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Town removes Lumley's name from park

Park is renamed Morrisville Community Park

By Mary Beth Phillips

The name of Lumley Community Park will now return to Morrisville Community Park after the town board voted (3-2) to change the name at their Feb. 9 meeting.

The park had been named for former mayor Ernest Lumley, who served 12 years as mayor, and his wife town clerk Evelyn, who has been with the town for 20 years. Leavy Barbee protested the change.

"Why are we into changing the names of streets and parks? The boards before made these and I was

a part of these boards at that time. It came from years of blood, sweat and tears to do these things. I see no need to change them.

C.T. Moore also voted against the name change. The motion was made by Bill Case and seconded by Jan Faulkner. Mark Silver-Smith cast the third vote in favor of the change.

After the meeting Case justified his motion by saying, "we have several parks, but none that represent our community. I was against the change when it went from Morrisville Park to Lumley Park. I have nothing against the

Lumleys, but we hold all town events at that park and I'd like to see a park that represents our community with our town name attached.

"My experience with parks and baseball fields, is normally it's a memorial park. Thank God the Lumleys are in good health," he added.

When it was pointed out that Cary names its parks for living people who have made contributions to the town, Case said, "we're not Cary and this is just one more example of that."

Faulkner, who voted with Case, said citizens had asked her to change the name.

"I was fulfilling the request of the majority," she said. "When the name was changed to Lumley Park, it caused a lot of problems at the time." She added that the proximity of the park to the community center lends itself to being a community park.

The town has received bids for repainting the signs. The apparent low-bid was for \$418, said Town Manager David Hodgkins.

Bids have not been awarded yet. The four-foot high two-foot wide granite monument in the middle of the park with an inscription dedicating the park to the Lumleys will not be removed.



Stephen Hollinshead, 2, and his mother Rose play at the Morrisville Community Park (formerly Lumley Park). Lauren Haney, 2, and Erin Watson, 3, get a push in the swing from their mothers.

The Hunt for readers



North Carolina's First Lady reads to Weatherstone students

North Carolina's first lady Carolyn Hunt was among the readers at Weatherstone Elementary School for its Reading Regatta held January 20 through Feb. 6. Fourth graders in the classes of Carol Pearce, Terri Bailey, Mary Emily McDonald and Marcia Bullock enjoyed her story of *The Woman Who Named Things*. During the Reading Regatta, the students read for pledge money to help raise funds for the school and to help raise their enthusiasm for reading. The class that read the most hours per week received a "Reader Leader" banner to carry. The class at each grade level who read the most over the three-week period received a book, sponsored by a local business. Other special guests who read at Weatherstone include Jackson Parkhurst of the North Carolina Symphony; Torry Holl, NCSU football receiver; Jess Ward, Cary Town Councilman; Grant Mills, triathlete who participated in the Ironman Classic in Hawaii in October; local artist Jerry Miller; Magician Tate the Great, Jimmy Blaylock, golf pro with the Prestonwood Country Club; and Muddy the Mudcat.

Mind your manners

Preston residents run cotillion chapter

By Mary Beth Phillips

The baby boomers who scorned cotillion in their childhoods are now sending their children in droves.

"They've recognized that we do need tradition, we do need rules," said Cindy Oates, co-organizer of the National League of Junior Cotillions in the Cary area, which has been operating for about a year.

Mrs. Oates and her partner Yvette Shallcross are neighboring Preston residents who decided to run the Cary area cotillion after Shallcross's son, Peyton Moser, now 11, took cotillion in his fifth-grade year.

The National League of Junior Cotillions is the only organization that trains its leaders and follows a set format for the cotillion experience. Ann and Charles Winters of Charlotte started the organization 22 years ago, and have perfected it through the years. Students each receive a handbook outlining the curriculum for the year.

The children learn the waltz, the fox trot, the cha cha, the shag and the line dance. They learn how to make introductions, use proper table manners, make polite conversation, basic and formal table setting, and even sports etiquette. They learn how to write a proper thank you note, and they have character educa-



Preston resident Cindy Oates, co-organizer of the National League of Junior Cotillions in the Cary area, gives out some instructions.

tion. Mrs. Shallcross was immediately interested in the opportunity of leading the local chapter. Her education and background is in medical technology, but she has helped as a host-

ess with the Miss North Carolina pageant in Raleigh for years and enjoys mentoring young people. (She was first runner-up in the Miss North Carolina pageant herself years ago.)

Mrs. Oates has a degree in business, but spent her early working years as a gourmet cook and caterer in the Washington, D.C., area. She helped serve at special events for the

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Board votes against FedEx hub at RDU

Public in favor of new jobs

By Mary Beth Phillips

Morrisville commissioners passed a resolution formally opposing the location of the Federal Express hub at Raleigh-Durham Airport, despite comments from the public that leaned in favor of the hub.

Charles Hayes of the RTP Regional Partnership, a 13-county region with a 50-mile radius told the board the Federal Express project is "much needed."

"We have a lot of people who need these jobs, these types of jobs. I know it would help the community as well as other communities. The noise level would not exceed with the noise envelope is now," Hayes said.

The hub would open in 2002 and initially employ about 700 workers, RDU officials have said. Raleigh-Durham is being considered along with several other sites in North and South Carolina.

Ken Atkins with the Wake County Economic Development Project flew to Fort Worth, Texas, to visit the hub and reported that only 22 planes took off or landed between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. the night he was there.

That represented all of the flights for the night, he said. He said the Raleigh-Durham facility would be a "mirror image" of the Fort Worth

'I could hire 50 people right now'
Plenty of jobs in Morrisville

By Mary Beth Phillips

Those who cry that we need the jobs the proposed Federal Express regional package sorting hub will provide need only to look at businesses within Morrisville to find a variety of jobs available now.

Help Wanted signs in the windows at restaurants, grocery stores and retail establishments in and near Morrisville provide one sign of the low unemployment rate, especially among unskilled workers.

Another is a full-page advertisement in the Morrisville Chamber

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facility. "I was very impressed with the diversity of the work force," he said, "people taking advantage of good part-time employment."

He also noted that spin-off compa-

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Builder still critical

Suffered internal injuries when trench at construction site collapsed on him

By Mary Beth Phillips

Morrisville resident Mark Swartwood is still in critical condition, but he has been transferred from Duke Hospital to Western Wake Medical Center in Cary.

Swartwood was injured when he jumped into a trench at a construction site on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and the trench collapsed on him.

He was trapped for a little over two hours from about 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a lot in the Brookmere subdivision off Davis Drive, which is part of Preston.

Swartwood, 33, of 2206 Duck Pond Circle in Huntington

Apartments, was discharged from Duke on Feb. 16. He is in the intensive care unit at Western Wake.

The trench was about 12 feet deep, said Cary Fire Marshall Don Daniels. The workers were laying some sort of fabric in the bottom of the trench, he said.

"They weren't planning on someone being in the hole, but the fabric somehow got creased or folded, and he was going to straighten it out. In just the second or two he was down there something shifted and it caved in on him."

Swartwood was the superintendent

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