

the **Randolph Bulletin**

The End of an Era: Mid Towne Barber and Styling

By WT Cox

I have heard it said that “sooner or later all things come to an end”. The older I get, the more this seems to be true. The “old way” of doing things gives way to new, more modern inventions. Even gas vehicles are being replaced by electric ones that may or may not be more efficient. Change is part of life, be it good or bad. I for one, don’t like change. My wife tells me that I “live in the past”. Well, I guess that is true. I grew up in the 60’s and 70’s and still listen to the music from that era. Back in my college days, I wore my hair down to my shoulders, but since I settled down with job and family, I have basically kept my hair the same.... Well, not exactly the same, given it is now grey instead of brown and thinning quite a bit on top. But my hair dresser has been the same person for almost 40 years. My barber was Scott Caudle.

Scott and his partner Tommy Waugh operated Mid-Towne Barber & Styling at 309 White Oak Street in Asheboro for 33 years. They have been in business for what seems like forever, but decided to

close their shop just before Christmas. Between Tommy and Scott, they had over 100 years of cutting and styling hair experience, so I guess it was time for them to retire. I will certainly miss the time spent in their shop and dread the thought of finding a new barber.

Scott and I both graduated from Eastern Randolph High School. I graduated in ’72 and Scott in ’74, but we have many of the same friends. I remember Scott having hair way down below his shoulders during those years and I would remind him of that while he was cutting my hair. He would say that he was just thankful for the little hair he had remaining.



Scott Caudle (Right) and Tommy Waugh (Left) outside of their shop.

Scott and Tommy grew up in the Bethany Church Community near Millboro in Randolph County. Tommy Waugh graduated from Greys Chapel High School in 1968 and then went to barber school. His first job was sweeping floors and helping out in Tommy Johnson’s

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1/9/23	Relay For Life of the Triad 2023 Kick Off	6:00pm	108 Park Dr. Archdale
1/14/23	Ricky Skaggs at The Liberty Showcase Theater	8:00pm	101 S Fayetteville St, Liberty
1/19/23	Chinese New Year at the Library	6:30pm	201 Worth St. Asheboro

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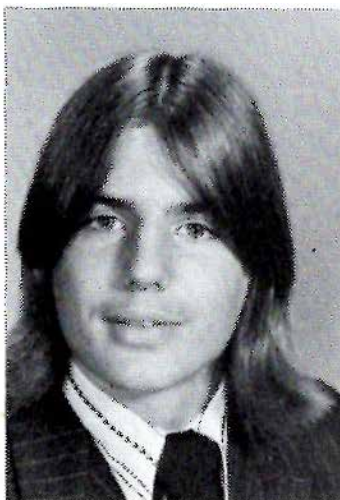
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barber shop when he was just 12 years old. From that early beginning, Tommy knew he wanted to be a hair stylist. It was Tommy's encouragement that led Scott to barber school back in 1977. Both friends ended up working for Professional Styling in Asheboro until they decided to go out on their own. In 1989 they purchased the property at 309 White Oak Street. They already had a following of customers from their time at Professional Styling and wanted to be more independent. Now, after 33 years in the same building, they decided it was time to quit. Being able to spend time with their grandchildren and finally do the many projects around home that had been put off for years were reasons for their decision.

I am happy for Tommy and Scott at being able to retire from a business they loved after so many years, but at the same time I am sad to see them close. Mid Towne was not your typical barber shop. They catered to both men and women. When you think of a "barber shop", some typical traits come to mind. Most are places where politics or other topics are discussed, and your barber sometimes knew more about you than most friends. Mid Towne was different. When you walked in, classic '70's rock was usually playing on the radio and you were greeted with a very professional attitude. Both Scott and Tommy kept to a strict appointment schedule and you were assured to be out in a reasonable amount of time. In all the years that Scott has cut my hair, I don't even know his politics. It never came up. Sure, some comments were made during election time or during



Scott Caudle in 73' yearbook photo.

national events... but politics or religion were something not usually discussed. People always talk to their hair stylist or barber, but our conversations were almost always about friends we grew up with, or our children or grandchildren.

Fishing was also a topic of conversation. Scott is an avid fisherman and took a trip to the NC Outer Banks every year. A professional hair cut without all the drama.... That is what you could expect to get at Mid Towne Barber and Styling. I will miss them.

Just for the record, while Mid Towne will no longer be in business, the shop has been rented to new occupants who plan to open a barber shop there in the near future. We wish them well.



Cook's Corner

Salsa Crockpot Chicken

This Crockpot Salsa Chicken is an easy way to get dinner on the table, even when you don't have time to cook!



Ingredients:

2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts

1 cup salsa

1 cup petite diced tomatoes

2 Tbsp taco seasoning

1 cup onion, chopped

½ cup celery, diced

½ cup carrots, shredded

3 Tbsp sour cream

Place chicken in the crockpot. Sprinkle the taco seasoning over the chicken. Layer vegetables and salsa on top. Pour ½ cup water over mixture. Set on low and cook 6-8 hours. When ready to serve, break up with a fork and stir in the sour cream.

Do you like to cook? Do you like sharing your recipes with others?

Submit your recipes via email to info@randolphbulletin.com. We will share as many as we can each month. So send them in, and remember to include your name!

What does AULD LANG SYNE Mean?

By Brandon Specktor, Reader's Digest

Historians call it “the song that nobody knows.” And yet we’ve all tried to sing it on New Year’s Eve.

There are scores of traditional Christmas songs, but New Year’s really just has the one—and we’re willing to bet you don’t even know what it means. (We certainly didn’t!) Belting out “Auld Lang Syne” while watching the ball drop is a cherished New Year’s tradition. Yet most of us join in without knowing what “auld lang syne” means, what language it is or even what it has to do with New Year’s. We’ll fill you in so you can use the saying in your New Year’s captions with confidence.

