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Hanes retires, nominates Montgomery for seat

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

N.C. Rep. Ed Hanes has announced his retirement from the General Assembly on Tuesday.

"I will retire from my service in the House of Representatives and the North Carolina General Assembly effective August 7, 2018," said Hanes in a statement. "It has been an honor and a great privilege to serve and represent my friends and neighbors in District 72. I thank my family for their support during my time of service."

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Taneisha Gist enlists social media as she fights cancer

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Long before she was diagnosed with breast cancer, before she was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, long before she had her breasts removed, and even before she lost her father to cancer, Taneisha Gist was resilient. During an interview with The Chronicle last week, Gist, who is known throughout the community as Neisha, said the strength she is using to battle stage 3 breast cancer right now is something that has always been a part of who she is.

At age 10, Gist and her younger sibling were placed into foster care, where she spent time living with relatives. She said even before that she had to be strong for her younger brother.

"We were taken away from my mom because she was on drugs, so being the oldest I was already taking care of my brother. So when we were taken away, I knew I had to provide for him," continued Gist. "... I grew up early. My mom wasn't there, so I had to be strong."

Despite facing obstacles early in life, Gist, who

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Photo submitted by Taneisha Gist
Since being diagnosed with breast cancer in March Taneisha Gist has been showing the world what it means to be #NeishaStrong.

Older alumni of Atkins High celebrate history

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Alumni from Atkins High School painted the city maroon and gold last weekend as the Class of 1961 and the Class of 1968 held reunion celebrations.

The Class of 1968 kicked off their 50th anniversary celebration on Friday, Aug. 3, with a "meet and greet" at the Ivy Arms Apartment Clubhouse. The gathering gave classmates an opportunity to catch up with old friends and teachers, and reflect on the good times they had at one of



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Last weekend, Atkins High School Class of 1968 celebrated their 50th Reunion with a banquet and other events throughout the weekend.

this city's most historic schools.

The celebration continued on Saturday, Aug. 3, when classmates got together again for a banquet. During the event held at Best Western on University Parkway, the Class of 1968 enjoyed dinner while looking through photo albums, and mingling with classmates. The guest speaker was Joselyn Johnson, a former City Council member and a 1967 graduate of Atkins. Johnson reminded the Class of '68 of the rich history made in the old brick building on Cameron Avenue and to give back to those in the community.

While enjoying dinner, when asked why "Atkins Pride" is still strong in the community, Thomas Hicks, who serves as president of the Class of 1968's Reunion Committee, said, "It was basically the Number One black high school going back to the 1930s all the way up to the

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Planned church sign causes resident concern

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

A local church's plan to replace its sign resulted in numerous residents voicing concerns about the change at a City Council meeting held Monday, Aug. 6.

Disciples of Grace Ministries on Oak Summit Road applied for a rezoning that would allow for

the replacement of its current sign with a larger, more prominent electronic one.

"The sign that's there right now is not noticeable at all," said Mischelle Houser, the wife of Grace Ministries Pastor Dr. Joe Houser.

Neighbors voiced concerns about the dozens of land uses that the new zoning would allow, which Houser addressed by agreeing to eliminate all uses other than church and day care. Others said numer-

ous neighbors didn't like the idea of the sign and feared any changes associated with it could attract crime back to the neighborhood. One said she heard the church was going to house a rehabilitation program for alcohol abuse.

Disciples of Grace Ministries, which moved to its current location from Rural Hall in October, has

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