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Having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF LUKE JACOB LANIER, late of the County of Columbus, State of North Carolina, I, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 28A-14-1, hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to present them to the undersigned by the 14th day of February, 2019, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of November, 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as the Executor of the estate of Mary Louise Watts Etheridge, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present then to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 19th day of November 2018.

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Young blood keeps rabbit hunters' ranks from dwindling

The Saturday before Thanksgiving was the traditional opening day of North Carolina's rabbit season. As has been the case for years, the Horsemen Hunting Club met at Terrial White's farm in Chinquapin to share the camaraderie the hunt.

"We always start here," White said. "I mowed lanes so we could have a better hunt this year."

After a breakfast of sausage, bacon, grits and eggs warmed on an open fire, the hunters headed for a former hog pen.

"I raised organic hogs for Whole Foods here," White said. "But, they moved their operations elsewhere."

The hog pens were webbed wire fencing. The mesh was big enough to allow a rabbit to pass through, not a beagle. White had mowed lanes along the edges of the fences so hunters and dogs to better negotiate thick underbrush and briars that had reclaimed the former pastures.

Within moments, the beagles sounded off. Numbering a couple of dozen, the beagles were owned by several of the hunters. While all of the others carried shotguns, White was recording the hunt with via cell phone video.

Within a half-hour, several hunters had missed shots at fleet-footed cottontails crossing the mowed trails or scooting across gaps in a soybean field. I missed a shot at a rabbit as it scampered into a blackberry thicket. Then, while White was videoing, a rabbit ran down the same path he was standing on, blocking my chance for a shot at it while he caught its escape on camera.

"I think it's about time I got my shotgun," he said. Moments later, he came back the first shotgun he had when he was a kid. It was a single-barrel and he carries it on opening day as part of the tradition.

As the hunters fanned out across another soybean field, one of them yelled out, "There he goes!"

Four of us raised our shotguns and fired nearly in unison, downing the rabbit in a hail of birdshot, soybean stalks shattering all around.

"I couldn't help it," Warren Days said. "I knew the



Anthony "Ant" Peterson and Roland Boney load their beagles into a pickup truck kennel following the Horsemen Rabbit Club's traditional opening day hunt at Chinquapin.

rabbit was down, but I was already in motion and pulled the trigger."

White would claim the only rabbit taken by the hunters on opening day, while six other rabbits escaped unscathed.

"It will take a couple of weeks for our beagles to get back into shape," said Roland Boney, the club's president, age 67. "It will also take a couple of weeks for us to get back in shape."

The exception was Anthony Peterson Jr., who at age 17 was the youngest. "Ant" is a Junior at James Kenan High School in Rose

Hill. Boney is a high school bus driver and that is how they met.

"When he was just a kid in the fifth and sixth grade, he would help me catch my dogs sometimes," Boney said. "Then, when he was old enough to ride my bus to high school, I would see him looking out the windows, hoping to see a deer or other animal, while the other students were looking at their cell phones or fooling around. I started taking him rabbit hunting two years ago."

One thing the Horsemen have mentioned in

the past, like many other groups of hunters, is that few young hunters are interested in the sport. They would welcome any youths who wanted to hunt rabbits into their ranks.

"I can only hunt on Saturdays," Peterson said. "Two years ago, I got three rabbits and last year, I got two. I have three beagles - Louie, Charlie and Princess. I got them from an old man, James Scholar, who got too old to hunt, so he gave them to me. Hunting rabbits is in my blood. I love to hear my dogs run."

Candle lighting, too Grief group gathers twice in Dec.

Compassionate Friends Border Belt Chapter is providing two opportunities for parents experiencing loss in Columbus and Bladen counties to gather during December.

A special event is also planned.

This year The Com-

passionate Friends Worldwide will observe a Worldwide Candle Lighting at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Families around the globe will light candles at 7 p.m. their time and keep them lit for one hour to honor their deceased children.

Members of the Border Belt Chapter encourage everyone to would like to do so privately in their homes, in reverence for area children who have died.

Regular gatherings

will take place at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 in the fellowship hall at Grace Episcopal Church, 105 South Madison Street in Whiteville; and at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17 at The Village Buffet in Whiteville.

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QUALIFICATIONS: A minimum of a four-year undergraduate degree (masters preferred) in Business Administration or related field, Public Administration, Public Policy, Education or human services-related field. At least 3 years of experience in management with at least two of these years supervising staff with total responsibility for performance reviews required. Experience required in financial management. Full job description posted on the Columbus County Partnership for Children website, www.columbusmart-start.com. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, résumé, college transcripts and list of three references no later than December 14, 2018, 5pm. to Ms. Jaimee Blackman, Columbus County Board of Education, PO Box 729, Whiteville, NC 28472.

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