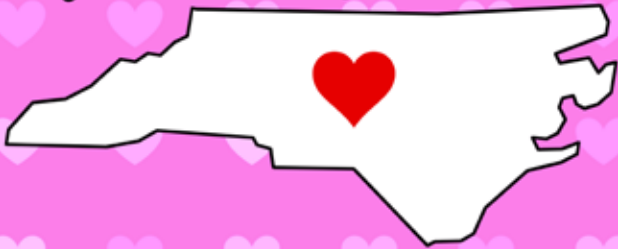


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The Wealth of the Community:

## Grady Lawson

*by Gina Lawson Young*

*Forward by WT Cox*

Randolph County has been blessed to be called “home” by many people who have made the area of North Carolina a great place to live and grow up. One of those people is Grady Lawson. If you grew up here in Eastern Randolph County, you most certainly have benefited in some way from the accomplishments of Grady Lawson. Whether you knew him as a friend or never met him personally, he had a large impact on our county. I remember Grady as being an elder in our church; Parks Crossroads Christian Church, and from his selling of Christmas trees every year in support of ERHS athletics. It was a ritual of our family every year to go the day after Thanksgiving and purchase a tree from Grady. He would be there selling trees, weather rain or snow, and was usually there until the last tree was sold. Grady was also known for his passion for baseball and for the young boys that played the sport. You could almost find Grady whenever there was a Legion Baseball or ERHS baseball game being played, he was their most avid fan and supporter. Grady cared deeply for his community and will be remembered not only as a successful businessman but for the impact he made in the lives of all who knew him.

***The following was submitted by Gina Lawson Young, Grady’s daughter:***

A little background - William Grady Lawson was born in King, NC on November 19, 1929. The family, which included his younger brother Gene, his mother Eva Estelle, and his father Henry, moved to Bennett, NC when Grady was young and where Henry was a tenant farmer. His two sisters, Doris and Peggy were born there. Shortly after, when Grady was 14, they moved to Ramseur where Henry was a tenant farmer for Hugh York. Later, Henry was able to buy the property from Mr. York. Grady continued to live there until he married. His mother died suddenly when he was 18 (she was 39) of a heart ailment. Grady fell in love with a girl from his high school and married Helen Marie Carmac from Ramseur in 1948 in her mother’s home. He always referred to her as “the prettiest girl at Ramseur High School”.

Grady worked at Pugh Oil near the old Blue Mist on 64 and he and Helen lived across the road in a small white house. They moved to their current house a year later (Uncle Willie built it) and were there until he entered the Air Force 2 years later. He did his basic training in Texas, and then they moved to Montana where he was stationed from 1952-1954. (He hitchhiked home from Montana to get Helen and then drove them both back.) They were then stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany from 1954-1956 where daughter Gina was born. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Upon returning to the US after leaving the service, they moved back to the house they would live in for the rest of their lives. Grady was able to borrow a little money and purchased the Ramseur Shell Station shortly after his return. Son Mike was born in 1961. Grady opened Ramseur Auto Parts in the mid-60s. After over 30 years in the service station business, he sold the station in the mid-80s to concentrate on the auto parts store until his retirement. He also operated Lawson Wrecker Service.

Grady was always active in community service and volunteerism because of his tremendous love for children and his hope that they could have better futures through a good education. He served on the Randolph County Board of Education for over 40 years. He also served on the board of Randolph Community College for 28 years. He always strived to do what was best for the kids. He sponsored many local children’s baseball teams over the years and was later an avid supporter and sponsor of the American Legion Baseball team. He was most proud of the fact that his players earned over \$2 million in college scholarship money as well as whenever they beat Asheboro.

He was an active fundraiser for Eastern Randolph High School Athletics. For 32 years, he organized and ran a Christmas tree lot that benefited the program. He was inducted into the American Legion Hall of Fame and was in the inaugural class of the Eastern Randolph Hall of Fame. The baseball field at Eastern Randolph is named in his honor. He was also honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Jim Hunt in 1984. Despite the accolades, Grady is probably most remembered for the

small, kind things he did everyday-buying a ball glove or cleats for a kid who couldn't afford them, charging a college student only \$5 for a tow, helping out boys doing community service, and taking baseball players out to eat after games. Above all else, he loved his family fiercely.

Grady passed away on November 20, 2017. Helen still lives in their original home in Ramseur. His daughter, Gina, lives with her husband Tom in Raleigh. They have three children-Brad and wife Casey and their son Truitt, Kelly, and Ali and her fiancé Cary. Son Mike lives with his wife Amy and their children Bobby, Carson, and Kylee in Lexington. Every year we present the Grady Lawson Memorial Scholarship to a senior at ERHS based on academics, athletics, character, financial need, and community involvement.



*Grady's childhood family: Left to Right, Gene, His mother Eva Estelle holding his sister Peggy, his father Henry with sister Doris and Grady(far left).*



*Grady Lawson and Helen Carmac on the steps of Ramseur High School. They married on September 12, 1948, at her mother's home. He was 2 months shy of 19. She was already 19.*



*Grady (second from right) recognizing Veteran's Day at Parks Cross Roads Christian Church.*



*Randolph County School Board Meeting.*





*Grady in the Air Force*



*Grady, waiting for the last Christmas Tree of the Season to be sold.*



*Order of the Long Leaf Pine*



*Grady at the NAPA store in Ramseur.*

## Ramseur Police Department gets New Patrol Vehicles: An Interview with Ramseur Police Chief Arron Presley

*By WT Cox*



*Ramseur Police Chief Arron Presley, Police Commissioner JC Parrish, and Captain Jessup with their new vehicles.*

Three New Police Modified Dodge Durango SUV's have been added to the Ramseur Police Department. According to Chief Arron Presley, these were very much needed and will enable his officers to be more efficient in the performance of their duties.

"The old vehicles were basically worn out", Presley said. The old cars that were replaced are being sold off. One was a 2008 Crown Victoria with over 171,000 miles and the other a 2004 Crown Vitoria with 168,000 miles, each had issues ranging from computer problems to mechanical problems. The other vehicle is a 2009 Dodge Charger that also has it's share of mechanical problems.

I asked the question "Why go with a Dodge Durango and not a Ford or Charger?" Chief Presley said that because Ramseur is a small town with a small police force, each officer is expected to carry a wide range of equipment so they are prepared for different situations they may encounter. The smaller Charger was just not big enough, and there was an issue of price. The three vehicles were purchased from a dealer that handles Police vehicles, and all the high-tech computers and equipment needed could be installed at the dealership. This was a big advantage over other dealers who would send technicians out to install equipment.

My next question was "Why now?" I know that budgets are stretched because of the economic situation of the past year". The Chief said that this was not a new request. Back in April of 2020 when then chief Lewallen retired and Presley was made acting chief, he took a survey of equipment needed by the department. Then when he was appointed chief in May of 2020, he got with the Police Commissioner JC Parrish to discuss the needs of the department. Mr. Parrish brought this information before the Town Board and it was unanimous that something needed to be done to upgrade the Police Dept. Not only were the cars in poor



condition, but there were also many more issues that had to be dealt with. To make matters worse, the Town of Ramseur's budget required a reduction of \$140,000 to the Police Dept for the physical 20-21 year. It also took a long time to decide on what vehicle to purchase, where to get them, and how to finance them. The three new cars cost over \$147,000 and with the financing finally in place, they were just waiting for the new cars to be delivered. Finally, after almost a year of searching and making do with what they had, the Ramseur Police Dept has their new patrol cars.



