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Esbenshade Professor of the Practice of Visual Arts at Duke University.

McIver, who was traveling in France last week, said the son of Lewis and Gloria Whidbee has been one of her best students.

Whidbee recently had his first solo exhibit called "Diary of a Wretched Man" at The Carrack in Durham in July. This month Whidbee will be doing a solo exhibit at the Nicholson Gallery at The Arts Center in Carrboro.

Whidbee said he finds inspiration in his spirituality as a Christian, a black male and music, and likes to portray how he struggles with it.

ested in art.

little he'd doodle. I still have some. I knew he had a little talent.

always tried to impress cused on something else. on her son that athletics shouldn't be his only fo- an athlete," he said. cus.

"A lot of kids focus on does,"

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While grateful for what

"I feel like kids in high

school, Whidbee would

school and middle school should be exposed more.

If children don't have an

outlet, let them know

there is more than just

playing sports. They need

to see there are options."

like to see more offered.

kids."

Artist Lamar Whidbee leans against a fence with two pieces of his artwork. Whidbee (right photo), was an all-conference football player and track star at Perquimans County High School and played football at both Winston-Salem State University and N.C. Central University.

Gloria Whidbee said her basketball and football, "I'm so thankful he got to more as an athlete." work out? You always on with his talents." "Even when he was need to have a backup."

fer some injuries in col- wishes not he had aplege, but said that alone plied himself more in both Gloria Whidbee said she wasn't the reason he fo- sports and academics.

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"He enjoys what he

son has always been inter- but what if that doesn't do that, but he's moving

As well as he performed ies. Lamar Whidbee did suf- in high school, Whidbee

fun, and it is a small town, his mother said. but I wish I had developed

He found the same thing to be true in his art stud-

"I wish kids were exposed more to modern art in high school," he said. When I got to college I "I wish I had learned a found some of the stuff "I still consider myself little more while in high I had to learn other stuschool," he said. "It was dents had learned in high school. I'm grateful for my gift, but I could have gone

further."

Whidbee said he'd like to return to Hertford at he was able to get in high some point, even if it's a visit

"Even if I never moved back there, but I'd really like to come back home and do a show," he said. "I'd like to give back to the school and give back to the community.

I'd like to inspire some

public with alternatives until April 2010."

"When we received a preferred alternative selected."

DOT reached that decision in December 2014. It wants to build a 33-foottall fixed bridge that would extend off Church Street where the Theodore property is now and link up with Winfall Boulevard in an area near Larry's Drive

The Coast Guard document released in July includes portions of petitions from various sides,

Charles joining the leadership team," Deitemeyer said. "We are looking forward to his contributions as Dean of the Edenton-Chowan Campus and know that his commitment to students' success will be invaluable as we continue to build the campus and college opportunities." "During the coming months

as well as resolutions from local town boards and the Perquimans County Commission.

In October 2013 the Hertford Town Council passed a resolution supporting Alternative D with an opening as wide and tall as the current Highway 17 Bypass bridge.

In September 2014 the town rescinded the 2013 resolution and support to the swing-span option the most expensive of the final three. In December 2014, county commission also went in support Alternative B.

take a job as vice president of student success and enrollment management at COA's main campus. Amanda Hodges was named interim dean. She stepped down in February.

Purser said he's looking forward to the challenge.

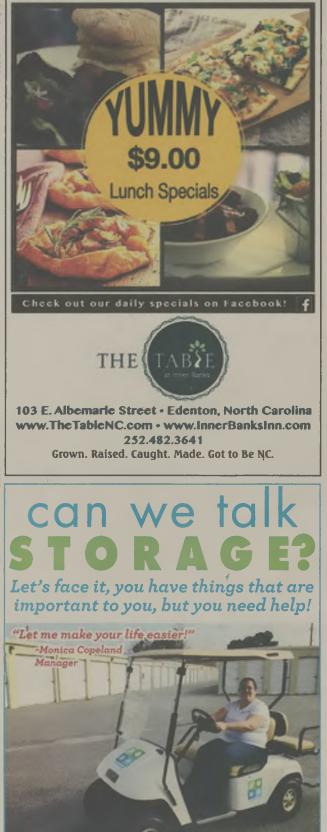
"I feel that I can make a fference at the Edenton-

am most interested in the success of your project, as bridge," Nielsen wrote. "I Route 17 is indeed a tricky have owned this property area. It is my wish that the for many years, and while new bridge and access be in the historic district, the safe and maintainable at home itself is actually of a responsible cost for the no historic value. Although residents of Hertford and I lived at 103 Phelps St. for surrounding areas." many years, it is now a sec-Twelve months later the ondary residence for me.

home was purchased by "Should you be interest- Nancy Theodore and her

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ed in acquiring 103 Phelps husband. Theodore, who has opposed DOT plans, said she ied in the 2008 letter, exwas totally unaware of the Nielsen letter.

