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Ann Knox carries an arrangement of flowers to place by a gravestone in the St. Philips Moravian Strangers' Graveyard and African American Graveyard on Good Friday at 911 S. Church St. in Winston-Salem.

Small African American Moravian congregation honors tradition in a quiet corner of Old Salem

Day-trippers and large groups of kids on field trips, the chaperones and nametags are a tell, filled the streets of Old Salem, drawn in by the colorful outburst of spring and the pull of tradition.



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Big draws, Winkler Bakery, the Single Brothers House and Salem Square, were busy as guides in traditional costumes shared well-documented stories about the Moravians who settled the place.

Farther up at Church Street, past Home Moravian Church, a few locals well-versed in custom and tradition, busied themselves with an early start cleaning gravestones in God's Acre, an ancient practice undertaken during Holy Week.

A little farther away still, perhaps a quarter-mile, in a very quiet corner of Old Salem, three women tended gravestones engraved only with "Beloved."

They're in what's known as the St. Philips Second Graveyard, a nearly forgotten and rarely visited burial ground where slaves, freed Black residents and their

descendants were laid to rest for more than a century.

"How many people have passed by here all those years without knowing that it was here?" asked Dorothy Pettus, the chair of the board of trustees at St. Philips. "I was one of them for a long time."

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VIEW: To see additional photos of St. Philips graveyards, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link.

NEWSVU

New top bidder emerges for park

Arden Homes affiliate makes \$4.9M offer for Tanglewood Business Park

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A Triad residential developer affiliated with Arden Homes has emerged with the latest highest bid for the 167-acre Tanglewood Business Park property in Clemmons.

Parks' PMA I Holdings LLC, led by Stuart Parks, has submitted a \$4.9 million offer to Forsyth County, according to a legal notice Friday.

As a result, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners has set for a fifth time since December a 10-day upset bid period that requires at least a 10% higher offer representing at least \$5.39 million.

Don Martin, chairman of the Forsyth commissioners, said in January there has been increased interest since the board designated the property as a potential residential site.

The Tanglewood property is located in southwestern Forsyth, south of Tanglewood Park and two miles from Interstate 40. Idola Road, Mallard Lake Trail and Topsider Drive border the property.

PMA 1 Holdings' bid tops the \$4.63 million offer from Greensboro developer Keystone Group Inc., an affiliate of Greensboro general contractor Keystone Homes with Scott Wallace as company president.

Before PMA 1 Holdings entered the bidding, Keystone and Williams Development Group had each made two offers to the county.

"We will negotiate a purchase contract with the last and highest bidder that will ultimately be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for approval," said Kirby Robinson, the county's community and economic development director.

"The property will also have to be rezoned, which will involve a more in-depth review of the buyer's development plans, traffic impact, etc."

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Poll: Data center proposals fuel backlash

Elon Poll finds people in NC have strong feelings on the topic

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The Elon University Poll released Thursday found a sizable not-in-my-backyard sentiment among North Carolinians when it comes to building large data centers.

Poll officials asked 800 adults between March 13 and March 20 if they would oppose or support construction of a large data center in their local community.

About 44% of participants said they

would oppose, while 24% said they would support and 32% were unsure.

The April poll had a focus on political issues, whether the Iran War, President Donald Trump's performance or the U.S. Senate race between former two-time former Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and Republican Michael Whatley.

The poll found that 55% of declared Democrats oppose building a local large data center, while 24% support.

For declared Republicans, it was 36% support and 35% oppose, while for declared independents it was 48% oppose and 17% support.

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Rural Hall resident Carol Newsome expresses concern about a proposed data center during a Forsyth County Management Community Update at the Rural Hall/Stanleyville Branch Public Library on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

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Juvenile faces 7 chares after chase ends in fiery crash, Forsyth sheriff says.

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