

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	ALMANAC
					Yesterday's High ..... 81 Yesterday's Low ..... 65 Record High ..... 93 in 1960 Record Low ..... 41 in 1984
Few Showers	T-storms Likely	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	SUN & MOON
Precip Chance: 70%	Precip Chance: 75%	Precip Chance: 30%	Precip Chance: 10%	Precip Chance: 15%	Sunrise ..... 6:09 a.m. Sunset ..... 8:15 p.m.
80° 60°	71° 55°	74° 53°	79° 56°	86° 63°	Full 5/23 Last 5/30 New 6/6 First 6/14

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Local students work on the Habitat for Humanity project on Cobb Court in Sanford. The project was named a winner of Weyerhaeuser's 2024 Innovation Challenge, for efforts to recycle and repurpose wood scraps.

## Innovative techniques help Sanford Habit for Humanity earn award

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As the sounds of hammers and saw echoed around Cobb Court in East Sanford, partners working on Habitat for Humanity's latest project were beaming with pride.

Habitat for Humanity of the Sanford Area was recently named a winner of Weyerhaeuser's 2024 Innovation Challenge, which invited Habitat affiliates from across the country to submit their best ideas for using wood products to increase equitable access to affordable housing that promotes

sustainability and/or resiliency.

The Sanford Area affiliate's proposal was a "lean lumber" initiative to reuse and repurpose scrap lumber from construction sites for smaller building projects such as planters, mailboxes or doghouses, or for chipped products like mulch, animal bedding or landcover — eliminating waste that ends up in landfills.

"We got a grant from Weyerhaeuser to help keep wood out of the landfills and upcycle or recycle the wood that is left over during construction," Habitat Community Outreach Director

Kandice Pedley said. "A lot of wood piles up. So rather than throwing it in a dumpster and having it hauled off — which costs us money — we asked our students for creative ideas on how to use the wood and be able to implement some of these."

Students from Lee County High School and Southern Lee High School have been working at one of the newest build sites on Cobb Court and has been implementing the technique.

"This is a planter they made from

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## Vehicle chase leads to three arrests, gun, drug seizures

BY THE SANFORD HERALD

A Wednesday night vehicle chase left three people in jail on a slew of charges and lead to the seizure of drugs, cash and a firearm.

As Lee County Sheriff's Office Narcotic Agents attempted to stop a vehicle, a BMW 535 on Sheriff Watson Road, the driver of the vehicle did not stop and began to flee.



Randall Fore

According to Sheriff Brian Estes, the fleeing vehicle ran off the roadway into a wooded area. The driver of the vehicle later identified as Randall Lewis Fore, 33, was able to gain control of the vehicle and got back onto the roadway, almost hitting

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## Sanford man sentenced after high-speed chase

BY CALEB M. SOPTELEAN  
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A 30-year-old Sanford man was sentenced to one to two years in the North Carolina Department of Corrections on Monday.

Marquise Laurice Wilson was arrested Aug. 7 for eluding police on Aug. 3. He

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## The Tradition Lives On! with Regional Fair

BY THE SANFORD HERALD

With less than 115 days until the Lee Regional Fair, this year's planning committee has Chosen the theme for the 85th Lee Regional Fair.

"The Tradition Lives On" will be the theme this year", Preston Sellers, Lee Regional Fair manager, said.

"While the committee determines the theme, our designer incorporates an image representing the theme into the Fair logo" he continued. The Lee Region-

al fair logo has a circled 9/11 emblem with the wording "Never Forget" under the image of NYC's Twin Towers.

"Opening day is Sept. 11, Patriot Day, and we will hold a remembrance ceremony for those lost on 9/11", Preston said. "Our tradition to 'Never Forget', will be held during the Ribbon Cutting ceremony of the 2024 Fair."

Under the direction of Sanford Fire Chief Matthew Arnold, fairgoers, elected officials and volunteers will hear about the event and

the lives lost.

Since 1935, the County Fair has been a yearly tradition sponsored by the Sanford Lions Club. The Fair brings families and friends together through friendly competitions, agriculture displays, farm animals, various youth activities and of course, a thrilling midway all of which keeps this tradition the biggest event held yearly in the Lee County.

The Lee Regional Fair, The Tradition Lives On! will be held September 11-15.



### OBITUARIES

**SANFORD:** Maxine Jackson Auman, 98; James Wayne Baca, 78; Thomas Eugene Barrett, 85; Annie Jane McKoy Griffin, 95; Harold Jackson Eckliff, 59; Ronnie Paul Godfrey, 77; Rocky Lee Moore, 73

**LILLINGTON:** Beatrice P. Coats, 87  
**ROBBINS:** Gwendolyn Loretta Thomas-Gillis, 74  
**ROSWELL, Ga.:** William David Cox, 27,

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