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The Swine industry recently suffered a blow in the loss of a court case filed by neighbors of a farm in eastern North Carolina. The suit was levied against Smithfield Foods which was initially fined \$50 million dollars in punitive damages plus \$75,000.00 in compensation for each neighbor involved in the suit. The \$50 million fine was larger than state law allows and was later dropped to \$2.5 million. Smithfield has appealed.

For years now, swine farms have been under attack not only by neighbors but also by environmental and animal rights groups. I did not attend the trial and did not hear the testimony, so I am unable to speak to any of those facts. One of the major complaints aired following the

trial is that the jurors were not allowed to visit the farm in question, which could have given them the opportunity to see the operation first hand. This was the first trial of more to come against Smithfield.

This trial raises the level of concern among those of us who advocate for and support agriculture. I believe that swine producers along with all other farmers are responsible operators who care about the environment. They know that they must take care of the soil and water in order to be successful. For animal producers, they know that they must take care of the product of their livelihood, their animals.

Because agriculture feeds and clothes us, it is extremely important to every individual. It is a huge industry in North Carolina therefore it is important for our economy. There are already plenty of forces going against farming such as: the high cost of inputs; diminishing acreage; fluctuating market prices; unfavorable weather conditions, and lawsuits.

Some good news is that the NC General Assembly recently passed legislation that limits lawsuit damages against farmers

to the value of their property, but the lawsuits against Smithfield were not exempted from this law.

Because of neighbors complaining about farms, years ago "Right to Farm" legislation was passed in North Carolina as an attempt to reduce lawsuits. The establishment of Farmland Preservation areas has also been a good way to let the public know that those areas are being farmed. NC Grange has advocated for farms for a long time. Because of the challenges occurring in the swine industry, I simply want to stress that the Grange supports the swine industry!

Research continues on better methods of handling swine waste, and I believe that the day is coming when newer and better methods will be found that is affordable for producers. Growers who operate in a responsible manner, and follow all of the regulatory requirements, should be able to grow and sell swine in peace.

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BLUEBERRY PIE

PEARL WARREN | WESTBROOK GRANGE
FIRST PLACE ADULT APPLE CAKE

1 OZ. SOUR CREAM
2 TBSP. FLOUR
1 TSP. VANILLA
3/4 CUP SUGAR
1/4 TSP. SALT
1 EGG
2 1/2 CUPS BERRIES
3 TBSP. MARGARINE
3 TBSP. CHOPPED PECANS
PIE SHELL

MIX ALL INGREDIENTS EXCEPT BERRIES. MIX WELL. FOLD BERRIES IN AND POUR IN
PIE SHELL. BAKE 30 MINUTES AT 400*. TAKE OUT OF OVEN.

TOPPING: PUT MARGARINE ON HOT PIE. MIX FLOUR AND PECANS. SPRINKLE ON
TOP AND PUT BACK IN OVEN. BAKE 10 MINUTES LONGER OE UNTIL BROWN.

SPICED NUTS

PAMELA MCCARRICK
FERGUSON GRANGE
SECOND PLACE NUT CANDY

1 CUP SUGAR
1 TSP. SALT
2 1/2 TSP. PUMPKIN PIE SPICE
4 TBSP. WATER
2 CUPS PECANS, WALNUTS OR COMBINATION OF BOTH

LINE BAKING SHEET WITH WAX OR PARCHMENT PAPER. COMBINE SUGAR, SALT, SPICE AND WATER IN 2 QUART PAN. COOK, STIRRING CONSTANTLY, UNTIL CANDY REACHES 236 DEGREES ON A CANDY THERMOMETER. STIR IN NUTS.

REMOVE FROM HEAT. STIR MIXTURE UNTIL IT IS NO LONGER SHINY. TURN ONTO THE WAX PAPER ON BAKING SHEET AND SPREAD OUT IN SINGLE LAYER OF NUTS. LET NUTS COOL AND BREAK INTO BITE SIZE PIECES.