One car will be for Chief Presley and the other for Captain Jessup, leaving the remaining car for Detective Z. After the three older cars are sold off, there will still be 4 older cars in the fleet. Two of them will be kept at the station and used for the reserve officers while the other two will still be on active duty. I asked the Chief how he was doing with the large reduction in the police budget. He paused a bit before he answered. I could tell that I had struck a personal nerve with my question. He answered by describing his vision for his department. It is one of community commitment and personal interaction between his deputies and the general public. He said, "I love living in a small town where the people make us feel like we are a part of the community". He said; "We have to do our job and enforce the law, but we want very much to be part of Ramseur. We want to have a friendly face with the community we serve and for them to support us as well." The chief said that this past year has been a rough one in terms of having the tools needed to do their job. The budget allowed for the basics, things like radios and equipment, but the little things were in short supply. He mentioned several fundraisers that local businesses and organizations had done to raise money for the department.

He said that the long sleeve shirts worn as part of their winter uniform were purchased with contributed funds.

One of my last questions to the Chief was "What would you like to see done in the Dept this up-coming year?" Chief Presley did not hesitate with the answer to this question. It was obvious that this was something he had given a lot of thought to. He said "add two more officers, this is what we need most. Right now, we only have a force of 6 people and some reserve officers. By State Law, the reserve officers can only work a very limited number of hours a month, so the department is stretched very thin for personnel." He said that an additional two officers would allow for a dual patrol in the late-night hours. Now, when a trip has to be made to Asheboro, either the courthouse or jail, the Randolph County Sheriff's Dept handles calls for Ramseur, which is good for 911 calls, but it also means that no one is patrolling the streets. The additional personnel would allow the citizen of Ramseur to get better police protection. He said that the request would be submitted to the board, but it all depends on the budget if additional personnel can be added.



*Eastern Randolph County is blessed to have many churches that have long histories with our community and the families that attend them. In fact, many people regard their church as part of their family. This deep connection to faith and community is expressed in the following article by Christie Gunter. She is a member of one of Ramseur's oldest congregations.*

## **The First Christian Church of Ramseur**

*by Christie Gunter*



*Current picture of Frist Christian Church in Ramseur*

My home church. The church I attended from the age of two weeks old until 33. Every time I walk through the doors, I feel a sense of being homesick. I remember the old white frame church and the Jack Burgess Sunday School Building, named after my grandfather who worked so hard on building it. I remember being in the nursery with Ms. Gilley and Ms. Eva. They were two precious souls! Attending Sunday School with my friend Johanna Stout Wilson and being under the teaching of Ms. Ruby and Ms. Louise, and Ms. Erma and Ms. Billie. I remember all of the meals in the old Fellowship Hall and the wonderful ladies that prepared a tremendous amount of delicious food! I can still see all of the beautiful Christmas programs that we all participated in. I loved to hear Ms. Erma, Ms. Billie, Ms. Ann, and Sandy Siler Terrell sing "There's Just Something About That Name" and Christie Barnes and Ms. Ann playing the beautiful old hymns on the piano and organ and hearing the choir sing! When I reached middle school age, Reverend Big "A" Pugh was chosen to pastor our church. I have never met a better preacher, teacher, or friend. It wasn't long before we were busting at the seams! So plans were made to build a new church. We held bazaars and barbecue dinners to raise money, and the new church construction began. I remember sobbing as I watched the old church be torn down/burned for the front part of the church to be built! That church was all I had ever known! The newly completed sanctuary was beautiful. My grandmother and several other members of the Ladies Fellowship were in charge of picking out paint, carpet, lighting, etc. Every time I would look up at the new hanging lights, I would think I was in a castle! I have so many wonderful memories in this church. We also had THE BEST haunted house around! People came from everywhere to be scared! What fun we had! Who remembers the chainsaws?! I have never seen so many people work together so effortlessly for a common goal.

As I became a teenager, Pastor Duane and Donna Weems Pugh (Big A's brother and sister in law) came to be our youth leaders. Now, this was the BEST of times! All night bowling, unknown destinations, flag football, afterglows, and working the haunted house are just a few of the many things we did! I met some great friends in youth; Angela Stevenson Beasley, Freddie and Lori Davenport, Peggy Norton Routh, Cindy Morgan Maness, to name a few. I learned so much about the Bible and from Big A, Duane, and Donna. They lived the Christian life in front of us and their example made a great impression on all of us! Before long, the church decided that a Family Center was needed. You guessed it, more bazaars, barbecue dinners, haunted houses, etc. to raise the money for a gym and walking track. It took a lot of time and work, but we all happily raised the money. That building has been huge for the church! So many programs take place there.

There is so much history for me at FCC. I was baptized there, married, and took my newborn son for his first time in church. I have been to many bridal and baby showers, weddings, and funerals over the years. My whole family attended this church at one time. I could go on and on, but this post would be even longer!! Over the years, things have changed. But when I enter those church doors, I have a feeling of being home. I long to go back to the church as I remember it, with all of the wonderful people that were there, but those days have passed. I am so glad I have my sweet memories to lessen the feeling of being homesick! May God continue to bless First Christian!!

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The Wealth of the Community:

## John Pleasants

by WT Cox



Randolph County is made up of people with a lot of different talents. Some people express their talents in obvious ways, while you would not be aware about others unless you took the time to know them. We certainly have our share of uniquely interesting people here. I think that is what makes this part of North Carolina such a great place. One such person is John Pleasants. I have known John for a long time. We met over thirty years ago when he was working for an office supply firm out of Siler City. Since then, he has sold copiers and business machines for several companies. Currently, he still dabbles in small printers and copiers when not pitching some of the most interesting and helpful kinds of insurance. If you did not take the time to know John, you would think he was “all business”. Well, he is not. There is a passionate side to John. One that occupies much of his “spare” time. John has a passion for collecting old memorabilia, not just any old stuff, but something that is dear to his heart: Boy Scout memorabilia.



1946 National Meeting Neckerchief

John started collecting patches and Boy Scout items back when he was a teenager and earned his Eagle Scout rank from his troop in Siler City. He started working summers at Camp Durant, a summer camp in Carthage. Over the years he has accumulated an impressive collection of patches, especially Order of the Arrow patches. Only a few scouts from each troop belong to this exclusive honor society, and each has its own patch.

John attended the 1969 National Jamboree in Idaho as a scout himself with North Carolina's Occoneetchee Council Troop 7. Since that time, he has been an avid collector of anything “Boy Scout”. He has old uniforms, canteens, belt buckles, knives, and almost anything you can imagine that has the Boy Scout emblem on it. “Who buys this stuff?” I asked. John just grinned. “You would be surprised”, he said. He has a database of over 3,000 people he's traded with from all over the country and beyond, and he created (and currently sells) the Patch Protection System, a waterproof slipcover design for storing patches in binders. “It's more about preserving history than selling or collecting”, Pleasants said. Every item in his collection has a story behind it. “I have sold parts of my collection several times over the years, only to purchase some of it back or re-build it later”, he said. He remembered selling a patch from a short-lived Order of the Arrow Calusa Lodge 219 in Bradenton, Florida around the time he and his wife Jenny were married. “It paid for my honeymoon”, he said.



First Order of the Arrow Patch

John says it is not just about the money, it is more about preserving a part of history. Most of the items John has in his collection were discarded by their owners - basically thrown away. John goes to flea markets and on-line sales seeking items that will round out his collection. He actually gives away or donates more items than he sells. “I had rather see a troop have something to show their kids relating to scouting history than to see the items packed away in someone's drawer or basement”, he says.



