

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	ALMANAC
					Yesterday's High 78 Yesterday's Low 62 Record High 87 in 1986 Record Low 22 in 1964
Few Showers	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	SUN & MOON
Precip Chance: 65%	Precip Chance: 5%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 0%	Sunrise 7:02 a.m. Sunset 7:37 p.m.
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Community event set for Easter Sunday

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Fair Promise AME Zion Church and the Lee County Sheriff's Office are partnering for a celebration of Easter on Sunday.

"It's just an innovative and safe way to bring the community together as we celebrate Easter," Pastor Joseph Robbins said.

On the Rise: Easter in the Peace & Unity Garden begins

at 8:30 a.m. in the community garden, Robbins said.

"I think it will be a great event, to feel the fresh air and get outside," he said.

The agenda includes an Easter sermon, singing and special treats for the children.

The Sheriff's Office is sponsoring the meal of fish and grits, according to Sgt. Jynn Bridges.

With the help of donations from the Broadway United

Methodist Church, Bridges said, she was able to prepare 180 bags of goodies for the children.

Another 75 bags will be available to fill with water bottles, Frisbees or "whatever they want to do," Bridges said.

The bags are meant to take the place of a traditional Easter egg hunt, which isn't possible given the COVID-19 restrictions, she said.

"We're grateful to the Lee County Sheriff's Office," Robbins said.

COVID-19 safety practices will be in effect, he said.

Those attending should bring lawn chairs for seating and social distancing will be practiced.

"And please, please wear a mask," Robbins said.

Those wanting to remain in vehicles can listen to the service by tuning radios to 90.9

FM. The service will be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page, Robbins said.

The Peace and Unity Community Garden is in the Hudson Avenue Cul-de-Sac off Washington Avenue.

"This is a way for us to come together," Robbins said. "Because of the Resurrection, we can rise as a community and be stronger together."

2 charged with killing Quick

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Two men have been charged in the murder of Raekwon Devante Quick, according to a Lee County Sheriff's Office release.

Quintavius Kentrell Lee, 19, and Daquan Antonio McCutchen, 26, both of 227 McIver St., Sanford, were arrested Wednesday afternoon, the release said.

Quick, 25, of 658 Love Church Road, Sanford, was driving on Broadway Road near Cozy Hollow Drive on the night of March 18 when he was shot multiple times by a passenger in his car, the release said.

A passing motorist spotted Quick's vehicle in a ditch the next day. Quick's body was found outside his vehicle, the release said.

Lee and McCutchen are being held without bail in the Lee County Jail.



Quintavius Lee



Daquan McCutchen

TOUTING THE TEMPLE



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Temple Theatre Technical Director John Wampler checks lighting settings as the theater prepares to welcome back larger audiences in person.

Theater hopes to fill more seats soon

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As coronavirus restrictions ease, the Temple Theatre hopes to fill more seats for its final show of the 2020-21 season.

The main stage is now open to 100 people after Gov. Roy Cooper eased mass gathering limits in an executive order Friday, said Associate Artistic Director Gavan Pamer. It's a welcome

change from the previous restriction, which limited audiences to 25 people, Pamer said.

"I think people are ready to get out and start coming back to the theater. We hope they're ready to come back to the theater," Pamer said. "People have become accustomed to staying at home now. So our big task is getting them to come back out and join society again."

Theaters must still follow COVID-19 safety guidelines, including seating people 6-feet apart and requiring face masks, but it's a step toward full reopening. Pamer said he and Producing Artistic Director Peggy Taphorn are hopeful the theater can return to a more traditional season of plays and musicals in the fall.

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Local governments updated on planning

New legislation means changes in local development ordinance

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The state's General Assembly has adopted updated planning and development regulations that must be used by cities and counties across the state.

Members of the Lee County commissioners, Sanford and Broadway town councils and planning boards for each of the three jurisdictions learned Tuesday what steps must be taken before July 1.

Charlotte lawyer Mac McCarley, who also serves as an assistant general counsel to the N.C. League of Municipalities went over the steps and how the changes will affect the Unified Development Ordinance that governs development and zoning regulations for the three entities.

The new law is in effect now, McCarley said, but governments have until the end of the fiscal year to adopt the changes. The delay is the result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Litter removal picks up, ushering in statewide sweep

Volunteers can participate in April event

BY THE SANFORD HERALD

SANFORD — State transportation officials and their partners have ramped up roadside litter removal and all people are encouraged to join the effort during an upcoming clean-up initiative.

N.C. Department of Transportation crews, contract

forces, Adopt-A-Highway and Sponsor-A-Highway groups and other volunteers have already collected nearly three million pounds of trash statewide this year.

N.C. Board of Transportation Division 8 Representative

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N.C. Board of Transportation Division 8 Representative Lisa Mathis and Division Engineer Brandon Jones pick up trash with a crew Tuesday along U.S. 421 Bypass in Sanford.

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