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## Opinion



Think Dymond City made Martin County unique? Sarah Hodges Stalls says there may be an even bigger mystery in the annals of history. A4

## Sports



Michael Jordan has a new race team. Fourth & Long Columnist David Friedman wonders if it will be 'Carolina' Blue. A6

# Heartbreak

### Despite child's murder, family finds comfort in life-saving organ donation

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Iris Pearl Hayes

JAMESVILLE - Iris Pearl Hayes will never see her third birthday.

The child's mother and her mother's boyfriend face charges in her death. But Iris will live on in the lives she saved.

On Sept. 17, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a report from Vidant Medical Center in Greenville regarding a two-year old female who was being treated for "significant and serious injuries."

According to Chief Deputy Drew Robinson, an investigation was then initiated by the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

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# Early voting slated

### One-Stop will be held in Williamston, Robersonville

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The Martin County Board of Elections has approved One-Stop Voting times and locations.

One-Stop Voting will open in Martin County at 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 and continue through Saturday, Oct. 31.

Two locations have been approved for voting. They include the Martin County Governmental Center (Commissioner's Room No. 121) in Williamston and the vacant East End School cafeteria in Robersonville.

Voting times are as follows:  
\* Oct. 15-16: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.;  
\* Oct. 17: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.;  
\* Oct. 18: Noon-5 p.m.;  
\* Oct. 19-23: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.;  
\* Oct. 24: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.;  
\* Oct. 25: Noon-5 p.m.;  
\* Oct. 26-30: 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; and  
\* Oct. 31: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Any registered Martin County voter who does not vote by One-Stop prior to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 will have to vote at his or her polling place on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

One-Stop Voting is open to all registered voters in Martin County. A voter may choose to vote One-Stop at either of the locations offered by the Martin County Board of Elections.

To check registration status or to learn more about

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# Pedestrian killed in Oak City

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OAK CITY - Details are limited surrounding the death of a 22-year old early Sunday morning.

According to the North Carolina Highway Patrol's Troop A office, troopers were called at 2:06 a.m. Sun-

day to a scene one tenth of a mile east of Oak City.

Initial reports revealed a vehicle driven by Ra'chelle Sheppard of Oak City was stopped in the roadway. Sheppard exited the vehicle and was struck by another vehicle.

No information regarding the identity of the driver

of the vehicle which struck Sheppard has been released at this time.

Officials stated alcohol involvement is suspected, however; test results are currently pending.

Troopers continue to investigate another Martin

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# Academy 37 starts soon at MCC

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WILLIAMSTON - Being a working dad did not stop Jacob Meetze from becoming a law enforcement officer.

The accessibility of Martin Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training program, also known as BLET, was a big part of making his dream come true.

"My family has been a part of this community since 1993," Meetze explained. "Williamston is where I grew up, graduated high school, got married and now (where I'm) raising a family of my own."

Meetze always wanted to be in law enforcement. In his own career, Meetze had spent close to 20 years working with families from all walks of life. When he decided to



In May, Jacob Meetze, left, was congratulated upon his graduation from the Martin Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training program by Cliff Hales, Program Director.

make the leap to BLET, he looked for a program where the instructors had been a part of the community for a

long time as well. "MCC offers a BLET pro-

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# Martin Co. Finance awarded for 29th straight year

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WILLIAMSTON - The streak continues. Martin County's Finance Department has been recognized for excellence in financial reporting for a 29th straight year.

The Martin County Finance Department, led by Finance Officer Cindy Ange, recently received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association their 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

According to Ange, the intent of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is to provide a good summary and snapshot of the county's finances. "Ideally, it is both thorough and easy to understand," she added.

The CAFR is presented in

four sections: Introductory, Financial, Statistical and Compliance. The introductory section familiarizes the reader with the nature and scope of services provided by the County and a summary of its financial activities.

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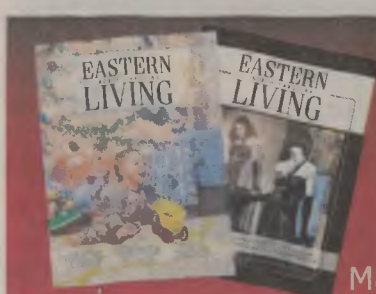
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