“Auld lang syne” is the title and key phrase of a 1788 Scottish poem by Robert “Rabbie” Burns, typically sung on New Year’s Eve around the world. The phrase “auld lang syne,” which literally translates to “old long since,” basically means “days gone by” in the Scots language. Or, as Merriam-Webster explains the auld lang syne meaning, “the good old times.”

If the “auld lang syne” meaning has to do with remembering days gone by, the song must reminisce about the good ol’ days, right? Sort of. It’s a bit boozier than that.

The original five-verse version of the poem essentially gets people singing “let’s drink to days gone by,” an appropriate toast for the New Year. That’s right: Sometimes deemed by music historians to be the most famous “song that nobody knows,” “Auld Lang Syne” is a piece of the long oral tradition of getting drunk and belting out a tune.

The nostalgic phrase “auld lang syne” appeared in Scottish song as early as 1588, but it was poet hero Burns who gave us the version we prefer to butcher every Dec. 31, perhaps with our mouths stuffed with lucky New Year’s foods.

When Burns turned in the manuscript of “Auld Lang Sine” in 1788, he was quick to cite the Scottish oral tradition as his muse. “The following song, an old song, of the olden times,” he’s said to have remarked, “has never been in print, nor even in manuscript until I took it down from an old man.”

Burns embellished the old ballad with a few verses of his own, mostly adding lines about drinking, like “we’ll take a cup of kindness yet” and “we’ll take a right good-will draught.” The ballad quickly became a standard for the Scottish New Year celebration of Hogmanay.

As Scots immigrated around the world, they took the song with them. Eventually, North American English speakers translated Burns’s dialect into the common lyrics we know today, made famous in part by Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians band. The group performed the song on New Year’s Eve



Robert “Rabbie” Burns

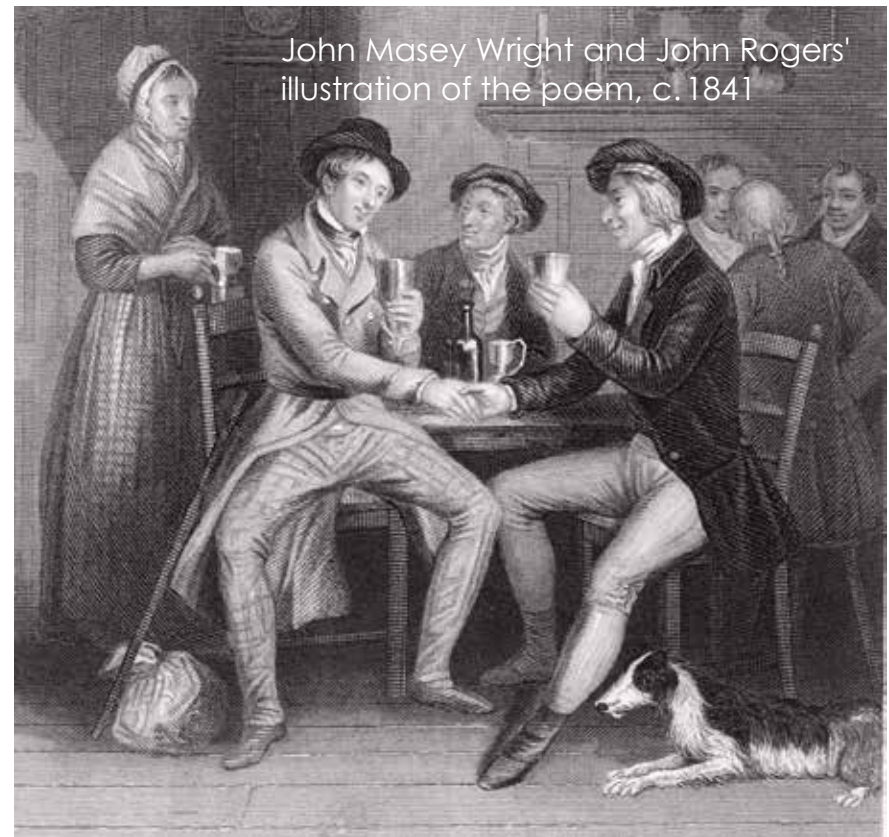
from 1929 until about 1977. It's this version that plays every year after the ball drops in Times Square. This year, when you refill your glass with a twinkle of nostalgia in your eye, know that you're doing exactly what Robbie Burns would have wanted.

Romantic comedy enthusiasts also know the meaning of "Auld Lang Syne" is a topic of conversation in the hit flick *When Harry Met Sally*. Harry, baffled about the song's meaning, says, "My whole life, I don't know what this song means. I mean, 'Should old acquaintance be forgot.' Does that mean that we should forget old acquaintances? Or does it mean that if we happened to forget them, we should

remember them, which is not possible because we already forgot 'em?" Sally replies, "Well, maybe it just means that ... we should remember that we forgot them, or something. Anyway, it's about old friends."

Here are the English lyrics to all five verses of Burns's "Auld Lang Syne."

Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?



Revellers link arms as they sing a chorus of Auld Lang Syne to welcome in the New Year.

Should old acquaintance be forgot, and old lang syne?

CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne, We'll take a cup of kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And surely you'll buy your pint cup! And surely I'll buy mine!
And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We two have run about the slopes, And picked the daisies fine;
But we've wandered many a weary foot, Since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We two have paddled in the stream, from morning sun till dine;
But seas between us broad have roared since auld lang syne.

CHORUS

And there's a hand my trusty friend! And give me a hand o' thine!
And we'll take a right good-will draught, For auld lang syne.



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At the Asheboro Library!

High Point University Professor to discuss Chinese New Year

Traditions and customs of Chinese New year will be the focus of a talk by Dr. Daliang Wang, Chair of World Languages and professor of Chinese at High Point University on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm at the Asheboro Public Library (201 Worth Street). The most important Chinese holiday, the celebration marks the arrival of spring on the Chinese calendar. It's celebrated in Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, and the US as well as in China.

