department to install a volleyball/badminton net at the Shiloh Park for youth to enjoy. "These are our future mayors, commissioners and taxpayers," said Commissioner Leavy Barbee in making the motion to have the net installed.



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# Pharmaceutical plant expanding

Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc., will break ground in Perimeter Park on a 100,000-square-foot building that will consolidate the operations from three separate buildings under one roof, and allow room for expansion to about 500 employees.

The company now employs between 250 and 275 employees in

three buildings in Perimeter Park totaling about 75,000 square feet.

The new building should be completed by June of 1998.

PPD is a contract research organization that does clinical trials for pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology companies and others who develop drugs. The company is based in Wilmington.

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