



William Hemingway takes a shot as Loris High visits Lake View. (Tara Jacobs, TLT)



Neandra Gause at the hoop for the Lady Lions. (Tara Jacobs, TLT)

Lions win two at Lake View

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Lake View took some mauling from both the boys and girls varsity basketball squads from Loris High School Friday night.

In the nightcap the Loris boys claimed a dominant 67-49 victory, with the Lady Lions also in control with a 46-34 win.

Lions

Lake View was tough in the first half, the teams playing tit-for-tat but the Lions proving too much for the home team.

Loris lead at halftime and launched an all-out assault on Lake View in the final two quarters.

Jahrique Isaiah, the Senior point guard for the Lions, finished the night with a triple double with 10 rebounds, 10 assists and 11 steals.

Will Hemingway had a double double with 19 points, and 10 rebounds leading all scorers in the game.

Cameron Boyd scored 12 points with 12 rebounds.

Lady Lions

Loris quickly found themselves in a tight battle with the Lady Gators falling behind early in the first quarter and rallying back in the second quarter to lead at halftime 24-23.

The second half saw Loris senior Neandra Gause go on a shooting tear with the help of Ari-yana Hayes as the Lady Lions increased the score on the Lady Gators by 10 points.

Despite impressive defense from the Lady Gators in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to prevent the Loris win.

Neandra Gause and Ari-yana Hayes both had double doubles, Gause with 20 points and 12 rebounds, Hayes pouring in 13 points and pulling down 13 rebounds.



Lady Stallion Sarah Faulk in a crowd of Golden Tornadoes as South Columbus visits Fairmont. (Tara Jacobs, TLT)

Stallions split road basketball games at Fairmont, S. Robeson

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School was still out for the holidays, but boys and girls varsity basketball squads from South Columbus High were in action, and on the road at Fairmont last Wednesday, at South Robeson Friday night.

It was a mixed week for the Stallions, both the boys and girls winning and losing. At Fairmont the boys won 49-45, the girls 37-21. At South Columbus the home teams won, the boys 51-47, the girls 41-32.

Stallions

South Columbus started hot in the Three Rivers Conference matchup, outscoring the Golden Tornadoes in each of the first two quarters to take a lead 25-22 into half time.

Fairmont fouls sent the Stallions to the free throw line repeatedly, but the Golden Tornadoes were able to pull ahead in the fourth quarter before the scrappy Stallion defense forced turnovers that put SCHS ahead with less than a minute to go for the win.

Avion Bellamy and Shi-

quan Conyers would both be in double figures scoring for the Stallions. Bellamy scored 15 points, Conyers had 13.

Things were tougher at South Robeson, with the home team taking the narrow win despite some Stallion highlights on offense.

Shiquan Conyers had 16 points, 18 rebounds and 6 assists on the night, Trey Bellamy scored an impressive 10 points with 9 rebounds and 5 assists on the night.

South Columbus ended the week with a 6-4 overall record, 5-2 in the conference with three games on the schedule this week.

Lady Stallions

Sarah Faulk began the nights scoring for the Lady Stallions followed closely by NonChalonte Hemingway.

South Columbus outscored the Lady Tornadoes in the first two periods of the ballgame to take a 23-13 lead into half-time. The second

half saw the Lady Stallions continuing to score and create turnovers to seal the victory on the ladies from Fairmont on a score of 37-21.

Faulk was high scorer for the game as the ladies would again be on the road on Friday in South Robeson.

The Lady Mustangs were ready for the Lady Stallions and began with an impressive full court press creating turnovers and easy baskets. The Lady Mustangs would double the Lady Stallions score and lead at halftime 22-11.

More evenly matched in the third quarter, both teams scored 8 points each, the Lady Tornadoes heading into the fourth quarter ahead 30-19.

Turnovers in the fourth quarter were costly for SCHS, and aided South Robeson in its victory.

Cailla Turbeville lead the lady Stallions in scoring with 11 followed closely by Sarah Faulk with 10.

Trojan girls win at Aynor, boys fall

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Green Sea Floyds girls claimed a 38-28 victory on the road at Aynor Friday in varsity basketball action, while the boys fought hard but fell to the Blue Jackets 56-37.

Lady Trojans

GSF took a commanding 11-2 lead in the first quarter and continued hot shooting in the second quarter to lead at halftime 23-3.

Aynor made a strong push in the second half led by Riana Hucks with 19 points. But Green Sea Floyds was able to weather the 3-point barrage by Hucks to hold on and come out with the win.

Lady Trojans had two players in double figures, Laura Black with 17, Keyonna Ridges with 10.

Trojan Boys

Looking to upset the Blue Jackets with quickness and hot shooting, Aynor would have none of the GSF effort, turning the blue tide and hitting from almost anywhere on the court.

Aynor matched the Trojans step by step with quickness and outscored the Trojans 11-5 in the first period.

Second period was pretty much a carbon copy with Aynor extending its lead with going into halftime 27-10.

GSF outscored the Blue Jackets 17-13 in the third quarter narrowing the gap, but Aynor rallied with multiple 3 pointers in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Anwain Graham let the Trojan scoring with 11, Jaquan Dixon was good for 10.

Genealogy group meets Sat. at CC

Members of the Southeastern North Carolina Genealogical Society will meet in the new Columbus County Courthouse in Whiteville this Saturday.