Winter Reading for Adults

The Randleman (142 W. Academy Street, Randleman) and Ramseur (1512 S. Main St., Ramseur) libraries are offering adult winter reading programs. In Randleman's, turn in a date due receipt for books you have read between January 1 and March 31. Each book read earns an entry into a drawing for one of four \$50 cash gift cards. The last day to turn in slips is April 7. In Ramseur's Adult Reading Challenge, submit a bookmark for each book read in January to be eligible for prizes.

Free Technology Classes at Asheboro Library

In "Email Essentials," learn the basics of email in an easy-to-follow, one-hour workshop, and create an email account at the end of the class. Tuesday, January 10th at 3pm and Monday, January 23rd at 10:30am.

In "Becoming more Tach Savvy," explore the most common technology topics, including the anatomy of a computer, email, WiFi, Internet and topics requested by participants. Friday, January 13th at 11am and Friday, January 27th at 2pm.

From Worth Farm to City Center Garden: The 'Lawn' of Asheboro

The history and genealogy of the Jonathan Worth farm in the middle of old Asheboro—soon to become the David and Pauline Harrell Center City Garden arboretum—is the topic of a talk by Library Director Ross Holt at 6:30pm on Monday, January 23rd at the Asheboro Library. Jonathan Worth, who would become Asheboro's leading citizen and serve as NC governor, was 24 when he purchased the 12 acres now bounded by Worth, Main, Academy, and Cox streets.

The area, which remained undeveloped for much of the 19th century, would involve two other prominent Randolph County families—the Moffits and the Walkers—before being acquired by Acme-McCrary Hosiery Mills founder D.B. "Doc" McCrary and his family in the 20th century.

Holt sifted through newspaper accounts, deeds and other records to uncover fascinating details about the property and surprising connections among the people associated with it. Owners of various parts of the site—including five Asheboro mayors—have represented each era of the city's development, from an agrarian economy through industrialization and modern manufacturing.



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Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

Keep skunks, bankers, and politicians at a distance.

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

Words that soak into your ears are
whispered, not yelled.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

If you don't take the time to do it right,
you'll find the time to do it twice.

Don't corner something that is meaner
than you.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he
is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a
grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get
dirty.

Don't be banging your shin on a stool
that's not in the way.

Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen
anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first
thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes
you get got.

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever
have to deal with watches you from
the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from
experience, and most of that comes
from bad judgment.

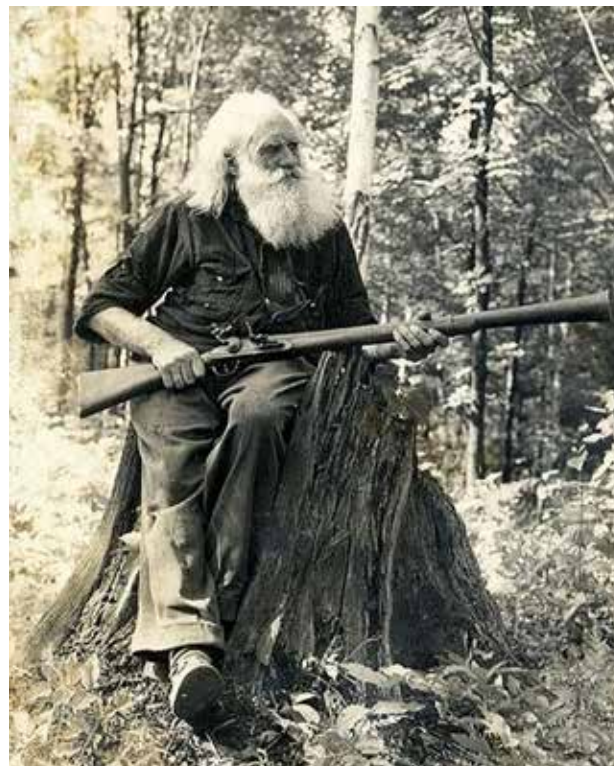
Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole
lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of
some influence, try orderin' somebody
else's dog around.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when
you get older and think back, you'll
enjoy it a second time.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the
rest to God.

Most times, it just gets down to common sense.





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THAT SKEETER DOUGLAS

By, Mary Murkin

I can remember hearing all the stories about my father's childhood best friend—Skeeter Douglas. However, for all of my growing up life I only knew him as "That Skeeter Douglas" because that is what my mother always called him when she said his name. When I was little, I didn't know that "That" was not his first name. Of course, I now know that my mother's use of the word "That" in front of Skeeter's name was implying a rather disgruntled feeling toward him—which later became a kind, reminiscent feeling toward him.

Folks loved Skeeter—albeit, he could be completely exasperating. It was made clear to me that knowing Skeeter back then was never a dull moment! You never knew from one day to the next what kind of a scheme Skeeter was going to come up with to wrangle you into.

My father told me that he and Skeeter grew up on Booger Hill Road in Danielsville, GA during a simpler time. He used to tell me that their families had to collect the rainwater run-off from their roofs in big barrels in order to have water for doing their laundry. Their



just before they got to Old Man Carson's house (Mr. Carson was the owner of the only hardware store in town). My father followed suit. Skeeter crawled around to the side of the Carson home where their outhouse was located. He listened closely at the west wall of the outhouse and was able to conclude that no one was in there at that moment.

Skeeter crept around to the front of the little building, he opened the door just a little and slid into the opening. My father was right behind him. Skeeter was brilliant. Probably too smart for his own good. Probably bored. Therefore, things like this were bound to happen.

Skeeter tied the dynamite wick to the long piece of twine. Then he cautiously placed the dynamite into the round opening in the bench seat and began to lower that stick of dynamite down into the hole—being very careful to keep it just above the surface of what was down there. He and my father slid out of the door and while staying crouched down, started to unwind the length of twine. Then they went outside of the fence that was around the Carson's yard. Skeeter looked at my father and nodded. My father grinned, lit the first match and held it to the end of the twine. The fire started to run along that twine, across the dirt yard, around that partially opened outhouse door, up to the bench seat and straight down into the hole. Skeeter and my father held their ears as they watched for the next few seconds as the "you-know-what" flew up and out of

Mamas used to run all of their laundry through hand-cranked washing machines and hand-cranked rollers to squeeze out the excess water before hanging the pieces of laundry out to dry on the clotheslines in their back yards. It was a time of using outhouses, drawing buckets of well-water up from the ground to drink, planting gardens and hunting in order to have plenty of food for the winter months.