APPLE COOKIES

SHARON RITCHIE
ST. JOHNS GRANGE
HONORABLE MENTION

1 1/3 CUPS PACKED BROWN SUGAR
1 EGG
1 TSP. SODA
1 TSP. CINNAMON
1/2 TSP. NUTMEG
1 CUP CHOPPED NUTS
1 CUP APPLES, CORED & CHOPPED
1/2 CUP SHORTENING
2 CUPS FLOUR
1/2 TSP. SALT
1 TSP. GROUND CLOVES
1/4 CUP APPLE JUICE
1 CUP RAISINS

CREAM TOGETHER SHORTENING AND BROWN SUGAR. ADD EGG AND STIR. ADD REMAINING DRY INGREDIENTS. STIR IN APPLE JUICE, NUTS, RAISINS AND APPLES.
(I USED MIXER ON LOW SPEED TO STIR ALL INGREDIENTS)

DROP BY TEASPOONS ON GREASED COOKIE SHEET. BAKE FOR 10 MINUTES AT 350 DEGREES.

BLACK WALNUT POUND CAKE

JOYCE CLODFELTER
TROUTMAN GRANGE
SECOND PLACE NUT CAKE

1/2 LB (2 STICKS) BUTTER
1 TSP BAKING POWDER
1/2 C. CRISCO
1 C. EVAPORATED MILK
5 EGGS
1 C. BLACK WALNUTS (CHOPPED)
3 C. ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
3 C. SUGAR
1/2 TSP BLACK WALNUT FLAVORING
(IF YOU CAN FIND IT)
1 TSP VANILLA

CREAM BUTTER AND SHORTENING. ADD SUGAR AND BEAT UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY. ADD EGGS, ONE AT A TIME, BEATING WELL AFTER EACH ADDITION. ADD FLAVORING AND BEAT WELL. MIX 1/4 CUP OF THE FLOUR (FROM THE 3 CUPS) WITH NUTS, THEN SIFT REMAINING FLOUR WITH BAKING POWDER AND ADD TO THE BATTER, ALTERNATING WITH MILK, STARTING AND ENDING WITH FLOUR. FOLD IN NUTS. DO NOT BEAT. BAKE IN GREASED AND FLOURED TUBE PAN FOR 1 HOUR AND 20 MINUTES OR UNTIL DONE AT 325 DEGREES. COOL IN PAN FOR 15 MINUTES BEFORE TURNING CAKE OUT.

ICE IF YOU DESIRE.



SAMPSON COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM CELEBRATES NEW ADDITION

BY: CHASE JORDAN
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The Sampson County History Museum recently celebrated a new addition to its agriculture exhibit.

With support from local community members, the South River Pomona Grange No. 76 and Union High School (UHS) presented a joint service project for the museum's Grange Agriculture Museum. During the recent event, two new display cabinets and historical Grange items were presented.

Remarks were provided by FFA Advisor and Teacher Dan Chabot; Chris Woodson, director of the museum; and Jimmy Gentry N.C. State Grange president. "This project was a great partnership between the Grange, FFA and the museum," Gentry stated in a news release. "It has provided us the opportunity to display artifacts related to the Grange among exhibits that highlight our agricultural heritage. North Carolina Grange is fortunate to have been a part in this endeavor."



Plaques were presented to Carlton Barefoot and Rep. Dr. Larry M. Bell, for their support to to the organization. The South River Pomona Grange also donated a \$250 check to Woodson and museum for the military building project. "We're real pleased with it," Woodson said about the assistance. "The community response has been great as far as helping out with the new building and having the local Grange involved. It's been a big help."

The project at the agriculture unit started as a goal from Zipporah Hayes, UHS FFA president and Grange member. Students learned cabinet making and the state's agriculture history. "We're real happy to have the FFA students involved as well," Woodson said about connecting with local schools for projects at the museum.

Raymond Hayes, President of the South River Pomona Grange, shared the same feelings. "I feel it was a wonderful joint venture and we will explore more ways the two organizations can work together in the future," Hayes said.

Some of the artifacts included antique books dating back to the 1920s about agriculture, a model tractor trailer from the N.C. Department of Agriculture, a Holy Bible and a sesquicentennial coin. "The building is a big part of Sampson County's history because of local agriculture and the economy," Woodson said. "We've got artifacts dating all the way back to the 1800s on farming and things of that nature."

The Sampson County History Museum is located at 313 Lisbon St., Clinton. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.



May 16th was opening day for the 2018 NC General Assembly short session. Everyone is expecting the session to move rapidly due to the coming election in November. All of our NC House Representatives and Senators had a primary race in March. The General Election in November will bring a very active season of fundraising and campaigning once the short session has adjourned.