When he can, John spends summers attending state and national Boy Scout conferences and volunteering his time to help teach kids about the history of scouting. He keeps in touch with other collectors through his website and virtual meetings.



*Rare Order of Arrow Pins*



*John is also a member of The 1910 Society, an Asheville-based group that created an exact replica of the very first Boy Scout encampment, held for two weeks at Silver Bay in northeast New York.*



*John with some of his rare Boy Scout Patches.*

*Photo was taken from News & Record article by Chapel Fowler.*

## The History of Franklinville's Faith Rock

*by Mac Whatley*

Rising out of Deep River several hundred feet upstream of the site of Elisha Coffin's grist mill and textile factory is Franklinville's major geological landmark, a huge bluestone outcrop known as Faith Rock. It was the setting for one of Randolph County's most legendary Revolutionary War incidents.

While taking a wagon of produce to trade for salt at the Pedee River market on May 2, 1782, local resident Andrew Hunter was captured by the notorious Tory guerrilla leader David Fanning. Facing immediate execution, Hunter made a desperate escape. In Fanning's words, Hunter "sprung upon my riding mare, and went off with my saddle, holsters, pistols, and all my papers... We fired two guns at him; he received two balls through his body but it did not prevent him from sitting the saddle and make his escape." [David Fanning, *The Narrative of Colonel David Fanning* (Spartanburg: The Reprint Company, 1973; pp. 59-62.)]

Enraged, Fanning plundered Hunter's home, holding his pregnant wife hostage for the return of the horse, "a mare I set great store by, and gave One Hundred and Ten guineas for her." [ibid.] However, Fanning's guerrilla band was forced to release Mrs. Hunter and ride out to join the British evacuation of Charleston, South Carolina.

But Fanning risked a final return to Randolph on September 5, 1782, solely in an attempt to recover his mare. The incident at Faith Rock must have occurred at this time. Hunter "was riding the Bay Doe, on the high ground south of Deep River, and not far above the ...ford; but found they were heading him in that direction. He then turned his course up the river, but they were there ready to receive him. The only alternative was to surrender, which would be certain and instant death, or to make a desperate plunge down a precipice, some fifty feet high into the river. He chose the latter... It was such a daring adventure that his pursuers... stopped short, in a kind of amazement, and contented themselves with firing two or three pistols after him. As there was no level ground at the bottom of the descent, he plunged right into the river... sometimes swimming and sometimes floundering over rocks, until he found a place where he got out on the north side and made his escape." [E.W. Caruthers, *Revolutionary Incidents And Sketches of Character Chiefly in the "Old North State."* Philadelphia: Hayes and Zell, 1856; pp. 280-281.]

Fanning left the country in frustration on September 22, neither recovering his horse nor gaining revenge.

The incident at Faith Rock is the only event of the Revolution in Randolph County that has received extensive historical examination. In the years after the war, the exploits of Colonel Fanning were investigated by some of North Carolina's earliest historians. One of these was the Rev. Eli Caruthers of Greensboro, a portion of whose 1856 two-volume history of the Revolution was quoted above. Judge Archibald DeBow Murphey, legal tutor of Governor Jonathan Worth, extensively researched "the Adventures of Colonel David Fanning" and some of his notes were published in the *North Carolina University Magazine* in 1853 (Vol. II, pp. 72-80).

On May 31, 1847 the Salisbury newspaper *Carolina Watchman* published "Incidents of the Revolution in North Carolina," an extensive account by Alexander Gray of Randolph County written in the form of a letter to Professor A.M. Henderson of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Gray, a retired General of the War of 1812, was the county's largest slaveowners and one of its first historians.



Gray may also have been the anonymous author (“76” is the only signature) of the earliest known account of Andrew Hunter’s escape from Fanning, published in *The Southern Citizen*, Asheboro’s local newspaper, on August 24, 1838 (and reprinted in the *Greensborough Patriot* on August 10, 1844). Entitled “Fanning’s Mare,” the short story is more self-consciously literary than the later historical accounts, but it shares with them the name of Fanning’s horse: “He called her Red Doe, from her resemblance in color to a deer.”

All of the earliest accounts agree that the name Fanning’s mare was “Red Doe,” although Carruthers without explanation changes the name to “Bay Doe.” For more than 150 years thereafter, the name “Bay Doe” has been the preferred name of Fanning’s mare. Here’s one possible explanation: “Red” is not an accepted name for equine hair color; “chestnut” or “sorrel” is the proper term for a horse with an all-reddish coat, mane and tail. The shade usually considered “bay” is a bright red hair coat, also called “blood bay.” “Bay,” however, is a generic term for coats that vary from light reddish brown to dark mahogany brown, but always with black “points” (mane, tail, feet or legs).

So the name “Bay Doe” tells us that “Red Doe” was not only bright red, but bright red with black “points.”

Local wisdom in Franklinville has always repeated the claim that Bay Doe’s hoof prints can still be seen, embedded in Faith Rock. The truth of that, as well as the likelihood that any horse and rider could jump off a 60-degree slope into a river normally as shallow as Deep River, must be left to the opinion of visitors.

Several generations of Eagle Scouts have established and maintained a rough trail from the Andrew Hunter footbridge in Franklinville, up to the top of the rock. In this 21st-century, there are said to be “geo-caches” stashed around Faith Rock which game-players may discover with their GPS locators.



*Location: Franklinville, south side Deep River, looking east from the SR 2235 bridge. The concrete storage silos of the former roller mill are to the left.*

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## Our Quaker Heritage

*by WT Cox*

We are starting a series on the Quaker Heritage of Randolph County. This history is varied and extensive, so much so, that our series cannot begin to cover everything of significance. My ancestors were Cox and Quaker, and because I am familiar with my family history, this is where I will begin. I am starting out with the Cox history for two reasons. First, when William Cox decided to move to the Carolina wilderness from his home in Delaware, his primary concern was to have a place to worship in his Quaker faith. Records show that in 1758 William was granted a certificate to the Cane Creek Meeting, then later he set up “church” in his home. Being able to worship as they wanted was of great importance to them. Second, I want to show how the Quaker faith directed events in their everyday lives. Even when circumstance caused William to take up arms, which is against the Quaker belief, he would only do so with a heavy heart. Although William died before there was bloodshed, his sons were leaders in the Regulator movement that rebelled against the high taxes and methods of the appointed Royal Governor Tryon and fought in the Battle of Alamance in 1771. Freedom of speech and freedom to worship were two of the primary reasons our ancestors settled in this part of North Carolina. Later in this series of articles, we will be examining the biography and writings of William Moffitt. Another Quaker who married into the Cox family before the start of the Civil War and who had a deep commitment to non-violence, but also to freedom of speech and worship. His trials and hardships make for an inspiring story of commitment to God and family. We will be doing a three-part series on William Moffitt’s life, and trust it will shed some light on why this part of NC has such a deep commitment to faith and family and an independent streak that runs as deep as the red clay underneath. My desire is that this series of articles and stories will evoke a desire of the reader to learn more about the history of Randolph County. The Randolph Library and the Ramseur Historical Museum are two great places to start if you want to dive deeper into the early history of Randolph County. “The Heritage of Randolph County” and “Randolph County 1779 – 1979” are two great books and both are available in the library.