It was also a time when the kids in the family were sent outside to bring in armloads of split logs to fuel up the heat stove and the cook stove. As the kids got older, their jobs would also include splitting the logs on the stump by the woodpile.

Whenever my father and Skeeter had their chores caught up, Skeeter had a keen mind for thinking up really outlandish things for them to do. I'm pretty sure that Skeeter never once thought better of putting into action whatever scheme his brain cooked up in the blink of an eye.

There was the time that Skeeter showed up at my father's house with a stick of dynamite, a length of twine and a couple of matches. Now, I don't even want to mislead you into thinking that my father ever tried to talk Skeeter out of his schemes. Instead, he would usually just grin and head off down the road to wherever the schemes would take them.

So there they went with that stick of dynamite, that length of twine and those matches. Skeeter dropped to his knees and started to crawl along the ground

"So there they went with that stick of dynamite, that length of twine and those matches."





every opening with a force like you've never seen! They ran off as soon as the ka-boom was done echoing in the air and within seconds everyone could hear Old Man Carson coming out of his house hollering and cursing at the top of his lungs.

Everyone in the area knew this had to be the work of Skeeter Douglas, but being there were no eye witnesses, no charges were filed.

One time Skeeter's sister's boyfriend, Tommy O'Brien, got locked up in the little Danielsville city jail. He was not a hardened criminal, he just got in trouble for punching Mayor Hockett's son at school and the chief of police said this would teach him to have a little more sense to not do that sort of thing the next time.

Skeeter immediately took this as a challenge to try to free Tommy before the night was over. It was a little while after suppertime when there was a quick knock on our back door. My father answered the door and saw Skeeter standing their with his hands on his hips telling my father to "C'mon! There's work to be done!"

My father stepped out, pulled the back door shut and caught up with Skeeter, who was heading out to the road where he had parked his Dad's old tractor. Skeeter announced to my father that they were going to take a little ride into town. My father could only imagine what this was going to involve, but he hopped onto the back of the tractor, stood on the frame and held onto Skeeter's shoulders as they rambled down the road into town.

Once they were inside of the town limits, Skeeter drove straight to the city jail and backed that tractor up to the

window bars of the only jail cell the little town hall had. He jumped down from the tractor, followed quickly by my father. Skeeter unhooked the 12 foot long piece of towing chain that was kept under the seat of the tractor.

Skeeter called in the window to Tommy and told him to stand back for a minute. Skeeter hooked one end of that tow chain to the jail cell window and the other end to the tow hook under the seat of the tractor. My father stood back with a ridiculous grin on his lips as Skeeter hopped on that tractor and slowly pressed down on the accelerator. This moved the tractor forward and very smoothly and quietly yanked those bars right out of the window frame.

Tommy climbed out of that window, and then he and my father both stood up on the frame of that tractor and held onto Skeeter's shoulders as he drove each one of them home before heading home to put his Dad's tractor away.

The next few years passed quickly and all of these boys graduated from high school.

That very night, after the graduation ceremony was over, Skeeter talked my father and Tommy into an helping him with one of his larger-than-life ideas. Skeeter said he'd been planning this one for a few months.

Skeeter had the boys help him push Old Man Carson's Ford Model T to the center of town—right under the enormous oak tree. Using a hand-cranked winch, they were able to get that beautiful car hanging up in the middle of that tree.

The next morning, the chief of police went to the Douglas' house to have a heart to heart talk with Skeeter's parents. He told them that an eyewitness



had been able to tell him how Mr. Carson's car came to be hanging in the old oak tree in the center of town. He told the Douglasses that either Skeeter goes into the military or else he'd be arrested and prosecuted on a number of charges, which included arresting and prosecuting his accomplices.

Two days later, Skeeter was registered to go into the Navy. And two weeks after that, he was in boot camp at Naval Station Great Lakes up in Chicago, Illinois.

Skeeter chose to learn welding as his military trade. He liked the idea of welding on those amazing war ships. His first assignment was on the USS Oriskany—an Essex-class aircraft carrier. After a few years, he was assigned to the USS Lofburg—a mighty destroyer ship. His sailing and welding days were of great pride to Skeeter.

As time went on, my father eventually married “the prettiest girl in town”—that’s how he always referred to my mother, Elizabeth Carson. He then became the manager and soon after the owner of Mr. Carson’s Hardware Store in Danielsville.

It turns out that it was my mother who had seen the boys take her father’s car from their house that one summer night years ago. The only person she told back then was the chief of police—not even her own father. She is who saved all of those boys from doing prison time.

Skeeter was flourishing in the navy and year after year received many honors and promotions. He eventually rose to the rank of Captain and by then was the director of the welding training program for the entire United States Navy—living in the Great Lakes area in Chicago. He remained in this position until his retirement from the Navy at the age of 58 with 40 years of service and many honors.



USS Lofberg leading other destroyers of Desron 7, circa 1960.

As time would have it, over the years Skeeter would come home for leave every chance he got. He courted and married none other than Mayor Hockett's oldest daughter, Pauline. She loved living in Chicago and she and Skeeter had three wonderful sons who all followed in their father's footsteps. Not the wild footsteps, the Navy footsteps.

My folks had four children and we all loved hearing the unbelievable stories about how our father and "Uncle" Skeeter spent their childhood years in our sweet little hometown many, many years ago.

I had the honor of speaking for my father at the funeral of Uncle Skeeter. I'm delighted to tell you that there wasn't a dry eye in the hall that day at Arlington National Cemetery—because of laughter, not crying. That's how we should all get to leave this world—carried off on notes of sweet laughter and fond stories.

Goodbye, Uncle Skeeter. We'll meet again!

(Author's note: Fictional story based on all TRUE events.)