Short session is primarily held to tweak the two-year budget that was written during the 2017 long session. The session also takes up bills that met the crossover date during long session and new bills that are filed by early June. The General Assembly's budget of \$23.9 billion was released May 31st. It is expected that it will be vetoed by Gov. Cooper followed by a supermajority override by the General Assembly. Good news came with the "April Surprise" this year. The state anticipates collecting an additional \$357 million above the current budgeted revenue which gave the NC General Assembly a surplus as they make adjustments to the budget.

Peaceful March For Educators:

Anyone who keeps up with the news is well aware that approximately 19,000 teachers marched from the NCAE Office (NC Association of Educators) down Jones Street to the General Assembly building on the short session's opening day.

The rally focused on raising teacher pay and education spending. Because so many teachers took personal leave to attend the rally, approximately 38 out of 115 school districts were forced to close giving one million North Carolinian children the day off. Capitol Police shut down Jones Street to accommodate the rally. A security system that recently was installed at the General Assembly caused the lines to be lengthier than usual. Thankfully, the rally was peaceful and teachers had the opportunity to speak with many of their legislators.

NC Senate & House Elections:

(This information provided by Connect C~Ag Alliance partner)

- Vickie Sawyer defeated former Sen. Bob Rucho receiving 43.8 percent of the vote to Rucho's 33.2 percent. Sawyer will face Democrat Beniah

McMiller, who won the Democratic primary.

- Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, defeated Clark Twiddy. Steinburg received 58 percent of the vote. He'll face Democrat Cole Phelps in November.
- Rep. Carl Ford became the Republican party nominee for Senate District 33 with 60 percent of the vote.
- Eddy Goodwin, a former state ferry director and Chowan County commissioner, is the Republican nominee in House District 1. Goodwin received 55 percent of the vote. Goodwin will face Democrat Ron Wesson of Bertie County in November.
- Raymond Smith won the Democratic primary to replace Rep. Larry Bell, D-Sampson, who declined to seek re-election.
- House District 7 Rep. Bobbie Richardson, D-Franklin, will face a tough general election in a district redrawn to be Republican-leaning. Her opponent will be Nash County Commissioner Lisa Barnes, who trounced former Rep. Glen Bradley in the Republican primary.
- Rep. Duane Hall, a Democrat facing sexual harassment allegations, was defeated by Allison Dahle with 68 percent of the vote.
- Wayne Sasser, a 67-year-old semi-retired pharmacist, beat Rep. Justin Burr, R-Stanly, in the House District 67 race.
- Sen. David Curtis, R-Lincoln, lost to former Shelby mayor Ted Alexander, 44 percent to 36 percent.
- Rep. Beverly Boswell, R-Dare, fell to Bobby Hanig, a Currituck County commissioner, by 411 votes.
- In one of the two double-bunked Senate districts, Sen. Deanna Ballard, R-Watauga, beat Sen. Shirley Randleman, 54 percent to 46 percent.
- In Senate District 31, Sen. Joyce Krawiec defeated Sen. Dan Barrett by 226 votes.
- Rep. George Cleveland, R-Onslow, defeated Joe McLaughlin.
- Sen. Joel Ford was unseated by challenger Mujtaba Mohammed.
- Nasif Majeed unseated Democratic state Rep. Rodney Moore.

- House Majority Leader Rep. Jon Hardister, R-Guilford defeated two challengers.
- Rep. Jamie Boles, R-Moore, defeated Ken Byrd.
- Sen. Dan Bishop, R-Mecklenburg defeated Beth Monaghan.
- Rep. Frank Iler, R-Brunswick defeated Pat Sykes.
- Sen. Tom McInnis, R-Richmond defeated Michelle Lexo.

Congressional Races:

