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## Academia



Students and staff at Jamesville Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week recently. A6

## Opinion



Enterprise & Weekly Herald Editor Jim Green says preventative car maintenance is a superior option. A4

## Church & Faith



Celebrate Recovery hosts a Thanksgiving feast with all the 'fixings' for 83 people at First UMC in Williamston. B3



**GOOD MORNING,**

Ann McKeel of Williamston Thank you for subscribing!

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Parmeles welcomed new and returning officials during Tuesday's swearing in ceremony. Commissioner Glenda K. Barnes, Commissioner Mary Ann Morning, Commissioner Kenneth Andrews, Mayor Jerry M. McCrary, Commissioner

Wanda H. Smith and Commissioner Dustin S. Willet wished outgoing council member Lula H. Council well and helped celebrate the closing of her public service.

## 'I did everything I could'

### Council retires as new Parmele board takes oath

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**PARMELE** - Residents filled the Parmele Community Center Tuesday night for the swearing in of the town's officials.

Once newly re-elected Mayor Jerry M. McCrary opened the meeting, he called Mayor Pro Tem Lula H. Council to the podium.

Council, who was the first female mayor of the town, opted not to seek re-election. Tuesday's meeting concluded her 28-year career of service to the town.

"It was always about what was most important for the citizens of the town," Council told those in attendance. "I did everything I could to help move Parmele forward."

"It has been a pleasure to serve and I have not regretted one minute," explained Council. "Thank you for allowing me to serve."

Judge Regina Parker was on hand to offer the oath to new commissioners Mary Ann Morning and Kenneth

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Lula H. Council concluded her 28 years of service to the town of Parmele at Tuesday evening's meeting. Pictured with Mayor Jerry M. McCrary, Council thanked her fellow commissioners and the residents for their support.

## Williamston leaders return

### Pro-Tempore election voided after procedural error

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**WILLIAMSTON** - The all-incumbent Williamston Board of Commissioners were sworn in Monday night at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting along with returning mayor, Joyce Whichard-Brown.

Following the swearing-in by Chief District Court Judge Regina Parker, the board proceeded to elect the Mayor Pro Tempore.

The UNC School of Government defines the mayor pro tempore as one who "serves temporarily in place of the mayor when the mayor is absent."

When the floor was opened to nominations,



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Judge Regina Parker (left) conducted the swearing in of Williamston's mayor and town commissioners Monday night. Pictured with Parker are Commissioner Ronnell Rodgers, Commissioner Alton Moore, Commissioner Jerry Knox, Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown, Mayor Pro tempore Al Chesson and Commissioner William Coffield.

Commissioner Jerry Knox nominated current Mayor Pro Tempore Al Chesson to continue in the role.

Commissioner Ronell Rodgers

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## Local filing is slow

### National offices have abundance

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**WILLIAMSTON** - Early filing is slow in Martin County, but not across the state.

As of noon Thursday, only two candidates had filed for local office.

Incumbent Dempsey Bond, a Democrat, has filed for one of three seats on the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

Joining him locally is Democrat Kimberly J. Griffin, who is seeking a second full term as Martin County Register of Deeds.

While the local races are still taking shape, the Democratic ballot for President of the United States has a whopping 15 names on it thus far, and the Libertarians have 16 from which to choose.

The Democratic ballot includes former Vice President Joe Biden, former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (Colorado), Cory Booker (New Jersey), Bernie Sanders (Vermont), Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota) and Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts) as well as U.S. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii).

Other Democratic candidates include former Mayors Michael Bloomberg (New York) and Julian Castro (San Antonio) as well as South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg and former Congressman John Delaney.

Rounding out the field are Tom Steyer, Marianne Williamson and Andrew Yang.

The Libertarian field includes Max Abramson, Ken Armstrong, Dan Behrman, Kenneth Blevins, Souraya Faas, Erik Gerhardt, Jedidiah Hill, Jacob Hornberger, Jo Jorgenson, Adam Kokesh, John McAfee, James Orlando Ogle, Steve Richey, Kim Ruff, Vermin Supreme and Arvin Vohra.

# Baby's 1st Christmas

Send in your Baby's picture, name, where from, birthday, parents and grandparents name to be published in the December 25<sup>th</sup>'s edition.

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