If you were born and raised in eastern Randolph County, you probably are familiar with the influence that early Quaker settlers had on our County. Most local families can trace their history back to a time when our lineage became interwoven with the early families that settled here. The Cox lineage is deeply intertwined with families such as Moffitt, Burgess, Stout, Brown, and Parks, all of whom can trace their history back to the early days of Randolph County, some even when this part of “God’s Country” was called Orange County. I know a lot about William Cox, his wife Catherine, and their move to the settlement on Deep River that was eventually called Coxborough. There are many historical articles about William and his sons, but I have always wondered why he chose to come to our part of North Carolina. Why did William Cox take his family and move from their home in Delaware to rural North Carolina? I know why his father left England years earlier. It was largely in search of religious freedom, but records show that William was a prosperous businessman while in Delaware, so why make such a strenuous move?

I have been told, but unable to verify that William and Catherine owned or were partners in at least five grist mills in and around Hockessin Delaware. The story says that one of their partners was John Garrett Sr, who wanted to convert one of their mills into grinding tobacco to make snuff. William objected but did not have the funds to buy out his partners. Eventually, a solution was found when William was offered a large land grant from Lord Grantville in a wilderness area hundreds of miles to the south in a place called Orange County, North Carolina. The land was on both sides of the Deep River and there was already a Quaker settlement about 20 miles north at Cane Creek. William must have been quite persuasive to convince his wife Catherine to leave their big home in Delaware and move to the North Carolina wilderness and live in a log cabin. From what I could determine Catherine died before they could complete the move, but records show that William made at least one trip to Orange County before going back to Delaware and moving his family here. To relocate and be established in another Quaker meeting took years to accomplish, so I tend to believe that Catherine knew about the move before her death.



Eventually, William and his children made the long journey to North Carolina and established a settlement along Deep River in a place called Buffalo Ford. Buffalo Ford was a low water crossing on the Deep River and got its name from the Native American trail that followed the path of buffalo that used to roam this area. The settlement eventually had two grist mills, a leather tannery, a sawmill, and mines that were located near the Round Mountain Road. William also operated a large farm that spans both sides of the river.

William Cox and his family were law-abiding citizens and paid their fair share of taxes. But after being approached multiple times by different “representatives” of the government demanding payment for taxes, which many times had already been paid once, and sometimes twice. They basically said enough was enough and stood their ground. William and his sons Harmon and Thomas sided with a group of farmers who resisted the authoritarian rule that was imposed on them and joined in the Regulator movement. The regulator movement lasted for about eight years before it climaxed in defeat at the Battle of Alamance in which several of the leaders were hanged by Governor Tryon in Hillsborough. William had died a couple of years earlier and was not present at the battle, and his sons Harmon and Thomas were given a pardon with a promise not to take up arms again. Because they took up arms against other men, the Cox family was expelled from the Cane Creek Meeting for their part in the unsuccessful rebellion. The Cox family then set up their own Quaker worship, first in William Cox’s home, and then later a meeting house that was built on land that William donated. Holly Springs Friends Meeting can trace its history back to this early building, and a graveyard was established that is still visible today. The “Old Stone Graveyard” is where most of the Cox ancestors were buried, and it became a community graveyard for the Quakers.



## The Occason House, Hockessin, DE

The home that William built when he married Catherine is still standing today in Hockessin DE, and now is a historical site. The huge brick home was quite a mansion back in the early 1700s when it was built. It is known at the Cox-Mitchell house today. William purchased 300 acres from Leticia Penn, daughter of William Penn, for the sum of 86 pounds in 1721 and built the home for his new bride. Later he purchased another 50 acres from Henry Dixon, giving him a total of 350 acres. John Garrett did convert the grist mill into grinding tobacco, but never established a viable market until his son John II took over in 1787. this was be beginning of the Levi Garrett tobacco empire.



*The Occason House today.*

The story of William and Catherine’s house starts back in 1701 when William Penn granted 15,500 acres in Chester and New Castle Counties to his daughter Letitia, which she would slowly sell-off over the subsequent several decades. In 1721, for £86, she sold 300 acres to William and Catherine Cox, fellow Quakers who had been married about five years before. Cox then purchased 50 more acres from Henry Dixon in 1725, giving him a total of 350 acres. His tract was located east of today’s “Downtown” Hockessin, bordered roughly by the current Old Wilmington Road, Meeting House Road, and Benge Road.

The family may well have lived in a smaller log or frame house for the first few years, but that changed in 1726 with the erection of a new brick house. Cox’s new home, which he called “Ocasson” was a 2-1/2 story, three-bay house that faced south, out over his property. The brick datestone (seen below) William and Catherine had placed in the wall is still on the house, although it was probably later moved to another location. Now, it can be viewed only from inside a room in one of the additions to the house.

William Cox was not only a member of the Society of Friends -- he was an active member. By 1730 there was a small community of Quakers in the area, and they petitioned to be allowed to hold meetings nearby. Since there was no meeting house yet, they gathered instead at the home of William Cox. What would become the Hockessin Friends Meeting -- the first community organization in the vicinity -- got its start in the front room of Cox's house. Not only did the house give the meeting its first home, but it also likely gave it its name. When in 1737 the meeting grew too large for Cox's front parlor, a new meeting house was erected on land donated by William Cox. The first written reference to a name for this meeting, "Hocesion", was likely a variation of "Ocasson", the name of William Cox's dwelling. The Coxes lived in their brick home until 1753, when William and most of his children moved to Orange County, NC, and the Cane Creek Meeting. That year they sold their property to John and Rebecca Dixon\*, who resided here until John's death in 1766. The property (now about 349-1/2 acres) was next sold at auction for £1235 to another Quaker, a cooper named William Phillips, Sr (1710-1790).

*\*Taken from the Mill Creek Hundred History Blog: Ocassion-The Cox-Mitchell House*

### **William Cox (1692-1767) Last Will and Testament**

William Cox and his sons were devout Quakers and hard-working farmers. He joined the protest against the Monarchy in Great Britain, who had started levying unjust taxes and confiscating their land to give to the cronies of those in power. Some researchers feel this was the breaking away from the Quaker Religion because Quakers are pacifists and opposed to violence as a means of settling disputes. His will reads:

In the name of God amen. I William Cox of Orange County, in the province of North Carolina -- Being sick in Body but in perfect Senses, praised be God, Do make this my last will & Testament. Imprimis, I give to my son Harmon Cox, that whole tract of Land, on the East side of Deep River, wherone he now lives to him & heirs forever. Item. I give to my son John Cox, part of the tract of Land I now live on, Beginning for the Division, between him & my son Thomas, at Sycamore or Button wood tree, on the River bank a little below my fence marked with three notches on the West side of the River from thence Running West, till it comes to a Hollow, Leading down to the Mill Creek, thence Down the said Hollow about twenty poles to the Mill Creek, thence up & with the Creek, till it entersect a West Line then cealong the line North to the River thence Down the River to the Beginning, as also that Whole tract of Land lying in the Mill Creek containing two hundred & twenty-five acres above William McFarsons land, both which, Pieces of Land, I give unto my said son John, to him & his heirs. Item. I give to my son Solomon Cox, that whole tract of land lying on little Brush Creek where Benjamin -- William's formerly lived, where my son Solomon now lives to him & his heirs forever. Item. I give to my son Thomas Cox the remaining part of the aforesaid tract of Land, I now live on, Divided from my son John by a West line from the Sycamore as aforesaid, having, the Lower end including Mills & Improvements there as also One hundred & Eighty Acres out of the tract my Brothers formerly lived. Beginning at the original -- Beginning W.O. tree Running thence West thrity-five Chains, or one hundred & forty poles to the Corner thence East one hundred & Eighty four poles. Thence, South fifty six pole to the line of the whole Tract. Then North along the said line One hundred & fifteen pole & a half to the first corner W.O thence West, two hundred pole to the first beginning, to him & his heirs forever. Item. I give to my five sons: Harmon, William, John, Solomon, & Thomas two tenths of the land & mines & tools, Equally Divided, lying on Crawfords Road on the Round Mountain to them & their heirs forever. Item. I leave to my Daughter Rebecca Dixon in Pennsylvania five Shillings Sterling. Item. I leave to my Daughter Mary Lindley wife to James Lindley five Shillings Sterling. Item. I leave the living stock as they now are with those that has them a keeping. Item. I leave to my Daughter Martha Ferrel wife of William Ferrel three pounds. Item. I leave to my Daughter Marjory Nicholas wife of Isaac Nicholas three pounds. Item. I leave my Daughter Catherine Hunt wife of Elesor Hunt three pounds. Item. I leave to each of my five sons: Harmon, William, John, Solomon, & Thomas, three pounds each. Item. I leave the rest of my Estate both real & personal in this province or elsewhere, Lands, Goods, & other Effects after the payment of my Just Debts, to the Disposal of my Executors & I do appoint my trusty & well beloved Son & Cousin, William Cox & Isaac Cox, my sole Executors of this my last will & testament. In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal, this 20th day of the first month of 1767. Sealed Declared & Published by the within named William Cox for his last will & Testament in the presence of us..... John Cox, William Moffitt, John Allen