- 1st District: Incumbent Democrat G.K. Butterfield did not face any opposition nor did Republican challenger Roger W. Allison.
- 2nd District: Former Wake County Commissioner Linda Coleman defeated her fellow Democratic challengers in the 2nd Congressional District and will now run against Rep. George Holding, who soundly defeated challenger Allen Chesser in the GOP primary.
- 3rd District: Rep. Walter Jones is almost certainly headed back to Congress for a 13th and final term. The Eastern North Carolina Republican defeated military veteran Phil Law and Craven County Commissioner Scott Dacey.
- 4th District: Incumbent Democrat David Price defeated Michelle Laws and Richard Watkins for the nomination.
- 5th District: Republican incumbent Virginia Foxx defeated challengers Dillon Gentry and Courtland Meader, Jr.
- 6th District: Incumbent Republican Mark Walker, the chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee, faced no opposition. Democratic candidate Ryan Watts beat Gerald Wong for the chance to take on Walker.
- 7th District: Incumbent Republican David Rouzer faced no opposition. Kyle Horton won over Grayson Parker on the Democratic side.
- 8th District: Incumbent Republican Richard Hudson did not have a challenger. He'll take on former Aberdeen Mayor Frank McNeill.
- 9th District: Former Charlotte pastor Mark Harris defeated Rep. Robert Pittenger in Tuesday's primary in

North Carolina's 9th District, making him the first incumbent in the country to lose this year. Pittenger becomes North Carolina's first member of Congress in memory to lose a primary to a non-incumbent opponent.

- 10th District: Incumbent Republican Patrick McHenry, the majority deputy whip in the House, easily won.
- 11th District: Incumbent Republican Mark Meadows, chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, easily defeated Chuck Archerd for the GOP nomination.
- 12th District: Incumbent Democrat Alma Adams defeated three challengers.
- 13th District: Incumbent Republican Ted Budd ran unopposed for the nomination. He could face a tough challenge from Democrat Kathy Manning.

News from the Hill

The NC Grange is thrilled that Ray Starling, special agriculture policy advisor to President Trump, was tapped to serve as Chief of Staff to US Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. Ray grew up in a farming family in Sampson County. He served as Sen. Tillis' General Counsel when he was Speaker of the House in the NC General Assembly, and then moved to DC with Tillis and served as his Chief of Staff in the US Senate. Ray was very active in the Midway FFA Chapter when he was growing up and served as the 1996-97 National FFA Eastern Region Vice-President. We all continue to be so proud of Ray in his accomplishments. It is reassuring to know that he is our voice for agriculture not only for North Carolina but for our country.

H.R. 2, the Farm Bill, failed in the House of Representatives which this was a blow to farmers across the country. There is tremendous resentment among farmers that agriculture is used as a political wedge between the Democrats and the Republicans. The Democrats were strongly opposed to the changes to the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) formerly known as the Food Stamp program which is a component of the Farm Bill. The SNAP provision would increase the work requirement for those receiving benefits. In addition to the Democrats voting against it, approximately 30 members of the conservative

Freedom Caucus did as well after trying unsuccessfully to get an immigration bill vote. Sarah Binder, a congressional expert at the Brookings Institution in DC, was quoted in the News & Observer as saying, "A key problem is that these factions see different routes to keeping control of the House. Conservatives want to play to the base, moderates need to appeal to the center," Binder said. "That's a recipe for stalemate – and one that a lame duck speaker seems ill-equipped to address."



Vinnie Duncan provided tour participants with a brief history of the Grange, and specifically Corriher Grange's important role in the community since chartering in 1929. She invited everyone to the Grange annual ice cream social in August.

Century Farms and Barns Bus Tour

BY: VINNIE DUNCAN



A quilting frame belonging to Polly Clarissa Beaver Corriher, wife of Henry Corriher and great-great grandmother of Adele Goodman (Corriher member), held a quilt top ready to complete. Quilters Teri Davies (Corriher member), Joan Soeth, and Shellie Lenhausen answered questions from the group.

The tour visited the Henry C. Corriher Century Farm (home of Adele Goodman), and viewed Barn Quilts owned by many Grange members, including Kenneth Corriher, Tilda Corriher, Vinnie and Philip Duncan, Adele Goodman, and Hilda and Lee Goodnight.

Corriher Grange community farms welcomed two buses from the Historic Salisbury Foundation on Saturday, April 28, for their first Century Farms and Barns Bus Tour. Buses followed two routes across southwestern and western Rowan County, visiting 5 Century Farms, Corriher Grange Hall and 11 barn quilts.

The first schoolhouse in the Corriher Community was built of logs in 1810 and stood on top of a hill near the present Corriher Grange Hall. Between 1850 and 1916, the school had 4 different construction projects. Corriher Grange Hall includes part of the 1916 building of Corriher School and has the original bell from the school in front of the Hall. In 1935, Corriher School was consolidated with Landis School. Corriher Grange began meeting in the old school in 1938. The Grange enlarged and remodeled the building that year; and again in 1941 by adding a Junior Grange room.