Arlington National Cemetery





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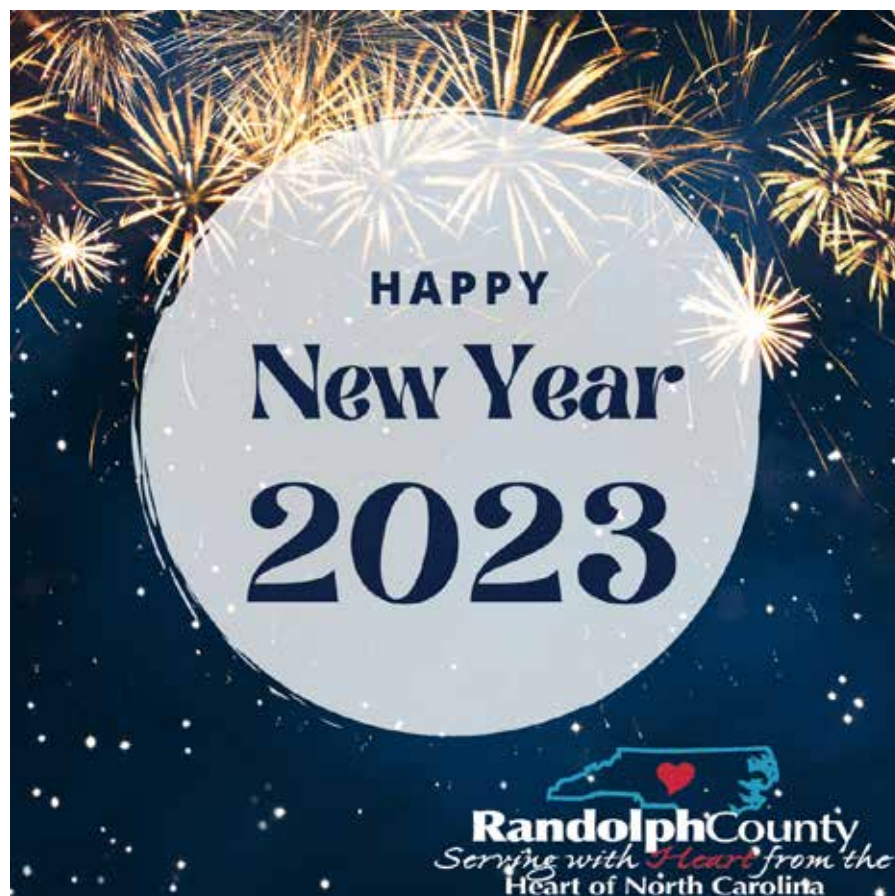
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We invite you to join us for our 2023 Relay For Life of the Triad Kick Off Meeting!

Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Archdale Senior Center - 108 Park Dr. Archdale, NC

**** Please note the meeting date change to the 2nd Monday of the month. ****
Our Committee Planning Meeting will follow.
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Christmas Parade Wrap-up!



Thank you to everyone that made the 4th Annual Christmas on Main Street a success. Thank you to all the vendors that came out and braved the Rain. Thank you to Ramseur Fire Dept and Police Dept for all you did for the parade. Thank you to Ramseur Public Works Department for helping with the barricades. Thank you to the ladies in Town Hall for taking phone calls and assisting. Big thank you to my team Sandra, Richard and Cherly. To all that showed up for the parade thank you. I have heard so many compliments. Thank you to Big Tim for being the Grand Marshall. Thanks to Santa for making time during your busy season to help us Celebrate Christmas. I truly hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay tuned our next festival is in April.

J.c. Parrish
Festival Director
Town of Ramseur Commissioner

Artist Spotlight



Darrell Williams

The town of Ramseur is featuring an artist each month in the conference room of the town hall. There will be a reception for the artist at each opening.

Darrell Williams is a former resident of Ramseur, who now resides in Asheboro. Though his interest in art goes back over fifty years, he only began exploring his artistic endeavors twenty-five years ago, with a figurative clay class in Greensboro.

Five years later, Darrell spent a week in a pastel painting workshop. Even today, his oil and acrylics retain some skills he learned. One of the paintings in his exhibits is a pastel piece he painted about a year after his workshop. Retirement in 2004 gave Williams more time to work on his art and explore new directions. One of which was oil painting.

When Darrell and his wife Linda moved to an active adult retirement community in Raleigh, he was delighted to find a pottery studio. Unlike his grandfather, William Murphy Williams, Darrell found he had no interest in wheel-work, and concentrated on hand building. This exhibit includes a full-size 3-D self portrait in clay. Also during this period Williams attended figurative sculpture classes in Raleigh using live models...some even nude.

After his last move to Asheboro, Darrell returned to hand building at Oakland Pottery. His latest exploration is Henry Bowers' Plean Air outdoor painting class. Darrell began with acrylics and now is working with oils in this manner. The exhibit will include air and studio paintings. What's next? Continue painting, improving skills, and maybe finding another figurative sculpture opportunity!



Our Strange Language

Lord Cromer

When the English tongue we speak,
Why is “break” not rhymed with “freak”?
Will you tell me why it’s true
We say “sew” but likewise “few”,
And the maker of a verse
Cannot rhyme his “horse” with “worse”?
“Beard” sounds not the same as “heard”,
“Cord” is different from “word”,
Cow is “cow”, but low is “low”,
“Shoe” is never rhymed with “foe”.
Think of “hose” and “dose” and “lose”,
And think of “goose” and yet of “choose”.
Think of “comb” and “tomb” and “bomb”,
“Doll” and “roll” and “home” and “some”.
And since “pay” is rhymed with “say”,
Why not “paid” with “said”, I pray?
We have “blood” and “food” and “good”,
“Mould” is not pronounced like “could”.
Wherefore “done” but “gone” and “lone”?
Is there any reason known?
And, in short, it seems to me
Sounds and letters disagree.