## Business Spotlight

**Vee's Place Old-Fashioned Bakery**

Vee's Place Old-Fashioned Bakery opened on March 2, 2019, in downtown Ramseur. It was lovingly developed from a lifelong dream, belonging to a mother and daughter, who always wanted to own a bakery. Vee had been looking for a suitable location to house the bakery for quite some time. Raised in Asheboro, that area, initially, had been Vee's main focus for the bakery, with Randleman and Ramseur running a close second. "It was challenging to find a spot that had all the elements that were required." The location needed to have been a food service location previously, sustain moderate traffic, have good visibility, possess old-timey charm, and not be priced extremely high. Vee will never forget the day that someone mentioned that the old Ramseur Diner spot was for sale. Only familiar with the main drag of Highway 64 in Ramseur, she rode over to check it out. "As soon as I saw it, I knew it was just what we were looking for." Especially enamored with the fact that the spot was located on "Main Street", all the elements for an old-fashioned bakery were present. It took approximately five months for the renovations on the kitchen side to be completed. The dining room side was not part of the first round of renovations mainly because of the time and costs involved.

There was a need to build the business first before trying to expand. However, by October of 2019, it started to become clear that more room was going to be needed. It was at that point they began looking at options for renovating the dining side. A little over one year later the expansion was completed. On January 6, 2021, the new serving area opened. It boasts two full-size display cases and a seating area. The booths are vintage from the old Diner. "We just had to keep something classic that would carry on the heritage."



As for the training involved in crafting such deliciousness, experience is the key difference. Vee grew up learning how to bake from an old school "everything made from scratch" mother who put all her love into baking and cooking for her family. There were also some skills passed on from her grandmothers and other relatives. Vee's daughter, Christina, developed this same love for baking at an early age and was making cookies by the age of five. "Her amazing chocolate chip cookies are one of the bakery's best-selling items." Together they have developed a sweet formula for satisfying old-fashioned tastes. Vee's Place specializes in desserts that bring back all the warm memories of going to Grandma's house. There is a wide array of offerings available every day including layer cakes and pound cakes (whole or by the slice), cupcakes, cookies, pies, bars, brownies, banana pudding, persimmon pudding, cheese breads, sweet breads, cheese straws, keto parfaits, and truffles to name a few. They also have a scrumptious variety of coffee drinks, such as hot or iced coffee, frappes, espresso, cappuccino, and lattes. Also, make sure to try out Vee's incredible southern classic sweet tea.

"We truly love being part of the Ramseur community, and it means the world to us when our customers stop by and say hi!"

## Cupid's Mark

by Angie Mojica Barnes



"So Maggs, got any special Valentine's plans for tonight?" Sarah, her co-worker asked. They sat in the break room finishing up a late lunch. Maggie Banks laughed. "Why yes, I have a long-awaited date with Sir Couch and Netflix. Does that count?"

"Of course," Sarah winked. "Anyway," Maggie said as they made their way back to their shared office. "He'd literally have to fall in my lap since I practically live here."

"Hey, Cupid could be flying around the corner. You never know."

"He'd better have our office hours then." Maggie wasn't sad to be single this Valentine's Day. She looked forward to her quiet apartment after a long week of working overtime. Last year, after Mr.Right-Now had turned out to be Mr.Wrong-Forever, she learned to be content with who she was. And she would not let being single on the "day of love" get her down. No matter that pink decorative hearts were everywhere, and all day the staff munched on chocolates and talked about their plans for the upcoming weekend. Occasionally a special delivery of flowers would come in for one of the ladies and she could hear the gushing sounds of delight from the recipient. *It's just a day, Maggie, and good for them.* She thought. And Valentine's Day or not, there was a lot of work to be done at a large family practice. An hour later, immersed in paperwork, a tap on her shoulder claimed her attention. A tall, well-built man in his thirties smiled down at her. He wore jeans, and a gray t-shirt with the company logo M.V. She felt the impact as she looked up into a pair of grey-blue eyes.

"Sorry to interrupt, but I'm going to be working in the attic." He pointed to the ceiling. "You may hear some bumping around. Just giving you a heads up, I'll try to be quick. Sorry for the noise."

Maggie nodded tongue-tied, "Okay, no problem.. umm.. be careful." Be Careful? Maggie cringed. She wanted to crawl under her desk. He chuckled, "Thanks, I try." She watched him stride away and felt silly for gawking. It wasn't uncommon for contractors to come work on their building during business hours. Just uncommon for such good-looking ones.

"You might wanna pick that up." Sarah called from the next cubicle. "Pick what up?"

"Your jaw.. off the floor." Sarah smirked. Maggie laughed and balled up a piece of paper, launching it at her. It missed.

"Seriously Maggs, he is cute. Want me to get his number for you? I have ways of getting info."

"I know Sarah. Google has nothing on you, but this isn't the sixth grade."

"You just let me know." She wiggled her eyebrows as she headed back towards the breakroom for her afternoon java. Maggie shook her head determined to get his smile out of her mind. He was nice to look at though. And there'd been no wedding ring on his hand. Something had happened when their eyes first met. Or maybe she was coming down with something? She patted her cheeks, then her forehead. *Focus on your work Maggs.* An overhead thump jarred her attention followed by a cracking sound. She glanced up and watched open-mouthed, as a masculine form fell through the white ceiling - Boom! Wham!- three feet from her desk. It was blue eyes! He fell on his back with a thud, unmoving, eyes shut. Maggie rushed over and crouched beside him.

"Oh my god! Are you okay? Do you need an ambulance?" She gently touched his forehead. No bleeding or open wounds, that was good. She resisted the urge to wipe the dust off his face. The scent of sheetrock tickled her nose and she held back a sneeze. She jerked back when he cracked open one eye and grinned. He carefully sat up and wiped his forearm over his eyes. "No, I'm okay, more embarrassed than anything. Believe it or not, this isn't the first time I've fallen through the ceiling. Luckily, this was only an eight-foot ceiling and not twelve like last time. I guess I should've taken your advice and been more careful."

She fought the urge to giggle, feeling awkward. "Are you sure you don't need me to call your boss? Someone? Can I help you up?"

