

Lawyers advise that your job is to spit these situations, and if you see one trying to cross, start slowing down. Yes, you have the right of way, but that does not mean that you should keep driving at the

time as possible the cell phones. And, until such a time as possible speed bumps are installed, or traffic cameras begin capturing drivers racing through Oxford's downtown streets, stay alert and SLOW DOWN!

## MLK Celebration Committee presents a night of Dialogue, Tribute and Celebration

The Oxford-Granville Martin Luther King Celebration Committee is sponsoring a night of Dialogue, Tribute, and Celebration for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This youth event is scheduled for January 16, 2023 at 4 p.m. in the Northern Granville Middle School Auditorium, 3144 Webb School Road in Oxford. The keynote speaker will be Reverend Gerald Latta, pastor of House of Nehemiah Worship Center in Oxford.

The Committee is inviting the youth to come out to the MLK Celebration. Essays will be read by the students. The celebration is going to be exciting and your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Appearing to perform music

are "Covenant" of Roanoke Rapids and "Anointed Voices" of Oxford. Other participants - Detroit Yancey, Robert Fountain III, William A. Taylor Jr., Nhandi Lindsay, Minister Sharon Brooks Powell, Scotty Brooks, Robert D. Fountain Jr., Julie Gates, Aaliyah Dixon, Savannah Watson, Nick Harris, Joy Royster, Karrington Brooks, and Alivia Webb.

Sponsors for the event are Larry Downey, Committee Chairperson and Rev. Walter K. Thorpe Sr., Treasurer. Members of the Scholarship Committee are Linda Downey, Rev. Faye Elaine Thorpe, and Evangelist Renita P. Timberlake.

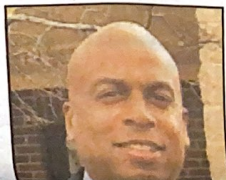
Admission is free and open to the public.



REV GERALD LATTA

For more information, please contact Larry Downey at 919-482-5630 or Rev. Walter K. Thorpe Sr. at 919-339-0686.

## Troy Wheless named Creedmoor Chief of Police



Police. Troy was selected after Development Associates conducted an extensive search for the next Police Chief. Troy was the top-scoring candidate after a myriad of phone interviews, writ-

Vance-Granville Community College and began his law enforcement career with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

In 2012, Troy accepted a position with the North

for this opportunity and look forward to continuing to build on the remarkable work Chief Keith King and the men and women of the Creedmoor Police Department have done. My priority

train the next Finance Director."

Ung has accepted a position as finance director for the Town of Butler. "It has been a blessing to serve the citizens and business owners who call Oxford "home".

During the meeting, the audit presentation was delivered to the board by Lee Grissom with S. Preston Douglas

has done an excellent for the City of Oxfo

As a part of the r Grissom said that 2018, the City's c tripled. In June the debt was lion. However on to explain the current as times more t bilities, it 2

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## Granville Commission adjust Sheriff's commit \$5.1 mill improve Industri

By Keith Shearon  
Staff Writer

At the end of regular business into closed session to address economic and employee matters. Up from the closed session the board 1 The first was to adjust Sheriff Rol pay retroactively to his first day. F decision, the Sheriff will be paid a per year. Mr. Gooch asked that determining the salary be publicly transparency, with he and Chairm indicating the adjustment aligned with and similar counties in the region.

The county pay policy, as explained Manager Drew Cummings, indicates employees will be paid at a rate equal going office holder, minus 1% per year of that previous official. Complicating the board had to deal with the fact that in three years the County has had only office holders. Cummings explained that would have been the same even if, for Charles Noblin or John Hardy had been