



Mrs. East, Culinary Arts teacher, is working with students Devonte Delotch and Jamea Walker making dipped pretzel sticks

## Career and Technical Education Month celebrated

Most people recognize February as Black History Month, but it is also Career and Technical Education Month. CTE month is a national campaign that helps bring awareness to and celebrate the achievements of CTE programs and students across the Nation. You may not realize it but CTE is everywhere and has affected you at some point during your life. The chef at your favorite restaurant, the mechanic who worked on your car, maybe the nurse who cared for you when you were sick or the beautician or barber who cut your hair. All of these high demand positions are career and technical education courses.

CTE programs use many different educational strategies, such as work based learning opportunities at local businesses

and hands on training. Students aren't just given the knowledge they need to succeed; they are taught how to apply the knowledge and hands on skills learned. CTE programs directly prepare students with the tools required for them to excel.

Brunswick High School offers the following Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses: JROTC, Cosmetology, Nursing Assistant, Business Management, Economics and Personal Finance, Accounting, Word Processing, Programming, Cybersecurity, Early Childhood Education, Culinary Arts, Criminal Justice, Forensic Technology, Agricultural Power Systems, and Horticulture Science.



Josh Mueller is learning to weld as part of the Agricultural Power Systems course.



Kayla Evans and Joshua McIntosh practicing their hands on Nurse Aide skills for transferring prior to working with residents at Envoy.



Officer Stith, Assistant Chief, Lawrenceville Police Department, visits the Criminal Justice class.

## Highway safety tip from DMV: Look twice for motorcycles

Motorists urged to heighten awareness of motorcyclists to prevent collisions

RICHMOND – As Virginians prepare to travel the state's scenic highways and byways following the winter months, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offers two words of advice to help motorists avoid collisions and potentially fatal crashes with motorcyclists: Look twice.

Eighty-eight motorcyclists were killed and 629 seriously injured in crashes in Virginia in 2018. Sixty-seven percent of the fatal crashes involved another vehicle. Motorcyclists, and other

vulnerable road users such as bicyclists and pedestrians, are more susceptible to crashes, injuries and fatalities because they are much smaller than and lack the protections of larger vehicles with which they share the road.

"Motorcycles may look farther away than they actually are, and it can be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed," said DMV Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb, the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. "Car drivers should take an extra moment and look twice for motorcycles when changing lanes, turning at intersections, pulling out of driveways or pulling into traffic."

Motorists should allow

for extra following distance behind motorcycles because riders often slow down by downshifting or coasting, which means the brake lights aren't always activated. Conversely, when a motorcycle is behind a car, its narrow profile can cause it to be hidden in a car's blind spot.

"Looking twice for motorcycles is so easy, yet so important to ensure the safety of everyone who is sharing the road," Commissioner Holcomb said. "That extra glance will protect the lives of yourself, your loved ones and the motorcyclist."

For more information about motorcycle safety, visit [tzdva.org](http://tzdva.org).

## Ebony rezoning case appealed

By Sylvia Allen Editor

LAWRENCEVILLE – Anne Edwards Hartley and the Prospect Cemetery Association filed an appeal against the Brunswick County Board of Supervisors regarding the application to rezone 2.04 acres, a portion of 8.36 acres, from Agricultural (A-1) to Business (B-1). The property is located near the intersection of Hendricks Mill Road and Ebony Road. The decision was made on Jan. 29, 2020. Par 5 Development Group, LLC filed the rezoning request with the plans of building a Dollar General Store in Ebony. The appeal was filed Feb. 28, 2020. The county has 30 days to respond.

John M. Janson, Esquire, from South Hill is handling the case for the Plaintiffs.

According to the appeal the Plaintiffs are owners of property directly adjacent to the 8.36 acres which contains the now rezoned 2.04 acres. Hartley's property is a historic family farmhouse situated on a "bucolic setting on a 69 +- acre parcel of land with an active farming operation." The Prospect Cemetery Association is the other neighboring property. "Adjacent to it is the historic Prospect United Methodist Church. The Cemetery and Church are Historic Landmarks and this Church is a cultural and historic anchor of the Ebony community since its formal naming in 1882. There are numerous multi-generational families including Veterans, Virginia Senators and other prominent local residents that have been interred there some dating back to before the Civil War."

Hendricks Mill Road and Robinson Ferry Road which run in front of these

properties are designated as a Virginia Scenic Byways.

According to the appeal the "Defendants voted this way to allow a 9,000 square foot box metal building for a Dollar General store to be haphazardly placed in the middle of this beautiful country setting when there are already two stores of this nature within 6 +- miles and a third less than 10 miles to the west in Bracey."

The appeal claims the defendants have improperly rezoned or spot zoned other properties before including the old Ebony General Store. The Defendants are improperly relying on their previous mistakes to justify this decision.

The Plaintiff wants the court to declare that the action of the Defendants in his matter is Void and of No Effect. Eight other requests were included. One of the requests asked the court to enjoin the Defendants from rezoning any other properties in the Ebony area from A-1 (Agricultural) to B-1 (Business) and order that in the future they follow their own ordinance outlining the proper procedure of using A-1 Conditional Use Permits to preserve the character of this agricultural, rural residential community.

According to the appeal: In the alternative require the Defendants to deed a buffer strip of 100 feet in width or more in order to construct at their expense an attractive and effective barrier adjacent to the Plaintiff's properties that is in keeping with and approved by the Plaintiffs in order to mitigate the negative side effects of commercializing the heart of Ebony and the land adjacent to the cemetery.

The appeal also asked the court to award the Plaintiffs all costs, reimburse fees, legal and other and grant any other relief that the Court deems necessary.

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