"No, no, I can get up, don't worry. And actually, I am the boss. My name's Max. The crew is going to enjoy this story. I can hear them now. Numero dos, they will say. Oh the jokes," he said wryly and stood slowly to dust off his jeans, bits of sheetrock falling on the carpet.

He looked up, pointed to the hole with a grimace and the debris on the floor. "I'll have this mess cleaned up in no time, and get the guys started on the ceiling after the office closes."

"Well, we always wanted a skylight." Maggie joked. He laughed, "You're funny, how late are you here till. What's your name?"

"It's Maggie," she said, suddenly feeling like that sixth-grader. "I'm here till five, but if you need me, I can stay late... I mean...to lock up."

"Maggie," he repeated. A slow smile spread across his face. "Perfect. I might need you. Unless you have plans this evening? I know I kinda 'dropped' in on you. Sorry, I couldn't help myself, I blame it on the fall." He grinned and rubbed his head. Maggie giggled at the pun and shook her head.



"Nothing that can't wait." She didn't know if Cupid always created a mess when he hit his mark but she couldn't wait to find out. Sir Couch and Netflix would have to wait. It was Valentine's Day after all.

*This story was inspired by true events. A contractor did come to our office and fall three feet away from me through the ceiling. And he was terribly good-looking. One thing I failed to include in the fiction version (no love story, sorry, I have my own brawny man) is that I walked over to him and upon finding out that he was okay developed a giggle that turned into a fit of laughter until tears came. I apologized for the laughter and he said it was okay, he had fallen through a ceiling before. Ouch! I hope you enjoyed it though, and may your Valentines' day be filled with friendship, and love, and know you are loved by God, the truest Love there is.*

*Angie Mojica Barnes is a fur-momma, married to her total opposite, who makes her laugh. And how she needs to laugh. She's working on her first novel and hopes you'll meet her work one day while browsing for a good book.*



## MONTHLY BLACK HISTORY

This is well worth sharing over and over.....



"A lie doesn't become truth,  
wrong doesn't become right  
and evil doesn't become good  
just because it's accepted by a  
majority."

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

As a Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson, like W. E. B. Du Bois before him, believed that truth could not be denied and that reason would prevail over prejudice. His hopes to raise awareness of African American's contributions to civilization was realized when he and the organization he founded, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), conceived and announced Negro History Week in 1925. The event was first celebrated during a week in February 1926 that encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The response was overwhelming: Black history clubs sprang up; teachers demanded materials to instruct their pupils; and progressive whites, not simply white scholars and philanthropists, stepped forward to endorse the effort.

By the time of Woodson's death in 1950, Negro History Week had become a central part of African American life and substantial progress had been made in bringing more Americans to appreciate the celebration. At mid-century, mayors of cities nationwide issued proclamations noting Negro History Week. The Black Awakening of the 1960s dramatically expanded the consciousness of African Americans about the importance of black history, and the Civil Rights movement focused Americans of all colors on the subject of the contributions of African Americans to our history and culture.

The celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, the nation's bicentennial. President Gerald R. Ford urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." That year, fifty years after the first celebration, the association held the first African American History Month. By this time, the entire nation had come to recognize the importance of Black history in the drama of the American story. Since then each American president has issued African American History Month proclamations. And the association—now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)—continues to promote the study of Black history all year.

(Excerpt from an essay by Daryl Michael Scott, Howard University, for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History)



Tea Talk:  
Loose Tea Leaves vs. Powdered Tea in Bags (An Affair Steeped in Controversy)  
*by Mary Murkin*

I am not here to incite any arguments between teadrinkers. Goodness knows that is not productive, nor worth my breath. I am purely going to share some information with you that will allow you to make INFORMED choices.

I got an early start with tea - I was raised in the 1960s on good old Lipton Tea in the bag. I knew no other tea even existed. It was what we had; it was what we could afford; it was delicious!

Fast forward fifty years and now I have a little more information about tea under my belt. I am prepared to impart this information to you as we visit over a cup of tea.

When loose tea leaves are picked from the tea plant, they go through a drying process that gets them ready for consumption. After this oxidation process is complete, loose tea is stored in enormous containers until it is ready to be packaged and distributed. Loose tea leaves contain many nutrients, natural oils and delicious flavors. Great care is taken to carefully package the tea leaves to keep them as intact as possible—thus, not losing their high quality properties. After these highly prized tea leaves are carefully packaged and ready for sale, the tea dust from the bottom of the barrel is then scooped up and put into teabags and packaged for grocery store distribution.

Tea in this powdered form has lost most of its essential oils, aroma and healthful properties. However, with the assistance of plenty of sugar and ice cubes, we then have the southern drink of choice—delicious SWEET TEA!

While no one is asking you to survive the North Carolina summers without sweet tea, if you are wishing to get the full benefits of tea, whether for taste reasons or health reasons, loose tea leaves would be a great path to explore.

Always remember, and never forget: Bottoms up!!

*Mary Murkin is the owner of Carriage House Tea which is sold at Brightside Gallery, 170 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Contact her at: carriagehousetea@gmail.com.*



## Remember When?



*By WT Cox*

“Hail to the Redskins”.....the Ramseur Redskins.

This impromptu team was organized on Liberty Street in 1957 to give the neighborhood boys some fun while they honed their skills for future competition. Many of the boys went on to play high school ball. Bill Allred and David Webb coached the boys along.

The number of players increased and the Redskins extended beyond Liberty Street to include boys from all over town. Pretty soon they had enough players to make 2 teams that could play each other. The games were played in a field across from the Pell house on Liberty Street and in a field across from Lineberry Hardware.

The boys used helmets that had previously been used at the high school (vintage 1954 ) and supplied their own pants and pads. They even had a couple of cheerleaders..Liberty Street cuties Martha Brown and Celeste Brady.

Front Row (kneeling )...Unidentified. Bill Allred, Mickey Brown, Willie Brady, David Cain, Dicky Wood, Thad Hardin and Buck Stout.

Back Row.....Gordon Brady, Jimmy Slaughter, unidentified, Russell Busick, Ira McGee, Richard Busick, John Charles Dorsett, Danny Wood, Eric Allred, Gerry Leonard, Ronnie Hardin, Jimmy Maness & David Webb.

Taken from “The Ramseur Page, by Gregg Pell”. Photo submitted by Gordon Brady

## It's Not Always "I Love You"

by Debra Vernon

It has been rainy, cold and dreary of late. Not the best of weather to bring happy thoughts and fun times to mind. It can be downright depressing. However, I make a conscious decision to choose joy each morning, and most of the time, I can find it among the chaos of the day. I hope you too create your own happiness and joy, regardless of the weather. Dreary times are necessary, in order to really appreciate the sunny times in life! And I hope by the time you read this, most of the dreary winter weather is behind us, and spring is on the way.

I was fortunate to be able to see my grandkids yesterday. No matter the weather, they bring me great joy! All three are age 6 and below, so you know there is never a dull moment! There is nothing better than their screams of "MiMi's here" when they see me at the door, and then they come running. Their smiles, laughter and genuine happiness at seeing me makes my heart sing!

During any typical visit to their house, we must do the following: read books, mostly about dinosaurs. Play with remote control cars/dinosaurs. Growl like a dinosaur (dinosaurs are big with little boys). Compliment the latest dress, jewelry, and hairstyle of the one girl in the middle of two brothers. Provide a snack of some kind. Tell jokes. Talk about sharing toys. Create artwork out of markers and crayons. Sing silly songs. Make silly faces. Cuddle under the blanket with all three on the couch and watch weird little cartoon movies. During all of this, the dog is usually trying to garner some attention as well, and if it's not too loud, my daughter and son-in-law, and I try to carry on a conversation and catch up on adult things. In other words, it is a bit loud and crazy, but we make it work!

