

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	ALMANAC
					Yesterday's High 53 Yesterday's Low 45 Record High 78 in 1953 Record Low 22 in 1967
Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 10%	Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 15%	Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20%	Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 10%	Mostly Cloudy Precip Chance: 20%	SUN & MOON Sunrise 7:19 a.m. Sunset 7:28 p.m.
55° 37°	60° 41°	63° 44°	67° 49°	69° 51°	First Full Last New 3/21 3/28 4/4 4/11

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Construction progresses on the second shell building in Central Carolina Enterprise Park on Friday.

Body found on Broadway Road

BY THE SANFORD HERALD

A body was found next to a vehicle in Broadway on Friday afternoon, according to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Someone called the sheriff's office and reported a vehicle in a ditch in the 2800 block of Broadway Road and someone lying next to it, a news release said.

The time of the call was not given.

The person, identified as Rae-kwon Devante Quick, 25, was dead at the scene, the release said.

The body was sent to the medical examiner's office to determine a cause of death, the release said.

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office at 919-775-5531.

CCCC trains new workforce

BY JASMINE GALLUP

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As new manufacturing companies come to Lee County, dozens of new jobs are becoming available every month, many of them in construction and production.

Central Carolina Community College has a pivotal role in preparing people for those jobs, according to Felicia Crittenden, director of Continuing Education and associate dean of Workforce Development & Continuing Education.

Over the past year, the college has seen a sharp increase in demand for construction workers, Crittenden said. Much of that is due to the construction of new manufacturing facilities and shell buildings in Central Carolina Enterprise Park, as well as other new commercial projects around the area.

"We have seen a huge increase, particularly in Lee and Chatham counties, with interest in construction

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Sanford man indicted on sex assault charges

BY THE SANFORD HERALD

A Sanford man was arrested Wednesday on sexual assault charges from an incident that occurred in 2020, according to the Sanford Police Department.

Leonard Stephan Stanley, 25, of 2747 Mallard Cove Road, is charged with second-degree forcible rape and second-degree forcible sex offense, according to Detective Capt. Bradley D. Upchurch.

Stanley was arrested after he was indicted by the Lee County grand jury, Upchurch said.

The alleged incident happened April 6, 2020, Upchurch said. The victim was known to Stanley, but Upchurch declined to give the nature of the relationship.

Stanley was arrested in Moore County, where his mother lives, and booked into the Moore County Detention Center.

Bail was set at \$500,000.



Leonard Stanley

Fundraiser canceled again; organizers look for support

BY MARK ROGERS

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An annual event that raises funds for a local organization to donate supplies and provide scholarships to schools and give books to children born in Sanford has been canceled for the second year in a row due to COVID-19, and organizers hope they can raise the funds to help complete the task.

Members of the Delta Rho chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Soci-

ety International have been helping the community since 1996 and have held the annual March "Beginning Life with Books" spelling bee for more than two decades. The project is the group's major fundraiser, according to Linda Truitt, the spelling bee registrar.

"We raise money to purchase a book to give to each newborn baby at Central Carolina Hospital," Truitt

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What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?

BY JAMIE BROWN

LEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Great strides have been made in the past few months in vaccinating our communities to protect against COVID-19, but there is still a lot of work to do. There are many people who need and want to be vaccinated.

As of Friday, the Lee County Health Department has administered over 20,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine — this includes individuals that live in Lee County and surrounding communities.

According to the N.C. Department

of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Dashboard (covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard), just under 13,000 Lee County residents are at least partially vaccinated against the virus.

The county has worked hard to ensure the fair and equitable access and distribution of COVID-19 vaccine in our community.

Recent data from NCDHHS indicates that while we still have some work to do, we are making strides in vaccinating historically marginalized and minority populations.

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Starting pay for police officers increased

BY NANCY MCCLEARY

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The starting pay for Sanford police officers is being boosted in an effort to hire the best candidates possible, City Manager Hal Hegwer said Friday.

"If we're going to recruit and retain (officers), we have to be willing to make the change. Our citizens deserve the best officers we can have," Hegwer said.

The Sanford City Council on Tuesday approved the move that will increase the annual starting salary from \$40,000 to \$47,000.

The adjustment was discussed during council's retreat in February, Hegwer said.

The move is needed because of a smaller pool of applicants locally and nationwide than in the past, according to Hegwer.

"We've looked at how we can become more competitive, he said. "We're trying to hire the most educated and professionally trained candidates."

After looking at entry-level salaries at area police departments, Hegwer sought to have Sanford's beginning pay hiked.

"In order to compete and hire the best, we have to pay more," Hegwer said.

A study of beginning pay at 10 area police departments found that Durham, at \$38,750, was the only municipality paying less.

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