



December Citizens chosen from W-WPS

W-WPS citizens for the month of December have been chosen for having a positive attitude. Optimism, according to W-WPS teacher Nicole Smith, is contagious and positive thinking is the pathway for positive outcomes. Smith said that these boys and girls have a happy, dependable, and grateful disposition and are always ready to learn new things. W-WPS wishes to thank Xaxby's for recognizing the W-WPS citizens and for providing them with a free kid's meal.

Kindergarten students (Top photo) selected include (l-r) NaMani Grant, Jovyannah Holding, Yasabelle Jean Jacques, and Morgan Dooley

First grade students (Second photo) were (l-r) Elijah Jarrells, Scarlett Johnson, Layla Dooley, Jermani Smith, and Brantley Godbee (not shown)

From second grade (Third photo) are Cheyenne Dozier, Raziyah Stroud, Derek Hopkins, Tamari King

Third graders (Bottom photo) were (l-r) Jessa Bourque, Dante Wayman, Dezmond Davis, and Adrian Lewis.



Luis Guillen and Kimberly Cork are joined by City Officials (l-r) Maceo Mahoney, Bill deGolian, Charles Wagner, Janet Parker, and Nathaniel Cullers for the ceremony.

Development project breaks ground in District One

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Staff Reporter

A groundbreaking, of sorts, was held Friday January 28 at the old laundromat and carwash on Depot Street, behind Colonial Cleaners.

Although there was no actual ground to break, business partners Kimberly Cork and Luis Guillen gathered quite a crowd of people to celebrate the start of phase one of a five phase project.

Kimberly is a newer resident of Washington, who proudly proclaims her Keltic heritage; Luis is a native of Argentina. Their company, called Vine and Branches, is developing three properties in and around this area of town. Phase one will be a family friendly "adult playground", featuring Argentinian BBQ and a wine bar, along with games such as Bocce Ball, Corn Hole and Horseshoes. They are keeping their fingers crossed for an opening around St. Patrick's Day.

Cork has a background in Agricultural Tourism and sees this as a starting point to pro-

moting that in the Wilkes County area. Councilman Maceo Mahoney was asked to offer a blessing for this new project. He followed it with a few remarks saying how happy he was to have them come to Washington and particularly to District One.

Mayor Bill deGolian lended his support to the new business as well and offered his congratulations on the new venture. He stated he was "pleased and delighted" that Kimberly and Luis chose Washington and expressed his optimism about what is happening in the city.

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