But the best part of it all? It's the love. And I don't mean the kind where they say, "I love you MiMi". That happens too, but they show it in so many other ways. If I have a boo-boo, the youngest one is sure to notice and offers to kiss it and make it better, as well as share his dinosaur. That's love. If the oldest one is eating something, he will be the first one to offer to share it with me. That's love. When the baby girl sees me getting up to leave and go home, and pleads for me, "not to go yet". That's love.



And it is not limited to just the little ones. When my own daughter says, "text us when you get home so we will know you arrived safely". That's love. When my son-in-law says, "I'm fixing dinner, have you eaten yet"? That's love. And when they all gather around me as I leave, and each one gives me a big hug? That's love.

So, during the month of February when love is often shown by boxes of chocolate or bouquets of beautiful flowers from a significant other, I am left out. But each day of every year, I have love shown to me in thousands of ways and in the smallest of actions or words. And when they come from the heart of folks you love with all your heart, they are better than any candy or flower – they are priceless jewels!



## Freedom Writ in Water

by Jones Lamar Howell

John Keats, an English poet, who died at the age of 26, asked that his epithet read:

“This man’s name was writ in water.”

Is our freedom, too, writ in water?

What exactly is freedom?

Freedom to live where we want, buy what we want, go where we want? No.

Freedom is in the soul, in the conscience, on the tip of the tongue.

Freedom is invisible. That means we can’t see when we have it, or when it’s gone.

We can, though, see its opposite: censorship, shout downs, clampdowns on writing, ideas, beliefs.

Restriction is seen in the streets, in the media, in the church.

Freedom is lost in the soul and the mind before it is lost in the streets and the marketplace.

It is lost in the psyche before it is lost in the public square.

We can write freedom in water, but it disappears forever.

## Dream Come True

by Jones Lamar Howell

I dreamed I lived on some pastoral farm

I had some animals and painted barns

A bubbling stream where I could wade and fish

A sky of stars to look up at and wish

I dreamed I’d stroll in peace o’er grassy hills

And laugh as grandkids ran the Elysium fields

And treasure holidays with our three boys

and relish freedom from the city’s noise

What I didn’t know was that life’s dream

was altogether different than it seemed

My most amazing fantasy is true

I had the dream of dreams, and it was you!

I could live in a busy concrete town

I could live on watery coffee, rice, and beans

I could live and sleep on barren ground

But I can’t live without my greatest dream

### DRYER FIRES CAN LEAD TO STRUCTURE FIRES, HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE, INJURY, OR LOSS OF LIFE. MOST CAN BE PREVENTED

In 2020, there were numerous fires that originated in a residence’s dryer. Without proper attention, cleaning and care, a dryer can catch fire and result in a very bad situation. Most dryer fires are preventable. Below is a list of easy things you can do to make sure a dryer fire doesn’t occur at your home.

--Clean your dryer’s lint trap before and after every use.

--If altering electric connections, make sure the work is done by an expert.

--Have your exhaust hose cleaned and serviced at least once a year. Lint and debris can collect there, increasing the chance of a dryer fire occurring.

--Make sure your outdoor vent flap isn’t blocked by anything.

--NEVER run a dryer when you’re not home. If you leave, turn it OFF!



## Recipes

*Every bachelor has his own “special” recipe for making Chicken Wings. During Super Bowl weekend, a stash of great chicken wings will make your friends happy. Everyone thinks theirs is the best, but they are wrong! This recipe makes the best wings, hands down. They are “as good as the best and better than the rest!”*

### Chicken Wings

You need a good selection of drums and wings. I suggest about half and half. If you purchase whole wings, then cut them before you cook. Wash, and season with olive oil. Then take some black pepper, crushed red pepper, salt, lemon pepper, and garlic salt and mix with some flour. Then put into a large freezer bag and toss in the wings and shake, shake, shake. I like to use a large cast-iron wok, but a deep pan will do just as well. Pour in a good amount of Peanut or Vegetable Oil and pre-heat to 350 – 375 degrees. Place the wings in the oil (gently, don't throw them in or you will get splattered with hot oil). Let them cook for 6-8 minutes on each side, then remove. Total of 15 – 18 minutes total cook time, but this is for 8-10 wings - more will take longer. I usually cover with a lid or tin foil for the first 10- 12 minutes. The wings should be crispy, but not too much. If you do it right, they will be tender and moist on the inside and crispy on the outside.

Now, put them on some paper towels to soak up the oil and then into a large pan so you can add the hot sauce. You can use whatever hot sauce you prefer. I like Ted's or Tabasco Sauce. Cover the wings with the sauce... more is good. Serve with sliced celery sticks and carrots with blue cheese dressing.

Taken from “the Reluctant Bachelor Cookbook by TW Dubson”

### Pork Chops Prepared on the Stove and Oven

Choose large, thick pork chops - at least 1” thick. Put into pan, sprinkle with Sage and Garlic Salt. Add lemon juice and a small amount of Worcestershire Sauce, Black Peppercorn, Bay Leaves, and a light sprinkling of Olive Oil. Let it sit for at least 2 hours. I recommend placing the chops in the refrigerator for appx 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 375. Place in oven for appx 15 - 18 minutes. Make sure you cover the pan with tin foil or a lid while cooking to preserve the juices and ensure a tender, juicy chop. Have a cast iron skillet hot and ready. The skillet should be on at least medium-high. Remove from oven and place into a skillet to sear. Most cooks will do this in reverse: sear and then oven cook, but I prefer to do it a bit differently. This way, the searing renders a light crust on the chop. Sear for about 2 1/2 - 3 minutes each side, remove and place on a plate.

Drain juices from baking over chop or use to make a milk gravy (for gravy, just add milk and flour with some black pepper. Bring to a quick boil and stir). For a great tasting Chop and for a final touch, brush on Tim's Special Darn Tootin Bar B Que Sauce. Serve with mash potatoes topped with baby green peas. Garlic bread, yum!

As an added element, sometimes I will sauté a mixture of tomatoes, sweet bell peppers, onion, and/or hot peppers in the pan after I have seared the chops (fresh sliced mushrooms also can be added). Cook covered for a couple of minutes and then put them on top of the chop after you have applied the sauce, it just kicks it up a notch!

\*Taken from the “Reluctant Bachelor Cookbook, by TW Dubson”



### Lake Warden Position

The Town of Ramseur is looking to contract the Lake Warden position at the Kermit G. Pell Recreational Facility for the 2021 season (March 1st – October 31st).

The candidate must hold their own liability insurance and must obtain a CPR certification prior to March 3, 2021. Background Checks will be conducted.

The rate of pay has been increased to \$3,125.00 per month and commission will be earned on half of all bait and concession sales after cost.

Please submit an application and resume to [townclerk@townoframseur.org](mailto:townclerk@townoframseur.org) or by way of the drop box behind Town Hall (must use your own envelope).

Applications can be found at: <https://townoframseur.org/employment/>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Commissioner Tanya Kenyon via email at [t.kenyon@townoframseur.org](mailto:t.kenyon@townoframseur.org) or by phone at 336-460-2100.

### March 27th, 2021: Spring Outdoor Market

Millstone Creek Orchards will be hosting its first ever Spring Outdoor Market March 27th, 2021. FREE admission for all shoppers! Expect 80 local vendors, crafters, gifters, potters, and more for a beautiful March day at the Orchard.