2018 NEW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Micalah Bright

Hometown: Huntersville, NC
Grange: Troutman Grange
School: Gardner Webb University
Major: Nursing



Emma Stack

Hometown: Fayetteville, NC
Grange: Cape Fear Grange
School: UNC-Chapel Hill
Major: Biology



Lucas Carter

Hometown: Garner, NC
Grange: Southern Wake Grange
School: Duke University
Major: Undecided



Hannah Bright

Hometown: Huntersville, NC
Grange: Troutman Grange
School: East Carolina University
Major: Undecided



Amber Covey

Hometown: Lexington, NC
Grange: Arcadia Grange
School: Lenoir-Rhyne University
Major: Nursing

The NC Grange Scholarship Program is designed to assist members with furthering their education. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1000 and are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate work and two years of graduate work.



Zipporah Hayes

Hometown: Ivanhoe, NC
Grange: Taylor's Bridge Grange
School: NC A&T University
Major: Animal Science



Lillie Griffin

Hometown: Mooresville, NC
Grange: Troutman Grange
School: UNC-Charlotte
Major: Biology



Maria Rapp

Hometown: Lexington, NC
Grange: Arcadia Grange
School: Catawba College
Major: Mathematics and Education



Jessica Lucas

Hometown: Roseboro, NC
Grange: Grantham Grange
School: NC State University
Major: Poultry and Animal Science



Asmber Long

Hometown: Roxboro, NC
Grange: Bushy Fork Grange
School: NC State University
Major: Elementary Education

Hello, Grangers!

Summer is already here, and before long it will be time for State Convention in September! So that you can get a head start, I wanted to inform you that we will be collecting items for MedAssist again this year at the convention. Items to collect are: rubbing alcohol, peroxide, deodorant, cotton balls, swabs, baby aspirin and feminine hygiene products. Bring everything you and your Grange can collect to the registration area of convention and help us to make this service project a huge success!

I also want to remind you to start working on your contest entries for September! Be sure to check out the 2018 Contest Guide online for rules. Please be aware some of the contests have changed, especially in the crafts contest. Baking, arts, crafts and photography can be entered online later this summer at ncgrange.com. If you need help entering or have questions, please contact me at community@ncgrange.com.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

- JOYCE CLODFELTER
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

FARM TO SCHOOL CALENDAR AWARDS CEREMONY

BY: LAURIE
BARNHART

On May 18th the annual awards ceremony was held for the Farm to School Calendar Art Contest. The NC Department of Agriculture Farm to School Program was established in 1997. This program has been hugely successful in getting local food from our farms to our schools, not only promoting and opening up an additional market for North Carolina farmers, but also promoting good health and nutrition in our schools.

For the past three years, the NC Grange has sponsored the Farm to School calendar that is comprised of artwork entered from elementary school students across the state. Judge by a panel, there are 13 winners, one representing each month, and the best in show makes the cover. Along with the winning artwork, the calendar also features an agriculture fact for every day.

The Department of Agriculture's marketing department prints and distributes these calendars at the School Nutrition Association of NC's annual meeting held in June in Greensboro. Any school can request copies of the calendar from the Department.

An awards ceremony is held each spring to recognize these very talented artists, and the smiles on their faces when they receive their awards are priceless! The NC Grange's contribution to this program makes the printing of this calendar possible. This year, there were 2,700 entries from 55 counties across our state. This contest continues the NC Grange's long-standing tradition of supporting and developing educational opportunities for children.



North Carolina's
REAL ID

NC Residents Encouraged to Get REAL ID

Beginning October 1 2020, travelers who do not have a passport or REAL ID must be prepared to provide additional identification. REAL ID is a single form of identification that meets federal requirements for boarding planes and entering federal facilities. It is a new level of security that is administered by the US Department of Homeland Security. This new form of ID looks similar to a driver's license but has a gold star in the upper right corner. Grangers are encouraged to go ahead and get their ID rather than waiting until the deadline.

To obtain a REAL ID card, go to your local driver's license office with the following:

1. One proof of identity, date of birth, and/or lawful status. A birth certificate or unexpired passport will work.
2. One proof of a name change, if applicable, which can be a certified marriage license, or divorce decree.
3. Social Security card, W-2, or 1099 tax form with your full name and number.
4. Two proofs of address, which can include driver's license, vehicle registration, voter registration, utility bill, or bank statement.