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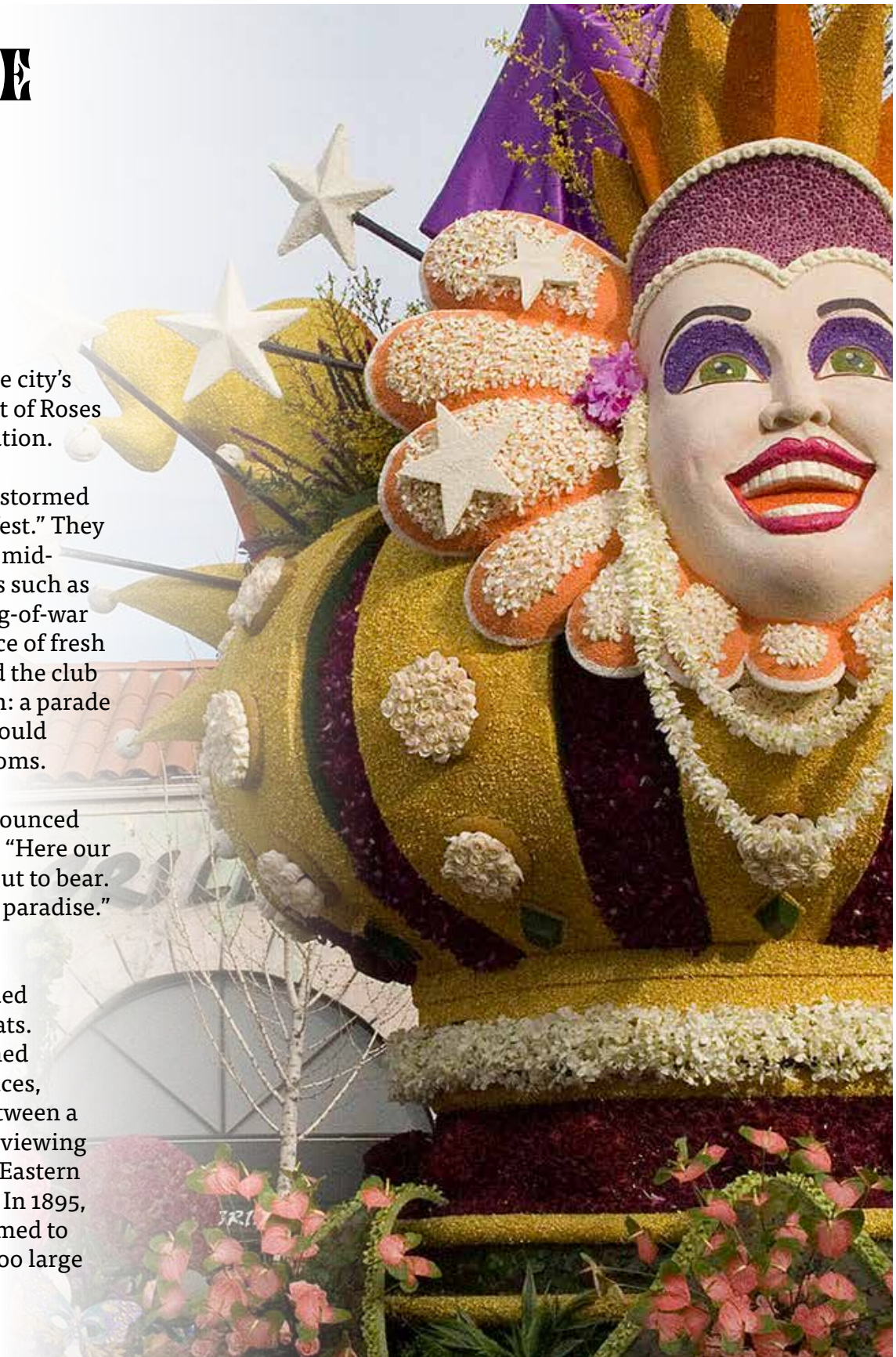
Courtesy of Pasadena Tournament of Roses Website

What began as a small effort by Pasadena's distinguished Valley Hunt Club to promote the city's charm and beautiful weather, the Tournament of Roses has since become America's New Year Celebration.

In the winter of 1890, the club members brainstormed ways to promote the "Mediterranean of the West." They invited their former East Coast neighbors to a mid-winter holiday, where they could watch games such as chariot races, jousting, foot races, polo and tug-of-war under the warm California sun. The abundance of fresh flowers, even in the midst of winter, prompted the club to add another showcase for Pasadena's charm: a parade to precede the competition, where entrants would decorate their carriages with hundreds of blooms.

"In New York, people are buried in snow," announced Professor Charles F. Holder at a Club meeting. "Here our flowers are blooming and our oranges are about to bear. Let's hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise." The Tournament of Roses was born.

During the next few years, the festival expanded to include marching bands and motorized floats. The games on the town lot (which was re-named Tournament Park in 1900) included ostrich races, bronco busting demonstrations and a race between a camel and an elephant (the elephant won). Reviewing stands were built along the Parade route, and Eastern newspapers began to take notice of the event. In 1895, the Tournament of Roses Association was formed to take charge of the festival, which had grown too large for the Valley Hunt Club to handle.





The Tournament of Roses has come a long way since its early days. The Rose Parade's elaborate floats now feature high-tech computerized animation and natural materials from around the world. Although a few floats are still built exclusively by volunteers from their sponsoring communities, most are built by professional float building companies and take nearly a year to construct. The year-long effort pays off on New Year's morning, when millions of viewers around the world enjoy the Rose Parade.

More than 80,000 hours of combined manpower is supplied by 935 volunteer members of the Tournament of Roses Association. Each volunteer is assigned to one of 31 committees, with responsibilities ranging from selecting parade participants to directing visitors on New Year's Day, to serving food to band members at the end of the parade route, to giving presentations about the Tournament to community groups. Nicknamed "White Suiters" because of the distinctive white uniform every volunteer wears, these community-spirited men and women give up their evenings, weekends and holidays to ensure the success of the Parade and Game. A small full-time staff provides support and continuity to the volunteer organization.

