

# CLASSIFIEDS

## NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File No: 18-E-538  
 Having qualified as Co-Executrixes of the ESTATE OF SALLIE GRAINGER LANCASTER, late of Columbus County, North Carolina, we, 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 26th day of March, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

DAY L. LAND,  
 CO-EXECUTRIX  
 204 PALM STREET  
 HAMLET, NC 28345

KAY L. ROGERS,  
 CO-EXECUTRIX  
 103 VILLAGE WALK WEST  
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the ESTATE OF LINDA HONEYCUTT BELL, 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 9th day of April, 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 9th day of January, 2019.

TERRY C. BELL, EXECUTOR  
 P.O. Box 365  
 Tabor City, North Carolina  
 28463

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 28463  
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 1/9-1/30c.

### NOTICE

We, Alice Faye Rowell and Robert Andrew Atkinson am not responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than ourselves.  
 Alice Faye Rowell  
 Robert Andrew Atkinson  
 1/9-1/23p.

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## FORECLOSURE

**NOTICE OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
 COUNTY OF COLUMBUS  
 DISTRICT COURT DIVISION  
 FILE NO.: 18 CV 1084

COUNTY OF COLUMBUS,  
 Plaintiff

vs

RETHA P. STURDIVANT; FLEET MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Assignee-Beneficiary (Lienholder); UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Department of the Treasury, (Lienholder); LVNV FUNDING, LLC, Judgment-holder (Lienholder),  
 Defendant

NOTICE is hereby given that the COUNTY OF COLUMBUS is a body politic incorporate of the State of North Carolina, is exercising its power and authority to assess, levy and collect taxes against real and personal property located within its boundaries in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Default Judgment and Order of Sale entered on December 4, 2018, William E. Wood has been appointed Commissioner with the authority to sell the following land at the Courthouse Door, Columbus County Courthouse in the City of Whiteville, Columbus County, North Carolina at 12:10 o'clock p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all interest in the following described real estate:  
 Lying and being in Bug Hill Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

### TRACT 1:

Beginning at an iron stake found in the center line of an old ditch at a point where the Southeastern line of the

original tract of which this is a part is intersected by the Northeastern 30 foot right of way line of sand clay S.R. #1103, said point lying approximately 1.7 miles Southeastwardly along S.R. #1103 from its intersection with S.R. #1104, said beginning point being also a corner of lands of Archie Jenrette; and said beginning point also being the Southeastern corner of the Leona P. Long 14.59 acre tract of land which is described in that certain map recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 53, Columbus County Registry, and running thence from said point of beginning and with the Northeastern 30 foot right of way line of said S.R. #1103 North 50 degrees 52 minutes West 126.80 feet to a new iron pipe; thence a new line North 34 degrees 17 minutes East 365.00 feet to a new iron pipe in a field; thence a new line South 50 degrees 52 minutes East 112.11 feet to a new iron pipe set in the center line of an old ditch lying along the Southeastern line of the original tract; thence with said line of the original tract, also a line of Archie Jenrette South 31 degrees 04 minutes West 366.75 feet to the beginning, containing 1.0 acre, more or less, and being a portion of that certain tract conveyed to Leona P. Long by Report of Commissioners recorded in Deed book 279, Page 846, Columbus County, North Carolina Registry. Being the same property conveyed by Leona P. Long and husband, Joe Long, to Eugene B. Sturdivant and wife, Retha P. Sturdivant, by Deed dated August 31, 1974, recorded in Book 280, Page 214, Columbus County Registry.

Also being the same property conveyed by Eugene B. Sturdivant, legally separated, to Retha P. Sturdivant by Deed dated April 7, 1998, recorded in Book 585, Page 138, Columbus County Registry.

### TRACT 2:

Lying and being in Bug Hill Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being

more particularly described as follows:

All that certain tract of land containing 31.43 acres, more or less, as more fully set forth on that map entitled "Jenrette Tract of Clyde B. Gore Lands", Bug Hill Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, said map being prepared by Robert D. Inman, R.L.S. and being dated April 27, 1963, and recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 40, Columbus County Registry, reference to which is hereby made and incorporated herein for a more particular description. See Deed Book 199, Page 233, and Book 430, Page 846, Columbus County Registry. Being the same property conveyed by Clyde B. Gore and wife, Martha Gore, et al, to Retha Pierce Sturdivant, by Deed dated April 7, 1999, recorded in Book 586, Page 760, Columbus County Registry.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance: "AS IS, WHERE IS". Neither the Commissioner nor the County of Columbus, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representatives of either the Commissioner or the County of Columbus make any representation of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition expressly are disclaimed.