In Memoriam

*Mrs. Mildred Wilson**

*Mr. William Latta**

Mr. R.W. Crews, Jr.

Mrs. Frances Stevens

*Mr. Norman Marshall**

*Mrs. Lavelle Siler**

Mrs. Mary Johnson Ashley

Mr. Jorge Rios, Sr.

Mr. John Walker

Summerfield Grange

Schley Grange

Associate

Grantham Grange

Guilford Grange

Guilford Grange

Ranger Grange

Schley Grange

Schley Grange

You light a lamp for me. The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.

Psalms 138:28

** 50 Year Member*



THE MOON AND GOD!!

What was the first liquid and food consumed on the moon? I'm betting that most are unaware of this story.

Forty-five years ago, two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But, what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in *Guideposts* magazine.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life; and, knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should somehow mark the occasion. He asked his minister to help him, so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is his account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit...Apart from me you can do nothing.' I had intended to read my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly."

"I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements...And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the 'Love that moves the Sun and other stars'," said Aldrin.

How many of you knew this? It's too bad that this type of news doesn't travel as fast as the bad news does, so share this story with others you know.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place to be is in someone's prayers, and the very best place to be is in the hands of God.

Amen.

Warnings, Actions, and Results

Dateline: April 15, 2018 – Tornado Warnings Issued for Guilford and Rockingham Counties

We heard talk of a strong storm line headed our way as early as Wednesday, April 11 at the church choir practice. As the Rolling Ridge Riding Equestrian Team practiced on Saturday, April 14, a volunteer who works for Duke Energy stated they were on standby status for Sunday and they should prepare for several days of extended hours of work after the storm. The weather reports continued to indicate a strong disturbance headed toward us with the likelihood of strong winds and possible tornados spinning from this disturbance. Sunday came, and all appeared normal as we went to church, then traveled to Kernersville in the early afternoon to visit with my Mother. Kathryn, my wife, had her eyes on the radar and weather updates and saw the storm headed our way with a tornado watch issued, so we headed back to our farm in Reidsville. It rained a few sprinkles on us, but nothing significant on the 45-minute trip home.

Back at the farm, we tended to the horses and checked the cows before bringing the dogs inside. All seemed calm here, but a tornado warning was in effect for Guilford County with a confirmed sighting just east of Hwy 29 in Greensboro and headed north. Quickly, Rockingham County was included in the warning, but it was still mundane here on the farm. The TV stations reported a projected path and strongly encouraged viewers to take shelter immediately. Shortly thereafter, the power flickered off as a major clap of thunder roared. By the vibration of the house, we knew the storm was close.

A wall of water fell from the sky almost immediately encompassing us from the south, and within a few seconds, a low-pitched rumble sounded. The rumble lasted only five to ten seconds, then the torrent of rain eased to a moderate shower and the sun started to appear again. We both looked at each other and asked, "Was that it?" I moved from the basement hallway where we were sheltered to the downstairs kitchen and then on out to the driveway. All appeared normal and the rain was now just a drizzle. Life went back to normal again.

Then the phone rang. It was our next-door neighbor who was at a Bible Study with her daughter. Her husband had just called her to let her know that the storm hit them, and he did not think she could make it home. Their outside dogs were missing as well. Kathryn immediately told her we would go to their house and help find their dogs. No one could prepare us for the sight and magnitude of destruction that occurred just 1600 feet from our house. Trees and power lines were down; siding was ripped off houses; a trampoline was blown 500 or more feet across the road and now looked more like a pretzel; roof shingles littered the ground along with other debris. We even crossed the downed power line before we knew it was there because of the debris in the road. Huge poplar and pine

trees completely obscured the neighbor's driveway all the way to the edge of the road. Then, we saw our neighbor behind a mound of down tree limbs, dazed and in shock as he let us know that their dogs had returned, safely. We told him we would return shortly to help them with the tractor and chain saw. We attempted to circle around, but there was a huge 100+ year old oak tree splitting an old farmhouse into two, and the road was completely blocked, so we returned the way we came.

