

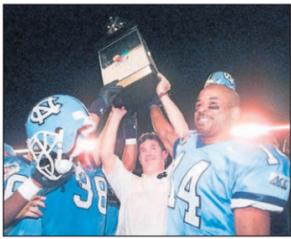


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City administrators to vacate posts

BY JOEY PITCHFORD
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Several Goldsboro administrators will leave employment with the city soon, including the city's Parks and Recreation director and both its finance director and deputy finance director.

Scott Barnard, Parks and Recreation director, will leave the job effective Friday and declined to say where he planned to work next.

Barnard said he accepted another job because he saw an "opportunity." He also declined to share any other reasoning behind the move.

"That is not something I want to share with the News-Argus," he said.

The town of Clayton recently announced Barnard as its next parks and recreation director, with a start date of Dec. 3.

Kaye Scott, finance director, will work her last day on Dec. 28, after 39 years of employment with the city. With nearly four decades under her belt, Scott said that the time had come for her to move on.

"I'm at the age, and I have 39 years in the system, so I felt like it was time to do something else — enjoy some time with my grandchildren and

do some other stuff," Scott said.

As chance would have it, Kim Dawson, deputy finance director will also leave the city soon. Dawson's last day is Wednesday.

Scott said that she and Dawson have spent many years working alongside each other, and the timing of their retirements is fitting.

"I tell people that when you start together, you kind of retire together," she said. "Kim had been there 23 years, but she had some time with the county of Wayne, so she had her time in as well. It just kind of happened."



Scott Barnard

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Christmas in Mount Olive

Two-day celebration complete with parade, visit with Santa, holiday activities

BY STEVE HERRING
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MOUNT OLIVE Santa will be making two appearances in Mount Olive this weekend as the town and Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce welcome the Christmas season.

The two-day celebration will kick off Friday night with a Christmas Open House in downtown Mount Olive from 5 to 8 p.m. The celebration will continue at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Christmas parade.

The Chamber will sell hot dogs, chips and drinks for \$4 per person beginning at 5 p.m. Friday.

At 6 p.m., Chamber President Julie Beck and Mayor Joe Scott will give a welcome and issue Christmas greetings directly in front of Mount Olive Town Hall on East James Street.

Scott will then hit the switch and light up the town tower.

Immediately following the tower lighting, entertainment will be provided by members of Mrs. Robin's Academy of Dance and Gymnastics



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Children pose with Santa at the 2017 Christmas Open House in downtown Mount Olive. This year's event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday in front of the Mount Olive Town Hall.

and The Arts Co. of Faison in front of town hall in the parking lot closest to James Street.

The remainder of the activities will take place on Center Street, where children can write a letter to Santa Claus and share their wish list with him.

Children ages 12 and younger can sign up for a chance to be the junior grand marshal. One name will be drawn, and that child will ride with Santa Claus in the Christmas parade.

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Children enjoy a ride on the Mount Olive Pickle Train during the 2017 Mount Olive Christmas Parade.



News-Argus/SIERRA HENRY

Joe Underwood, left, and Bobby Dozier, right, serve a line of customers at the Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro on Monday. Suggested items for people who are interested in donating to the Community Soup Kitchen for Giving Tuesday include plates, silverware, cups and canned goods.

Nonprofits benefit during Giving Tuesday

National movement offers chance to give back after Black Friday

BY SIERRA HENRY
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Amid national shopping holidays such as Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday following the Thanksgiving holiday, a social media campaign known as Giving Tuesday is encouraging people to donate to local charities.

"It's an international day of giving that started in response to Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday holiday shopping campaigns that go on after Thanksgiving," said Matthew Whittle, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne.

"It's also to encourage folks to take the opportunity to give to their favorite charities, their favorite nonprofit, the ones they want to support for that year."

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