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## Three arrested on multiple drug charges

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Three men are facing multiple drug-related charges after they were arrested Tuesday by members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Team.

Ricky Sherman Mason Jr., 32, of 304 Bladestone Drive, Pikeville; Jeannautica Tealle



Jeannautica Tealle Jones



Carl Anthony Jackson III



Ricky Sherman Mason Jr.

Jones, 19, of 105 Sycamore St., Fremont; and Carl Anthony Jackson III, 304 Bladestone Drive, Pikeville, were each charged with one felony count of possession with the intent to sell or deliver marijuana and one felony count of maintaining a dwelling. Mason is facing additional felony charges for trafficking heroin.

ACE Team Cpl. Travis Cox said sheriff's deputies responded to a disturbance at 304 Bladestone Drive between Mason and his neighbor. Cox said the disturbance involved an ongoing issue between the neighbor and Mason's dog.

Upon arrival, Cox said deputies could smell a "pungent odor of green, unburned marijuana," which he described as marijuana that is ready for recreational use. Later that day, Cox said the ACE Team launched an investigation into the residence at 304 Bladestone Drive to look into any prior drug complaints.

"We were looking into the history of complaints," Cox said. "And there were complaints of high traffic at the residence."

Based on the investigation, Cox said the ACE Team secured a warrant to search

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## Pate takes office, but questions linger

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Louis Pate of Mount Olive was sworn in for his fifth term in the North Carolina Senate during a private ceremony Tuesday in the Legislative Building, only to be given an excused absence for Wednesday's opening session.

And on Wednesday former Wayne County commissioner Steve Keen, who attended the session, told the News-Argus that Pate,

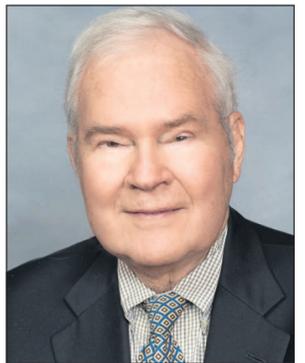
a Republican, was not being sworn in on Wednesday and that a report from Lt. Gov. Dan Forest was that Pate is unable to serve this session.

Keen's comments about Pate, who suffered an undisclosed health issue prior to last November's election, are disputed by Wayne GOP Chairman Freeman Hardison and Pat Ryan, a spokesman for Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger.

Keen also announced that he would be a candidate for

appointment to that office should Pate step down.

"As I have discussed many times over the last few years with Sen. Pate, specifically during the 2018 filing process, if and when there may be a time where illness would interfere with his service, it would be an honor for me to be a candidate in serving the citizens of Wayne/Lenoir counties," Keen said in a statement to the News-Argus.



N.C. SEN. LOUIS PATE

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File photos

The Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair's midway features rides for all ages.

## Wayne Fair makes memories, wins awards

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DUDLEY — The Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair is going to need some more room — not for new attractions, but rather to display its continually growing collection of awards.

The fair, which celebrated its 71st year in 2018, has won five awards from the N.C. Association of Agricultural Fairs and six from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

"I think we have been privileged that we do get recognized across the state and internationally with some of the exhibits we have and some of the entries," fair Manager Eddie Pitzer said. "I think it still goes back to the support

that we get from the community, from our sponsors, from all of the people who participate in the fair, and that's what makes it a success.

"In a lot of ways Wayne County is recognized as what a true agricultural county fair is. I know a lot of our emphasis ... we know that we need to keep agricultural as part of the fair. We need to keep the youth involved in it."

The fair has great partners with the Cooperative Extension Service and Wayne County Public Schools, Pitzer said.

A fair is a balance between agriculture, youth, competitive exhibits, entertainment, food and a good carnival, and is a place where memories are made,



The midway at the Wayne Regional Agricultural Fair includes a variety of games, rides, foods and attractions.

Pitzer said.

Winning the awards on a consistent basis feels good, but it all goes back to

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## City approves fee schedule for animal control violations

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People who violate animal control ordinances in Goldsboro will now find themselves subject to a defined set of fees, after the Goldsboro City Council approved a fee schedule for the offenses at its meeting Monday.

Mike West, Goldsboro police chief, said that the fee schedule takes what was once

a vague process and adds some certainty to it.

"The way it was written before, offenders could be fined 'up to \$500.' This is assigning specific fees to different offenses so people know when they're charged what they'll be fined," West said.

Fees are divided into three categories under the new schedule. The first includes

"animal at large" infractions, meaning that an animal is loose without any restraint. A first offense carries a \$50 fine, plus shelter reclaim fee and boarding fee, if applicable. That fine increases to \$75 on the second offense, and \$100 for all subsequent offenses.

The second category includes animals creating a nuisance, which follows the same fee structure as the ani-

mal at large fees.

Category three is where the fees move up. That category includes unprovoked killing, attacking or injuring, both of a domestic animal and by an animal to a human. An unprovoked attack on a human by an animal carries a \$250 fine for a first offense, rising to \$500 on subsequent

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