Once we did return home, we got our equipment and headed back through the hayfield to assist our neighbors. When we got there, several others had already arrived with their chainsaws running. Neighbors helped neighbors without regards to status, age, or anything else. This was a refreshing sight in the light of all the damage around us that Sunday afternoon. After about an hour and a half, with three or four chainsaws running and moving all the brush and logs with the tractor, we opened up his driveway and moved on to the next house. We continued to houses down the road and into the development that lies behind us. On Monday, additional cleanup continued, and we supplied our neighbors with a water tank that we use for the horses so they could have water to flush their toilet and water their animals. Our farm is the terminal end of the power line, so we relied on a generator until late Tuesday afternoon. The post-storm inspection of our farm revealed ten or twelve downed trees and no structural damage to barns, buildings or our home. Since no one was injured in either the storm or the ensuing cleanup, we were truly a neighborhood blessed beyond measure.

Bringing that back around to the title of this article, do we really pay attention to "warnings" that we are given? We have all sorts of different warnings regarding our health, family, and belongings. Sometimes we have the warnings with plenty of notice, and at other times, almost none. Are we even listening or paying attention to the warnings given? The warnings for this storm began five to seven days before it occurred. However, I know of two individuals that failed to hear the warnings, discounted them, or just ignored them and then made it to safety with only seconds to spare.

Do these warnings prompt us to action or inaction? Just like a tornado, sometimes life is hard to predict. How we prepare for these possible life events can make a huge difference when we face life's adversity. In our case, the supply of diesel fuel and a generator made all the difference to our family as we dealt with this life event. We carried on in a semi-normal fashion while waiting for power restoration.

With the close of the school year, this is a good time to review the family "B" plan. Your insurance program can act just as the generator did for us, supplying power in your time of need. Give us a call today and let us help you make sure your "B" plan is ready to go in the event you need to engage it.

ARCADIA HOLDS FUNDRAISER

BY: PATTY SWING

Arcadia Grange recently held its annual fundraising event for the year, a country supper that included delicious ham biscuits. The event was a huge success and tickets sold fast! Individuals and 33 businesses in the community donated to a live auction for the event, which also turned out to be great success. Two professional auctioneers contributed their services to the auction adding great enthusiasm.

Arcadia also had a very busy Grange Month which included delivering Easter Baskets and throwing an ice cream party for the Arc Group Home that it has



community service.

adopted. Members also took food to the animal shelter, held an open house and awards night, made cookies for the Hospice House in Winston Salem, and put a Grange Display in their local library. It was a month full of

FERGUSON CELEBRATES 150TH

BY: SHARON UNDERWOOD



Ferguson Grange had a very successful April Grange Month /150th Year Anniversary Celebration with a "Hotdog and Bingo Game" supper and fundraiser on April 21 at its Community Center. The funds that were raised went to Boomer Ferguson Elementary School and other community needs. There was good food, great prizes, music and lots of community socializing! One visitor commented, "This is great! You just don't see communities getting together anymore to do something like this!" Ferguson's event promoted and celebrated the Grange, raised money for a good cause, and brought together the entire community in a positive and fun way!



St. John's GRANGE DICTIONARIES

BY: SHARON RITCHIE

On May 18, St. John's Grange presented dictionaries to the third graders at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School during the Third Grade Awards Program. Their Grange President Ned Hudson, along with State Junior Grange Director Emily Hartsell and State Youth Ambassador Rylee Furr, delivered the presentation. The Dictionary Project is one of several projects St. John's does annually.



CORRIHER RECOGNIZES MEMBERS & LEADERS

BY: VINNIE DUNCAN

Corriher Grange met on April 7 to celebrate Grange Month, to recognize community members and organizations, and to honor 40, 50, 55 and 80-year members.

President Bobbie Dellinger welcomed visitors and members to the meeting. Paulette Kerr presented devotions which was followed by prayer from Chaplain Philip Duncan. Community honorees included Asst. Chief Ryan Yost, Firefighter of the Year; LCDR Eric McLaughlin of the US Navy, Military Person of the Year; Concordia Lutheran Church, Church of the Year; and Atwell Township Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Department of the Year.

One of the biggest highlights was honoring Kenneth Corriher and Philip Sloop with 80 years of continuous Grange membership. Honored for 55 years of membership were Lenora and Clement Bost, Jerry Karriker and Henry Starnes. 50-year members honored were Douglas Corriher, Bobbie Dellinger, and Hilda and Lee Goodnight. And honored for 40 years of membership were Vinnie and Philip Duncan.





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