The first Tournament of Roses football game, which was

the first post-season football game in the nation, was staged at Tournament Park on January 1, 1902. The game matched the West Coast's Stanford against Midwestern Michigan. (The teams would later become members of today's Pac-12 and Big Ten conferences, respectively.) Michigan routed Stanford, 49-0, prompting the football contest to be replaced with Roman-style chariot races inspired by the literary classic Ben-Hur. Football was permanently reinstated as part of the Tournament's traditions in 1916.

The exclusive agreement among the Tournament of Roses Association, the Big Ten Conference and the Pac-12 Conference was born in 1946, and the first game played under the agreement took place on January 1, 1947. The pact is the oldest intercollegiate postseason bowl agreement between two major conferences in the United States.

This collegiate classic has been the occasion of many firsts. The Rose Bowl Game was the occasion of first local radio broadcast of an East-West bowl game in 1926, the first transcontinental radio broadcast of a sporting event in 1927, the first local telecast of a college football game in 1948, the first national telecast of a college football game in 1952 and the first coast-to-coast color telecast of a collegiate football game in 1962.

Why Do We Make New Year's Resolutions?



New Year's Day is the most popular time of the year for people to hit the proverbial "reset button." Some resolve to lose weight, while others hope to spend more time with family and friends. But what is it about the New Year that brings hope for such change and why do people make resolutions?

Dennis Buttimer, M.Ed., CEAP, RYT, a facilitator at Thomas F. Chapman Family Cancer Wellness at Piedmont, shares his thoughts.

"I think most people want a second chance to improve the quality of their lives," says Buttimer. "The New Year offers a blank slate — an opportunity to get things right. When we set New

Year's resolutions, we are utilizing a very important concept called self-efficacy, which means that by virtue of aspiring to a goal and following through on it, I have a sense of control over what's happening in my life."

Why are New Year's resolutions so hard to keep? When you set a resolution and begin to follow through on it, you trigger a very powerful "neuro-hormone" in the brain called dopamine. Dopamine helps control the brain's reward and pleasure centers and regulates emotional responses. Though dopamine levels are high as you set out to accomplish your resolution, they eventually drop. "If you don't have a structure in place to keep you motivated, the behavior you

are engaging in will tend to trail off," he says. Breaking a resolution can cause some people to doubt themselves and ultimately stop working toward their goals. "One of the biggest obstacles to success is self-criticism," Buttimer says. "You might think you need a good swift kick to motivate yourself. But it actually has the exact opposite effect. It doesn't fortify you at all."

So how can you keep your resolutions this year? Buttimer recommends the following



- Seek support from others. Ask your friends and family to cheer you on. Let them know your goals and what you would like to accomplish.
- Create a reward system for yourself. Set short-term goals and reward yourself for meeting them.
- Have compassion for yourself. No one is perfect. Instead of beating yourself up, take a deep breath and keep trying.

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PROPER PLANNING FOR GROWING TREE FRUITS AND BERRIES

By Annie Mills

Growing tree fruit and berries is a long-term relationship that takes some work and careful planning. Some fruits require more care than others and others are more reliable producers. Gardeners know that there are certain conditions under which plants thrive, but prioritizing a few basics for fruit production is especially important because it can take several years before tree fruit and berries even begin to bear fruit. In other words, the right conditions from the start and careful planning will increase your chances of getting a nutritious and edible product. Most of us would agree that is typically the goal when growing fruit! Several primary considerations when planning to grow fruit in your home landscape include: site selection, soil preparation, and variety selection.

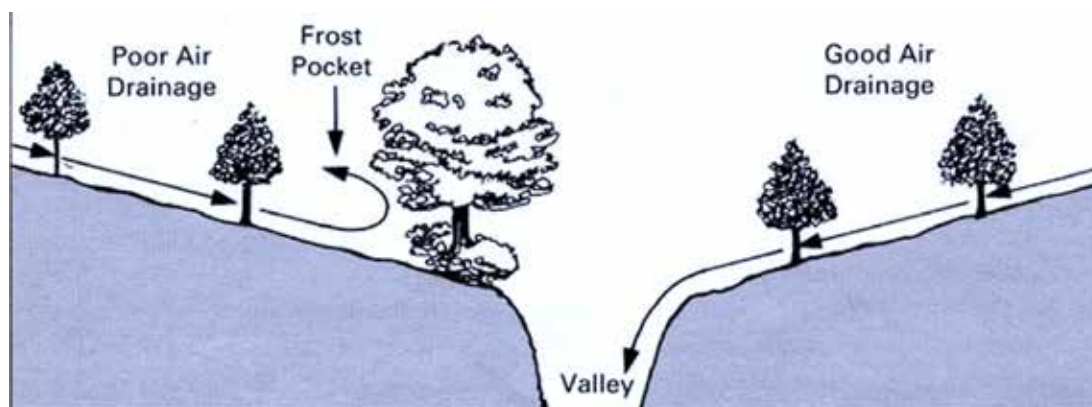
When selecting a site take a close look at the sun, soil and cold air drainage, soil pH, access to water, weed

population, and the available space. Just about all fruit need at least eight hours of sun. The soil pH in this area also tends to be too acidic for most fruits, so getting a soil test from our office will help you bring the pH up to the correct range for that particular plant by using lime. If you are growing blueberries however, you will likely need to lower the soil pH with sulfur. Adjusting the pH of the soil can take several months, or up to a year in some cases and this must be done well before planting! Frost and air drainage should be considered when choosing a growing site as well. Avoid planting in the coldest parts of the yard and frost pockets to avoid injury to your fruit as it is developing.

For the most part, the soil tends to drain less readily than most fruits prefer in Randolph County and soil that is too wet promotes an environment for root rot diseases. For example, peach trees

in standing water at any point in the season can die in as little as three days. An inexpensive and easy fix for this issue is to build up raised beds before planting. For fruit trees, mound up the soil 18-24" high and 4-8' wide to create your beds. Similarly, for berries, the site preparation should include creating raised beds 6-12" high and around 4' wide. 2-4" of compost should be incorporated into the top 6-10" of the bed and mixed in before planting. Typically, the higher you can mound the soil the better, since the beds will settle over time. Weeds and grass also should be eliminated from the beds well before planting to ensure that they do not compete with your crop as it is getting established.

