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Rezoning OK'd in 3 to 2 vote

Opens the door for Dollar General to be built in Ebony, 20+ people spoke at the public hearing

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Despite fierce opposition from locals, the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors approved a request to rezone property from Agriculture (A-1) to Business (B-1) that will allow Dollar General to build a store in Ebony, a small rural community in the southern part of Brunswick County. The request pitted the interests of residents to keep the area rural against those who see this as an economic development opportunity.

The vote was 3 to 2 with Supervisor Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris – Chair, breaking the tie vote. Supervisor John Zubrod, who represents the Meherrin District, made a motion to deny the rezoning request and Supervisor Bernard Jones seconded the motion and Supervisor Dr. Alfonzo Seward and Supervisor Welton Tyler voted against the motion setting the stage for Dr. Harris to break the tie. Tyler then made a motion to approve the request

seconded by Seward and Zubrod and Jones voted against the motion and Dr. Harris voted in favor.

The supervisors held a public hearing on the request on Wednesday, Jan. 31, and it was standing room only. The room was divided with those opposing the rezoning seated on one side and those who favored the rezoning seated on the other. Those opposing the rezoning prepared signs voicing their opposition.

The request was submitted by Par 5 Development Group, LLC to rezone 8.36 acres owned by Jerry Michael and Susan Royster Jones from Agricultural (A-1) to Business (B-1). Approximately 2.04 acres of the parcel will be developed for the project. Dollar General wanted to construct, operate, and maintain a 9,100 square foot retail store.

According to information provided by Director of Planning George E. Morrison, III, the subject property is located on the east side of Ebony Road (State Route

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Marijuana, cash seized

Officer Cedric Macklin with the Lawrenceville Police Department stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation on Jan. 18. A search of the vehicle yielded approximately 20 pounds of marijuana and cash. (Sylvia Allen/Brunswick Times-Gazette)

Stew crew cooks at the Capitol

Members of the Danielstown Stew Crew, which was the winner of the 2019 Taste of Brunswick Festival, cooked approximately 125 gallons of stew in Richmond for Brunswick Stew Day at the General Assembly. Members of the crew are left to right Addie Bennett, Clark Bennett, Matthew Dark and Kyle Gee. (Bobby Conner photo) See more photos on page 2 and page 11.



Traffic stop leads to marijuana, cash

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – A traffic stop on Governor Harrison Parkway near the Brunswick Square Shopping center led to Arin Tavon Futrell, 27, from Durham, N.C. being charged with distribution of marijuana.

Officer Cedric Macklin with the Lawrenceville Police Department said he stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation on Jan. 18 around 2:30 p.m. When he approached the car he smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The search of the vehicle yielded approximately 20 pounds of marijuana, individually packaged in vacuum-sealed bags. The street value is approximately \$70,000. A total of \$759 in currency was also seized. Futrell is being held without bond at the Meherrin River Regional Jail. The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office assisted in the investigation.

Brunswick Stew Day at the Virginia General Assembly

Cooking stew, promoting Brunswick County

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

RICHMOND – “It’s my favorite day of the year. I love Brunswick Stew Day.” The fourth Wednesday of January has been designated as Brunswick Stew Day at the Capitol.

The aroma of Brunswick stew filled the air on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at the Capitol as Stewmaster Clark Bennett and members of the Danielstown Stew Crew cooked two huge pots of our famous delicious delicacy. The members of the stew crew are Clark’s mother, Addie Bennett, Matthew Dark and Kyle Gee. The stew crew left the Alberta area around 1 a.m. and had stew cooking by 4 a.m. Stew is ready to serve at 11 a.m. and people lined up for a serving.

The Danielstown Stew Crew was the winner of the 2019 Taste of Brunswick Festival held Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019 at the Lawrenceville-Brunswick Municipal Airport, earning the crew the opportunity to serve stew on Stew Day. The festival is held the second Saturday of October and stewmasters compete for the title and cash prizes. Making stew is serious business in Brunswick County.

Clark said this year two pots were used, one holding 75 gallons and one holding 50 gallons. The stew must be

stirred constantly to prevent sticking. Many of the stewmasters learned how to cook stew from their parents and Clark enjoys carrying on the family tradition. He proudly calls his stew “the best” giving his dad, Billy, the credit.

In addition to serving stew, the day provides the opportunity to network at the state level. State Senators, Delegates, and many others stop by the tent to greet the folks from Brunswick County and of course to receive a sample of stew. The Danielstown Stew Crew was featured in the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Conor Lobb with the Capital News Service wrote an article about Brunswick Stew Day that was circulated statewide. He is a journalism student at Virginia Commonwealth University and he was thrilled to cover Stew Day. He gained valuable practical experience and Brunswick County enjoyed state exposure making it a win/win for all concerned. Patrick Larsen with National Public Radio also attended the event.

It really takes teamwork to organize the event. Planning starts several months ahead of the big day. This year volunteers left Southside Virginia Community College at 7 a.m. in order for the stewmaster and crew to meet Governor Ralph Northam at 9 a.m. In previous years the Governor visited the tent and took a turn stirring the pot but because of the extra security this year that was not an option. SVCC graciously allows the volunteers to use a van and a tradition of stopping by a restaurant in Chester on the way home has become a tradition. Stew Day is more than cooking stew, it is making connections and promoting Brunswick County.

Moss joins BT-G staff

By Sylvia Allen
Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Leslie McInturf Moss joins the *Brunswick Times-Gazette* as Account Executive. She lives in the Chase City area and is a graduate of Park View High School, Class of 2003.

Moss attended Mary Baldwin College majoring in Sociology and Marketing. She has a background in social work and customer service. Moss has experience in creating ads for new clients and building ad campaigns.

Moss is newly married to her husband, Manu Moss.

When asked to share a



Leslie Moss

quote Moss said, “Great things come from hard work and perseverance. No excuses.” - Kobe Bryant

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