

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	ALMANAC
					Yesterday's High ..... 84 Yesterday's Low ..... 49 Record High ..... 93 in 1967 Record Low ..... 33 in 1992
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	SUN & MOON
Precip Chance: 0%	Precip Chance: 15%	Precip Chance: 45%	Precip Chance: 40%	Precip Chance: 50%	Sunrise ..... 6:54 a.m. Sunset ..... 7:42 p.m.
85° 58°	81° 59°	77° 58°	76° 59°	74° 53°	New First Full Last 4/11 4/20 4/26 5/3

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## Caterpillar looks to fill 200 positions

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Caterpillar Inc.'s Sanford facility is looking to hire 200 people, company officials said Tuesday.

"We're attempting to fill various positions within the manufacturing facility," said Vic Baluis, the plant's operations manager.

The new jobs will add to the Sanford workforce that now totals about 1,600, Baluis said.

Areas of availability include logistics, assembly fabrications including welding, and quality department, according to Baluis.

The hirings are the result of customers' needs, he said.

"There are big jobs to be done worldwide," Baluis said, noting the global need for infrastructure including roads and utilities.

The company's Building Construction Products Division in Sanford came to Lee County more than 20 years ago and serves as a global source of skid steer, multi-terrain and

compact track loaders.

The facility is in Central Carolina Enterprise Park.

Starting pay for most of the jobs is \$15.50 per hour, Baluis said. Some positions may start at a higher wage, depending on the skill set and type of

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Lee County Commission Chairman Kirk Smith, left, presents a proclamation to Sanford Police Chief Ronnie Yarborough honoring his 50 years of service in law enforcement.

## Yarborough honored for 50-year police career

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Sanford police Chief Ronnie Yarborough was honored Monday by the Lee County commissioners for his longtime law enforcement service to the community.

The recognition came during a meeting of the county commissioners at the McSwain Extension building on Tramway Road.

Commission Chairman Kirk Smith read the resolution honoring Yarborough, noting that the chief

has spent 50 years in law enforcement, all of it with the Sanford Police Department.

Yarborough was hired as a uniformed patrol officer in 1971 and in June 1972, promoted to detective and assigned to the Detective

Division, the resolution said.

In 1974, Yarborough was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the newly formed Narcotics Divisions. In August 1975, he was

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## Traffic stop leads to arrest on outstanding warrants

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A Sanford man was jailed Monday night on warrants stemming from a February domestic assault.

Sanford police arrested Vernon Eugene Spinks, 50, on the outstanding warrants during a traffic stop.

The warrants were from a Feb. 2 incident that began as a call of an alleged domestic situation at a



Vernon Spinks

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## Lee County opioid overdoses on the rise

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Opioid overdoses in Lee County more than doubled last month, according to Greg Graves, an Emergency Medical Services supervisor and member of the Sanford opioid abuse epidemic commission.

The number of overdoses rose from 14 in February to 32 in March, with two deaths, he said. Graves added that overdoses will likely continue to rise, citing a recent 24-hour shift in which he saw four overdoses in a single day.

One reason for the uptick could be the recent release of \$1,400 federal stimulus checks,

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## Bill would designate Fridays of Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament a holiday

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WINSTON-SALEM — North Carolina residents could avoid calling in sick to work or staying home from school to watch one day of the men's and women's Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournaments under a bill filed Tuesday.

Democratic Sens. Sarah Crawford of Franklin County, Natalie Murdock of Durham County and DeAndrea Sal-

vador of Mecklenburg County co-authored the legislation, which would designate the Fridays of the men's and women's ACC Tournaments as a state holiday, adding to the 19 state holidays already on the North Carolina calendar.

"It's a way of life in North Carolina," Crawford said. "It's as important a tradition as barbecue and sweet tea, and it's time that we honor that tradition and celebrate these young athletes

who inspire the best in us."

There was a time that the state's collective attention was distracted from its routines to focus on the tournament, especially the schools known as The Big Four — North Carolina, N.C. State, Duke and Wake Forest. Transistor radios pressed up to ears instead of listening to teachers would transition to teachers bringing

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