### April 24th, 2021: Ramseur's Annual Food Truck Festival

Ramseur's 2nd Annual Food Truck Festival is scheduled for April 24th, 2021. The festival will feature food, arts and crafts, and more in downtown Ramseur.



FREE WiFi is available in Franklinville for this year. It is located outside of the John W. Clark Franklinville Public Library, in Riverside Park and surrounding area. NO PASSWORD is needed to log on. Thank you to the state for this opportunity!



# OBITUARIES

Courtesy of Loflin Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Ramseur

Rachel Brown

Rachel Spry Brown, 86, of Archdale, died Sunday, January 31, 2021 at her residence.

Ruth Nelson

Ruth Davis Nelson, 95, of Ramseur, went home to her Savior on Friday, January 29, 2021 at Alpine Health & Rehabilitation Center in Asheboro.

Luther "Tommy" Smith

Luther Thomas "Tommy" Smith, 86, of Asheboro, died Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Linda Dhanens

Linda Hicks Dhanens, 72, of Bennett, died Thursday, January 28, 2021 at her residence.

Harris Wayne Thomas

Harris Wayne Thomas, age 73, of Asheboro was called home to be with Christ the Lord on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

Gary Smith

Gary Thomas Smith, 76, of Cornelius was called Home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Novant Regional Medical Center in Huntersville.

Robert Brooks

Robert Parker Brooks, 89, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Juan Roman

Juan Ramon Roman, 88, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Siler City Center.

Patricia Porter

Patricia Kiser Porter, 56, of Franklinville, died Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Cone Green Valley Hospital in Greensboro.

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Frederick "Fred" Kimes

Frederick Buie "Fred" Kimes, 85, of Concord, died Monday, January 25, 2021 at his residence.

Debra Norwood

Debra Lynn Norwood, 58, of Charlotte, died Monday, January 25, 2021 at her residence.

Geraldine "Deenie" Kidd

Geraldine "Deenie" Lee Kidd, 81, of Coleridge, went to her Heavenly Home on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at her residence.

Isaac Burrow Jr.

Isaac Caney Burrow, Jr., 85, of Asheboro, died Sunday, January 24, 2021 at Hinkle Hospice House in Lexington.

Danny Morris

Danny Robert Morris, 62, of Liberty, died Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Cone Health Alamance Regional in Burlington.

Curtis Chriscoe

Curtis Thomas Chriscoe, 71, of Seagrove, died Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Herbert "Garland" Richardson

Herbert "Garland" Richardson, 86, of Liberty, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Margaret Roberts

Margaret J. Presnell Roberts, 83, of Ramseur, died Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Alpine Health & Rehabilitation Center in Asheboro.

Gary Jones

Gary Phillips Jones, 75, of Asheboro, died January 16, 2021 at Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro.

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Levi Hunt

Levi Jaxson Hunt, of Asheboro, infant son of Alyssa Peeler and Talmadge Hunt, Jr., died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at his residence.

Beulah Freeman

Beulah Mae Freeman, 92, of Asheboro, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at High Point Regional Hospital.

Ondra Stout

Ondra Bruce Stout, 86, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at his residence.

Paul Craven

Paul Franklin Craven, 91, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Universal Health Care in Ramseur.

James Parrish

James Goley Parrish, 86, of Franklinville, died Sunday, January 10, 2021 at his residence.

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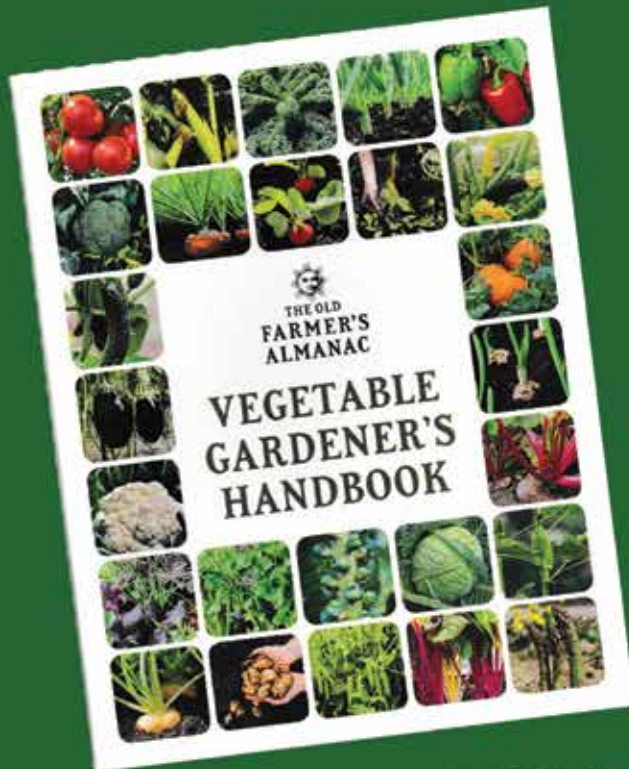
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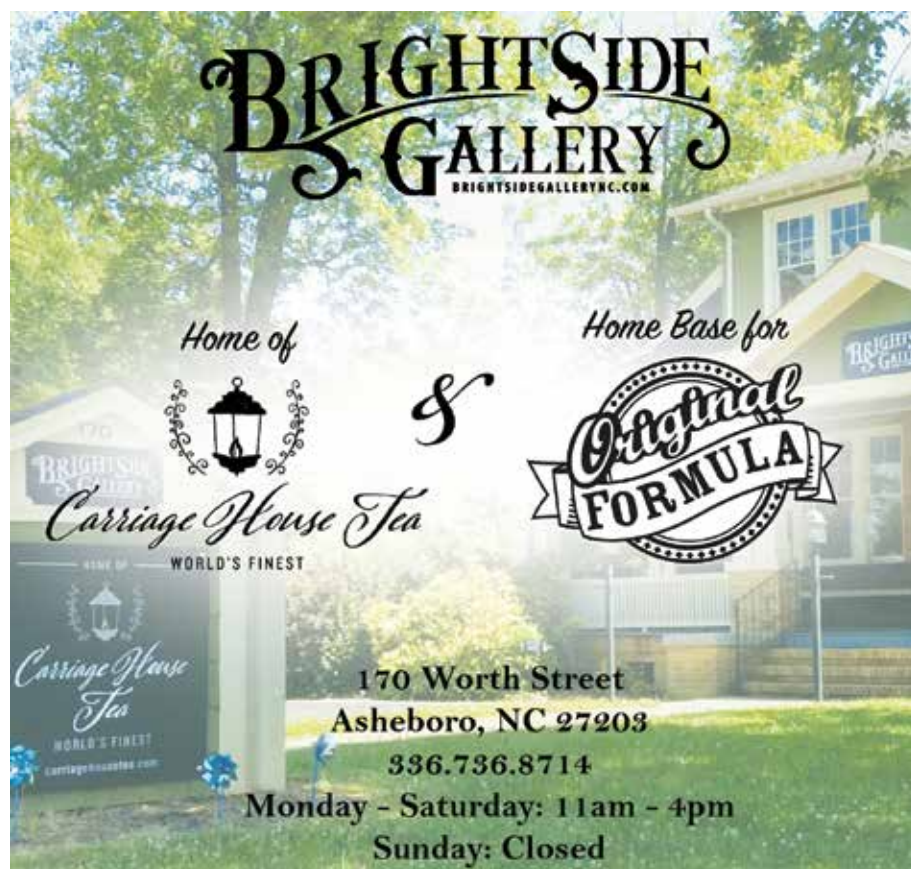
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