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BILL JARMAN 1941-2016



Dr. Bill Jarman, who died May 11 at age 75, was a college basketball star, orthopedic surgeon and farmer. He also was a leading conservationist in Gaston County. Here Jarman prepares to put out fish attractors. PHOTO BY LARRY CAPPS/SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Hoop star, surgeon, lover of the land

By Kevin Ellis
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Summing up Bill Jarman's life takes more than a paragraph.

There was the basketball star from Gastonia's former Ashley High School, whose ambidextrous hook shot iconic coach Charles "Lefty" Driesell credits with helping turn Davidson College into a basketball powerhouse in the early 1960s.

Jarman the skilled surgeon, who came back to Gastonia in 1974 after graduating from UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine and finishing his residency as a major in the Army. He would see his practice merge with another in 2000 to become Carolina Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Center. He retired from medicine in 2006 after 32 years of fixing bones and mending injuries.

But the constant in Jarman's life remained his love for the outdoors, an appreciation for nature he especially tried to share with young people.

Jarman, a leading Gaston County conservationist, died May 11. He was 75.

"I'd say he was a gentleman farmer, but that carries the image of someone wearing a suit and paying other people to do the work," said Jarman's first cousin, Tom Watson, owner of Watson Insurance. "Bill Jarman was on that tractor working his farm every day."

Watson grew up about a 10-minute bicycle ride from Jarman in south Gastonia and



Dr. Bill Jarman starred in basketball for Davidson College in the early 1960s, scoring 1,338 points in a three-year career. He is a member of the sports hall of fame for both Davidson College and Gaston County. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

the two remained not only family, but lifelong friends.

Larry Capps, who spent a career with PSNC, came to know Jarman through the North Carolina Wild Turkey Federation. The two of them would form the Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards seven years ago, which Jarman led as president.

"Bill was always about helping educate the next generation that's going to take over all these environmental issues," Capps said.

He would help Boy Scouts earn their environmental badges on their way to the rank of Eagle Scout. He'd host an annual youth day through the Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards at his Wood Duck Farm off Robinson Road each year, just to get young people away from their electronic devices and learn the joys of fishing, archery, hunting and shooting.

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SUIT AGAINST CITY

Belmont police info going public?



Ellen Deitz Tucker talks with reporters outside the courtroom where her attorney argued her lawsuit against the city of Belmont on Tuesday. PHOTO MIKE HENSCHL/THE GAZETTE

Advocate: Cop conduct is everyone's business

By Diane Turbyfill
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Results from an investigation into the Belmont Police Department are being revealed to an audience of one.

Superior Court Judge Carla Archie ordered an attorney to

hand over the report and any supporting evidence to her so she can decide whether the information will become public record.

The decision came Tuesday morning during a civil court hearing with a brother and sister who, backed by the Civitas Institute Center for Law and

Freedom, are suing the city of Belmont.

Belmont attorney Brad Kline argued that the investigative report, ordered by the city in response to employee complaints against the police department, involves personnel records and should not be made public.

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BELMONT BOOZE

City wants more time for wine, beer

Permit change restricts consumption hours for Friday concerts

By Adam Lawson
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Early arrivals to Belmont's first 2016 Friday Night Live concert were presented with a slight obstacle. Rather than being allowed to order beer in the couple of hours preceding Too Much Sylvia's series-opening performance, locals had to wait until the band took the stage at 7 p.m. to buy beer and wine.

That's not likely to change until the state gets involved.

Normally, Belmont residents are prohibited from selling, drinking or possessing alcohol on the city's streets, though in years past City Council has allowed for beer and wine sales a couple of hours before the three-hour concerts every other Friday.

City officials say new members on the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission led to a change in the permit, issued to the Belmont Merchant Association, that allows for alcohol sales during Friday

Night Live. It limited the hours in which alcohol sales are allowed.

"Historically the permit didn't specify a particular time," said Councilman Ryan Schmitt. "This year they received a permit that specified a particular time, from 7 to 10."

City Council is expected to use a specially called meeting tonight, scheduled previously for a budget workshop session, to try to fix the snafu in time for 'The Extraordinaires' performance this week.

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LOCAL

Copperhead bites shopper at Lowe's

A 45-year-old man was bitten by a copperhead snake Monday afternoon.

The man was bitten on the forearm, and the area immediately started swelling, the caller said.

"He said he's in a lot of pain, and it hurts real bad," the man told the dispatcher.

The man was bitten on the forearm, and the area immediately started swelling, the caller said.

"It's like an egg is in his arm so it looks bad," he said in the 911 call.

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- Vergie Yarbrough, 88, Lincolnton
- Jerry Puckett, 73, Iron Station
- Richard Adair
- Sheila Beal, 72, Gastonia
- Tim Carter, 61, Kings Mountain
- JoAnn Williams, 66
- Louise Jolly, 82, Shelby
- Roy Mullinax Sr., 72, Hickory Grove
- Rachel Dean, 84, Gastonia

- Donald White, 83, Gastonia
- Wade Barrett, 39, Dallas
- Peggy Whitmire, 85, Grover
- Doris Scruggs, 82, Mooresboro
- Billie Watson, 83, Shelby
- Mildred Summerville, 91, Charlotte
- Lacey West, 24, Gastonia
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