The beds should be in close proximity to a water source, or set up with drip irrigation system if you are planting at any type of scale. Regular watering is essential for high yields and fruits need



Avoid valleys and bottom land because these are areas where cold air will "pool." Wooded areas, buildings, and fences can cause cold air to pool as well resulting in spring frost damage.



This raised bed is perfect for planting most types of small fruit or tree fruit. Take note of the easy to maintain alleyways, weed free soil, and the general width of the planting area.

1" of water per week during the growing season. With some fruits, like apples, you will need more than one variety for pollination, so don't forget to plan your spacing with that in mind. Another common mistake can be not carefully considering the size of the plant at maturity. Lastly, select varieties that are adapted to this geographic region. This is particularly important for longer lived fruit, like tree fruit. In most cases, there are specific varieties of each type of fruit that have been researched and bred to be specifically suited to this particular climate. Sometimes the best varieties for our area take a little extra work and shopping around to find, but it will be worth it due to the long-term investment in expenses, time, labor!

Church Directory

Clear View Baptist Church

Dr. Bruce W. Dickerson
2723 Cedar Falls Road Franklinville, NC 27248
Sunday School - 10:00am
Morning Worship - 11:00am
Family Night - 6:00pm
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 7pm

Cornerstone Baptist Church

219 Pleasant Ridge Rd.
Franklinville, NC 27248
336-824-7077

Faith Baptist Church

(336) 824-4156
www.faithramseur.org
1382 Greenfield St, Ramseur, NC 27316
Sunday: 10 am Sunday School
11 am Morning Worship
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Wednesday: 7pm Adult Prayer & Youth Ministries

First Baptist Church

Pastor Wayne Dunn - (336) 824-8667
731 Liberty St. (P.O. Box 544)
Ramseur, NC 27316
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First Christian Church

Gary Arnett - (336) 824-4066
www.fccramseur.org
1381 Church St Ramseur, NC 27316
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Franklinville United Methodist Church

Jeff Martin
227 West Main St. Franklinville NC, 27248
Facebook: Franklinville-Rehobeth Umc Charge
Service Time: Sunday 11:00am

Grace Community Fellowship Baptist Church

Shaun Greene - (336) 824-2300
www.gcfbaptist.org
7500 US Hwy 64E Ramseur NC 27316
Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday Worship at 10:30am, Sunday Evening Service at 6:00pm, Wednesday Night Service at 7:00pm

Holly Springs Friends

Todd Brown - (336) 879-3136
www.hollyspring.org
2938 Holly Spring Rd Ramseur, NC 27316
Sundays: 9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Morning Worship

Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church

Chris Smith - (336) 824-2252
1511 Main St. Ramseur NC 27316
www.jordanmemorial.org
Service Time: Sunday 11:00am

Lakeside Park Church of God

153 Lakeside Park Rd
Franklinville, NC 27248

Maple Springs Community Church

Ed Carter - (336) 953-2435
6231 NC Hwy 22/42 Ramseur, NC 27316
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Worship Service at 11:00am
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m

McCrary Chapel United Methodist Church

Montez Allen - (336) 824-3022
327 NC 49 Ramseur NC, 27316
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Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm, Youth Bible Study: 7:00pm

Pleasant Ridge Christian Church

Mark Beane - (336) 824-2046
Facebook: Pleasant Ridge Church
1426 Pleasant Ridge Road
Ramseur, NC 27316
Worship Service 11:00

Ramseur Wesleyan Church

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Wednesday night Adult Bible Study: 7pm
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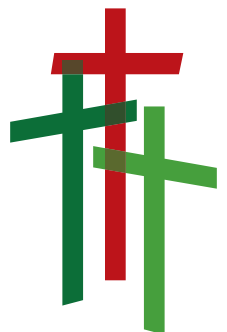
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OBITUARIES

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We at the Randolph Bulletin send out our thoughts and prayers to the families who recently lost loved ones.

Paul Douglas Glenn, 60, passed away peacefully on Friday afternoon, November 25th, 2022 at High Point Regional Hospital.

Craig Thomas Allard, 67 of Asheboro passed away peacefully at the Randolph Hospice House on November 25, 2022.

Wilbern "Bill" Ray Browder, 91, of Asheboro, passed away Friday, November 25, 2022 at Randolph Health in Asheboro.

Mr. Michael Gene Holt of Asheboro passed away unexpectedly Saturday, November 26th, 2022.

James Kermit Cox, age 85, of Asheboro passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022 at his home.

Rebecca (Becky) Newsome, age 78 of Randleman, passed on Monday November 28, 2022 at the Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

James Robert Lawson, 69, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at his home.

Barbara Jean Turner Culver, age 72, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at the Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Margie Jewel Seawell, age 90, of New London, NC passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, December 1, 2022. Edward "Ed" Lynn Brooks, passed away Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Randolph Hospice House.

Christopher Dale Hicks, 38, of Randleman, passed away on December 11, 2022.

John Lee Edwards, 64, of Asheboro, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2022, at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Curtis Cannon Farlow, 86, of Sophia passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at the Hospice Home at High Point.

Richard Jackson Parks, 98, of Staley, passed away Friday, December 23, 2022 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Rebecca "Becky" Heilig Kidd 82, of Liberty passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at TerraBella of Asheboro.

Verlie Jackson Caviness, 102, of Ramseur, died Sunday, December 25, 2022 at his residence.

Clara "Tip" Brower Nance, age 93, of Asheboro passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

Darrell Brent Lewis, 83, passed peacefully Friday, Dec. 24, 2022, at his home, Asheboro.

Cloie Michelle Wilkins, 30, of Asheboro, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Emily Kathleen Chriscoe Whatley of Asheboro, North Carolina passed away on December 29, 2022.

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