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Arts Council projects honor American veterans

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Residents of Wayne County can celebrate Veterans Day with the Arts Council of Wayne County's VetStories project.

It was spearheaded by former Arts Council director Wendy Snow Walker and is an original stage production that tells the stories of local veterans through the visual and performing arts.

Walker began developing the project in 2017 by establishing partnerships with the R.A. Bryan Foundation, Wayne Community College Foundation, Wayne County Museum, Wayne County Public Schools, Wayne County Public Library, Legacy Dance Project, University of Mount Olive, Goldsboro Elks Lodge and North Carolina Veterans Homes.

The stage production includes historical narration, video footage and interviews with local veterans, original music, interpretive dance and visual artwork. Narrators include Sequilla Artia, Dr. Roy Heidicker, Martin Mejia, Sue Nobers, Heath Radnor and Linda Sampson.

To complement the stage performance, there will be two visual art exhibits focusing on veterans. One will be at Moffatt Auditorium at Wayne Community College through Saturday. The event is open in the T.A. Loving Gallery at the Arts Council. All of the artwork has been created by veterans or in honor of veterans.

Clayton vocalist and songwriter Danny Smith wrote the original tune "In This Moment" as a tribute to service members who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. He will perform his song during the production, which will be accompanied by footage from memorial celebrations that occurred throughout the making of the project.

Eric Chesson, lead vocalist and songwriter for the

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Four local schools evacuated

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A bomb threat Wednesday forced students and staff of four area schools to evacuate their buildings.

Eastern Wayne High, Greenwood Middle, Goldsboro High and Wayne Engineering schools all had their school day interrupted because of threats to their schools.

Wayne County Public Schools spokesman Ken Derksen said that because law enforcement is leading the investigation, he could not provide information on how the threats were made.

Law enforcement brought in K-9s, and they went to all four schools and did a search before teachers, students and staff were allowed back in.

Calls were made to the schools just before 10 a.m.

Teachers, students and staff at Goldsboro High School gathered in the school's football stadium. Bottled water was provided as students waited to re-enter the building. Much of the school day was spent outside, costing instructional time.

At 1:30 p.m., students were allowed back into the building, where they were given lunch and then moved on to the remainder of their class schedule.

Just after noon, a steady stream of parents could be



Students at Goldsboro High School walk away from the buildings Wednesday after a threat was made to the school earlier that morning.

seen arriving at the school, picking up students.

Many students said they were not informed about what was taking place. "I thought it was a fire drill," J.B. Rhodes IV said. His father, J.B. Rhodes III, said he received a phone call from his wife alerting him to what was happening at the school.

Before school officials would allow parents to pick up their child, they had to show ID and sign their child out.

Cedrick McMannus said that he was nervous after

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Seymour Johnson Security Forces and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office search the campus of Eastern Wayne High School using K9s Wednesday morning after a bomb threat. In addition to Eastern Wayne High School, Wayne County Public Schools evacuated Greenwood Middle School, Goldsboro High School and Wayne School of Engineering.



Mechanical engineering student Darius George walks on the campus of Wayne Community College on Wednesday. The college is among several educational institutions, including Wayne County Public Schools, that would have benefited from the tax increase if it had passed.

Sales tax doesn't ring up with voters

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On a day that Wayne County voters rebuffed an additional sales tax, county commissioners reallocated \$17,000 for 36,000 fliers they sent last month explaining the tax to voters.

State law does not allow for wording on a ballot to specify how sales tax revenue can be used — voters simply vote for or against the measure. However, commissioners had pledged that the revenue from the quarter-cent

sales tax, expected to have been more than \$2 million annually, would go to Wayne County public schools and Wayne Community College.

Vote totals from Tuesday's midterm elections are unofficial until the Nov. 16 canvass.

Overall, the measure failed 20,463 (57.48 percent) to 15,133 (42.51 percent). Election Day totals were 8,092 against and 5,352 for. During one-stop early voting, it

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Voting machine malfunction delays results

Republican state Sen. Pate re-elected

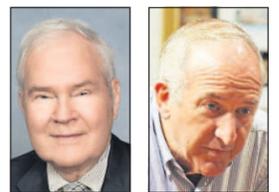
BY SIERRA HENRY
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The unofficial results of the District 7 state Senate race were delayed for more than 16 hours due to malfunctioning voting terminals in Lenoir County.

While calculating results of the midterm election on Nov. 6, Lenoir County Board of Elections found discrepancies in the one-stop early voting numbers at three voting terminals, which did not match the number of ballots reported.

Dana King, director of Lenoir County Board of Elections, said the three voting terminals were not reading the encrypted flashcards, which record the results of the election from its voting terminal, and were not properly recording the ballots. New flash-cards were required for those terminals.

King said the county



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was already experiencing delays in reporting the results due to long voting lines at the polls. Some results were already posted around 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. By 9 p.m., the Lenoir County Board of Elections noticed the terminals were malfunctioning and were not reading the one-stop early voting results correctly. The board pulled the results that were posted pending a resolution of the discrepancies caused by the three terminals.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections was notified and assisted during the resolution of the discrepancies in the one-stop early voting numbers. After the discrepancies were relocated and new

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