

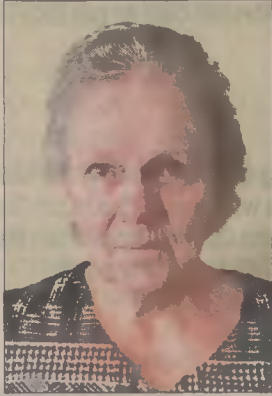
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Faith



Longtime Sunday School and women's Bible study teacher Sylvia Hughes says keeping our eyes on Jesus will help keep our feet on the right path. Page 6

Sports



Columnist and sports fanatic David Friedman says there is really no such thing as too much sports. Page 9



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Town cancels Christmas parade

Wm'ston board also votes 3-2 to reopen Perry Park building

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - A decades-old Christmas tradition has become the most recent victim of the COVID era.

Originally scheduled for Dec. 3, the fate of the Williamston Christmas Parade came before the town board at the Sept. 14 meeting.

Acknowledging she did not have a vote, Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown adamantly explained, "I'm definitely against having it."

Discussions followed regarding the close quarters

participants and attendees would be subjected to for the duration of the parade.

Allen Overby, Williamston Parks and Recreation Director, spoke as a member of the planning team.

"Our recommendation is not doing it," he said.

At the conclusion of discussions, Commissioner Al Chesson made a motion to cancel the Williamston Christmas Parade for this year. Commissioner William Coffield offered a second to Chesson's motion.



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A decades-long tradition in Williamston – the town Christmas parade – has been canceled this year due to concerns over COVID-19.

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County commissioners didn't fill a request by the town of Williamston to help fund the demolition of the Mitchell Building.

County declines

Commissioners don't fill request to help demolish Mitchell Building, citing precedent

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WILLIAMSTON - The Martin County Commissioners heard a request for assistance during the September meeting which brought questions, but no agreement to render aid.

The town of Williamston submitted a request to the county commissioners for the demolition of an eyesore on Main Street known as the Mitchell Building.

Along with a written request, Williamston Town Ad-

ministrator John O'Daniel presented the request during the Sept. 9 meeting.

The town took ownership of the Mitchell Building in August when the previous owner offered the property,

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Grass clippings on roads

Legal, unsafe or both?

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - Is it illegal to allow grass clippings to be blown onto the roadway when mowing?

This question has been a hot topic on social media channels in recent weeks.

Motorcycle riders like Tim Pope have especially voiced concerns about the dangers grass left in the road can bring.

Pope, who has ridden motorcycles since the early 1980s, doesn't feel the general public realizes what a safety hazard grass piled on the roadway can cause.

"If there's a lot of grass on the road, especially if you are coming around a curve and can't slow down, it's just like bring on ice,"

See GRASS, 5

Parents plead for return to classrooms

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WILLIAMSTON - Pleas for a return to some form of normal education setting were the theme of the public comments section of the Martin County Board of Education's

Sept. 14 meeting.

Per policy, board members do not respond to public comment during the meeting; however, participants were reassured their concerns were heard and would be taken into consideration.

Megan Haslip, a mother on

a kindergartner and a third grader in Martin County Schools, shared the struggles and frustrations she has seen her children experience including online learning for a kindergartner student who can not yet read.

"Virtual should be an op-

tion," she told the board.

Haslip also shared virtual learning has come with not just an emotional price for her children but a financial hit of \$500 a month to ensure care for the children during

See CLASSROOMS, 10

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