Also, this property is being sold free and clear of all taxes, special assessments, prior liens or encumbrances of record against said property except as may exist under Federal or State Law, if any.

A cash deposit of 20% of the purchase price, or \$750 whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale with the balance remaining due to be paid in full by cash or certified funds at the Office of the Commissioner within three (3) days after the entry of the Judgment of Confirmation by the Clerk of Court.

Hearing before the Honorable Tara C. Benton, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for Columbus County, North Carolina were held in connection with this foreclosure on December 4, 2018 at which time this foreclosure sale was authorized as required by statute.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2019.

WILLIAM E WOOD  
 COMMISSIONER  
 100 COURTHOUSE SQUARE  
 WHITEVILLE, NC 28472  
 TELEPHONE: (910)-642-3965  
 STATE BAR NO.: 5901  
 January 9 & 16, 2019



# Guide exposed to rabies from bear

Johnnie Dale, owner of Buffalo Creek Guide Service in Sampson and Hyde County, underwent rabies vaccinations after handling a black bear in Hyde County.

He found the listless bear on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018.

"I was filling feeders and he was lying beside one," Dale said. "He weighed 85 to 90 pounds and was alive, but non-responsive. I checked him again at 7 p.m. He was breathing and moving his eyes but not moving his legs. I pulled out his tongue to check his throat, but could not find anything wrong with him."

On Monday, Dec. 17, the bear was dead. Dale called N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Bear and Furbearer Biologist Colleen Olfenbuttel. She arranged a meeting with Biologist Kimberly McCargo at Lake Mattamuskeet, who transported it to the Edenton office. On Tuesday, Dec. 18, District 1 Biologist Chris Turner performed a necropsy. On Wednesday, Dec. 19, Turner sent samples to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at University of Georgia. On Friday, Dec. 21, SCWDS notified WRC and N.C. public health officials the bear had rabies.

"Rarely is a black bear's death disease-related," Olfenbuttel said. "Maryland had a positive rabies test in a black bear in 2007 and Maryland had one in 2012. New York reported two positives in 1999 and 2003. Some references also indicated rabies in bears prior to 1992 in New Jersey in and Arizona."

"Colleen told me somebody from the Hyde County Health Department would call," Dale said. "When she did, I said I stuck my hand in the bear's mouth without gloves. She told me she would call back."

The follow-up call advised Dale to go to a hospital immediately because he was at the end of the five-day period following exposure when rabies immunizations are effective.

"I did not know where to go and it was Saturday night at 11 p.m.," Dale said. "I called WakeMed and they said it would have to wait until the following day. The lady at Hyde County Health Department called again and said it was urgent to get a shot that night. I drove to

Johnson Memorial Hospital while she made arrangements. I had rabies vaccine in the arm, two antibiotic injections in the hip and two in my butt. They said I would have to come back in a week for a rabies vaccine booster and two weeks later for another booster."

Over the summer, Dale saw eight dead raccoons. Game camera images showed the bear with raccoons at a feeding trough. Another game camera nearby had images of the bear fighting another bear.

"Other than scratches on its nose, the dead bear had no wounds," he said. "I killed the other bear and put its head and meat in my freezer. I will have that bear tested for rabies."

When Dale was fur trapping in the 1990s, he had rabies vaccinations. However, he let them lapse.

"I should have kept getting boosters to maintain my immunity," he said. "From now on, I will wear rubber gloves whenever I handle an animal."

"We don't know how the bear was infected," Olfenbuttel said. "It had scratches on its nose, so it could have been bitten by a rabid raccoon. It could have contracted rabies through eating corn covered with saliva from a raccoon with rabies."

"Johnnie opened the bear's mouth with his bare hands and had cuts on his hands. The normal mode of transmission is through a bite or open wound. You should never handle a dead animal with bare hands and you should wash your hands after field dressing any animal."

To report any unhealthy or dead bear, call the Wildlife Helpline, 866-318-2401 weekdays, 800-662-7137 weekends.

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