Scheduled for 2 p.m., the meeting program will be presented in the first floor office area at the end of the

long hall. The elevator will not be needed.

Clerk of Court Jess Hill will present the program, offering some recently discovered information to those who attend.

Society members and fellow genealogists are invited.

Loris Library events for Jan.

January events scheduled at the Loris Library include:

- Craft for Kids – 11 a.m. Jan. 12
- Movie time – 11 a.m. Jan. 19. Call for title.
- Book Club – 11 a.m. Jan. 24, discussion non "Play Dead" by Harlan Coben
- Lego Club – 11 a.m. Jan. 26
- Friends of Loris Library

meeting – 6 p.m. Jan. 29

- Alzheimer's Support Group – 11 a.m., second Tuesday of each month
 - Story Time with Mrs. Tracy – 10 a.m. each Wednesday
 - GED Prep – 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Adult Crafter's Group – 1 p.m. Thursdays
- For details contact the Loris Library, 843-756-8101.

Obituaries

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James Charles
'Jim' High
1933 – 2019

James Charles "Jim" High, long-time publisher of *The News Reporter* in Whiteville, died Wednesday, Jan. 2 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte after a brief illness. He was 85.

He died peacefully while surrounded by his family over Christmas and New Year's. He remained mentally sharp and was engaged at *The News Reporter*, where he worked regular hours and maintained an open door policy, until just four weeks before his death.

He was born Jan. 27, 1933, the son of Lonnie Haynes "Boy" High Jr., and Ferrell Moore High. He attended Hallsboro High School and graduated from Bob Jones Academy in Greenville, South Carolina.

He attended N.C. State for two years, enlisted in the Army for two years, then graduated with a BS in Business from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1959.

The News Reporter became one of the most respected community newspapers in the state under his guidance. He had worked

for only a few weeks at the newspaper when his father-in-law and publisher, Leslie S. Thompson, died suddenly, thrusting the 25-year-old into the role of general manager and publisher.

Generous, kind, determined, selfless, humble, wise counselor, and gentle giant are some of the words often used to describe Jim. He was a nice man and never said a harsh word about anyone. He was happiest when he made others happy.

During the course of his life, he very quietly helped a number of young people succeed and was a father figure to many.

It's unknown how many local kids he helped attend college or how often he provided spending money for those who needed it to get ahead in life.

He was heavily involved in the Columbus County Committee of 100 and Greater Whiteville Chamber of Commerce. He and a handful of other business leaders were instrumental in bringing jobs to the county.

He was also a philanthropist, cheerfully giving money to good causes, large and small.

He was a supporter of Southeastern Community College and the longest-serving member of the SCC Foundation board of directors – 50 years. He was a past president of The North Carolina Press Association and board of directors of The UNC School of Journalism Foundation. He served on the board of directors of United Carolina Bank, the North Carolina board of BB&T, and the board of trustees at Methodist University.

Perhaps above all, Jim High was a devoted family

man. He was blessed to have two blended families that he loved dearly.

He married his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Thompson High, in 1958.

Carolyn, who along with Jim was immersed in local causes, suffered an untimely death after a brief battle with cancer in 1985 at the age of 50. They were married for 27 years.

He later married Sally McKenzie Page, who had lost her husband Pete in a tragic accident.

Together, they travelled extensively and enjoyed symphonic and operatic performances. They were married 32 years.

He survived by his wife, Sarah McKenzie High of Lake Waccamaw; his son, Leslie Thompson High and wife, Becky, of Whiteville; his daughter, Stuart High Rogers and husband, Keith, of Lake Waccamaw; Sarah High's son, Paul Milton Page of Birmingham, Alabama; and her daughter, Sarah Page Shifflet and husband, Allen, of Charlotte.

Grandchildren include Carolyn Nix High of Austin, Texas, Margaret Stuart High of Whiteville, Elizabeth Haynes Nance and Parker Thayer Nance, both of Charlotte, Paul Royer Shifflet of Boston and Anna McKenzie Grieg and husband, Robert, of Brooklyn, New York.

Memorials may be made to the Friends of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences in Whiteville, 415 S. Madison St., Whiteville, N.C. 28472; the Jim High Memorial Fund, Lower Cape Fear Hospice and LifeCare Center, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville, N.C. 28472 and the Jim High Memorial

Scholarship Fund at the SCC Foundation, P.O. Box 151, Whiteville, N.C. 28472.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Whiteville United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow in the church fellowship hall.

A guest register is available at mckenziemortuary.net.

Annie Ruth Sapp
1947 – 2018

Annie Ruth Sapp of Panama City, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 16. She was 71.

She passed away peacefully at home after an illness. Ms. Sapp was born on Aug. 13, 1947 in Horry County, to the late Tommie R. Ward and the late Clara Hawks Ward Guyton.

Survivors include her three sisters, Doris Marilyn Ward Hayes of Louisiana, Janice Ward Anderson of Panama City, Florida and Sarah Ward Smith and husband, Paul of Little River, along with lots of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Sapp was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Sapp; four brothers, James Norwood Ward, Tommy LeRoy Ward, Billy Don Ward and Danny W. Ward; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Dew Ward and Ruby Duncan Ward; nephew, John Terrace Martin and niece, Ruby Jane Ward.

Annie Ruth will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Local services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12 at Pleasant Plain Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Mack Hutson officiating.