> real estate agent for his estate for not disclosing what Ned and his family knew about the bridge erty preemptively," Greshproject," she said. "Our agent said there was talk about replacing the bridge for years but nothing was in the works at the time we were looking at the house spring of 2009."

ing filing a complaint with the NC Real Estate Com-

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is to reach out more to John County high schools to get to people in Perquimans

plained last week that at the letter we didn't have the time DOT didn't know I'm so angry with the just how it was going to proceed with replacing the S-Bridge. "We can't just buy prop-

mission.

am said. "We couldn't have taken him (Nielsen) up on the offer at the time. The property had been for sale for a couple of years at that point."

Gresham said the first She said she is consider- meeting with local officials was in September 2007.

"We didn't come to the

Hertford Grammar School," said Teresa Beardsley, the school system's spokesman and a former HGS teacher.

'He had his architectural A. Holmes and Perquimans students create the sun dial size as well as the placement them involved with COA. of the sundial using a special He's already reached out solar tool. After the cement slab was installed by one of Mr. Purser's contacts through

Gresham, who was cop-



Perquimans and Edenton communities as a board member and volunteer with Chowan/Perquimans plate for the sundial." the Habitat for Humanity. He was also the project manager and volunteer builder for an outdoor classroom at Hertford Grammar School.

coordinating the labor and materials for the sundial at

He has been active in the Purser Design Build. Two of Amy Craddock's students from PCHS worked with Mr. Purser in laying out the tem-

> Purser's wife, Carole is a teacher at HGS and headed up the project.

COA's president, Kandi Deitemeyer, said she wel-"He was instrumental in comes Purser to his new position.

"I am quite excited about

he will be focused on engaging members of the community and our K-12 partners to ensure a seamless transition around many of the initiatives that are strong points on the campus, as well as those that are showing great promise," Deitemeyer said. For 19 years, Lynn Hur-

dle-Winslow served as dean at the Chowan Campus. She stepped down a year ago to

Chowan campus and help grow our students and the facility," Purser said. "Stu-dents bring their hopes and dreams to COA and it is our job to do what we can to help them reach their goals. As a community college graduate, I am honored and proud to have the opportunity to make a difference in our seven-county service area."

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sey said. "There are five other organizations in Perquimans County that do it, but Forestburg is the oldest and longest serving. We'd like to get more groups active like this."

Currently the Hertford Rotary Club, Heritage Shores Plantation, Island Christian Fellowship, Deep Creek Shores and the Inter-County Ruritan Club also participate.

and trash bags and loans said the club can usually

safety vests to groups that sign contracts for roadside cleanup. They have to commit to cleaning a twoparticipate today," Cau- mile stretch of road four times a year.

> DOT says over the past 20 years, the Forestburg Club has picked up more than 21,000 pounds of litter over a two-mile stretch of New Hope Road, Woodland Church Road and White Hat Road. The club picks up on both sides of the roads and over the years collected 1,550 bags of litter.

Keith Matheson, the co-DOT provides gloves ordinator for Forestburg.

musters eight volunteers. "Sometimes we get 11 or 12. We try and do it in the spring, in both April and May before it gets hot and then pick it up against in September and October. If you look at our group, we're not getting any younger. I don't know if we'll make it to 30 years or not."

The club has fewer than 40 members.

Matheson said the club's single day record was 24 bags of trash.

Once the trash is bagged, DOT takes care of the rest.

"DOT is really good,"

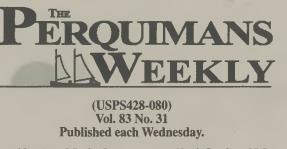
Matheson said. "I call on a Saturday and the following Monday they're out there to pick up the bags."

Adopting a highway is free but requires a fouryear agreement between NCDOT and the Adopt-A-Highway volunteers.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can call 1-800-331-5864 or the local DOT office at 331-4737.

"Our they can go on-line and register and they don't have to talk to anybody at

all," Causey said. The state website is http://www.ncdot.gov/programs/aah/.



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