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					Yesterday's High	91	Yesterday's Low	72
Scattered T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance T-storms	Record High	102 in 2001	Record Low	58 in 1994
Precip Chance: 50%	Precip Chance: 30%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 20%	Precip Chance: 35%	SUN & MOON			
92° 69°	91° 70°	95° 72°	94° 71°	92° 72°	Sunrise	6:31 a.m.	Sunset	8:10 p.m.
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Retirement home fire displaces seniors

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Residents of a retirement home will have to be relocated due to a fire Wednesday in one of the rooms of the facility.

The Sanford Fire Department responded to the call of a fire at 11:26 a.m. Wednesday at The Bayberry Inn, 2002 Woodland Ave. Sanford Fire Department Battalion Chief 2 Ronnie Page said they were able to respond to the fire quickly.

"It was a commercial structure fire," she said. "We encountered smoke inside room 8 and the fire

was isolated to that room." He said they were able to put the fire out in that room and the rest of the building did not receive any fire damage. Firefighters did set up fans to remove the smoke from the building.

No one was injured as a result of the fire and residents who live there said when they heard the fire alarm they knew what to do.

Cindy White, director of the retirement home, said they have 21 residents who live there and all got out of the building safely along with four staff members.

"All are accounted for," she

said. "We got everybody out without incident so it's all good."

Residents sat in chairs, stood and watched as the firefighters did their job.

"The firefighters were very nice," she said. "They provided water for everybody."

Tom McDonald, 76, who has lived there for a little over two years was getting ready to eat lunch when the fire alarm went off.

"I was about to change my clothes for lunch then all of the sudden I had to go," he said.



David Pollard/The Sanford Herald
A Sanford firefighter brings a large fan to The Bayberry Inn building to blow out the smoke in the building after putting out a fire there. Residents of the retirement community wait outside in the parking lot while firefighters wrap up their work.

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City buzzing over bees

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During Tuesday's Sanford City Council workshop, council members and city officials were all abuzz about bees.

Aside from the honey on their meeting tables, council members heard about Sanford's efforts to become a Bee City USA and the city's hives, located at the rear of the municipal complex, where thousands of the local pollinators are busy every day helping nature thrive in the city.

"As you've probably seen, we have the hives over there, probably since April," Sanford Parks Administrator Nick Fortune said. "We wanted to give you a rundown of it. There are two parts to it. We're also a Bee City USA and Liz Whitmore spearheads that."

Fortune said the city's horticulture department worked with local



Mark Rogers/The Sanford Herald
Bees busy pollinating and making honey at the city's hives, located behind the Sanford Municipal Complex.



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Sanford's bees have been hard at work since April.

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Victim of shooting in stable condition

BY DAVID POLLARD
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The victim of a shooting Tuesday afternoon is in stable condition as police continue to search for the person who pulled the trigger.

According to Sanford Police Maj. Vincent Frazer, the shooting victim has been identified as John Cecil McMillian Jr., 32, from Cameron. He sustained a gunshot wound to the back and was first taken to Central Carolina Hospital then life flighted to UNC Chapel Hill Hospital.

The shooting took place at 1:50 p.m. in the 300 block of Fields Drive. Police did an extensive search of the area to try and find the shooter, but were unsuccessful.

Frazer said the investigation is ongoing and they have not made any arrests but are following up on leads.

Meanwhile residents in that area, especially in Gilmore Terrace Apartments are concerned and want things to change.

Kevin Williams, 17, has lived in that area for about a year and wishes he could go back to where he used to live before moving there.

"It was better where I was," he said. "There was no shooting, no fighting. It was peaceful where I was at."

Mercedes Hall, 33, has lived there for about a year as well and believes there

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CCCC graduates celebrate big day

BY CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Central Carolina Community College celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2023 as the school observed its 62nd Commencement Exercises on Aug. 7 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic & Conference Center in Sanford.

CCCC President Dr. Lisa M. Chapman said in her summer graduation address: "Graduation represents the culmination of the efforts of all divisions of



CCCC photo by Neil McGowan
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County reorganizes Lee leadership team ahead of school year

BY JAMES ALVERSON
LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

With a new school year beginning and one longtime assistant superintendent retiring early this fall, Lee County Schools has reorganized its leadership team to continue providing effective services for the district's 17 schools.

"Several factors drove our decision to make changes in how staff cover all of the responsibilities we have as an organization," Interim Superintendent Dr. Chris Dossenbach said. "But with

Dr. Johnnye Waller retiring, this was an ideal time to reassess how we provide services. It's important for us to be effective and efficient with all of the resources we have."

As part of the central office reorganization, one assistant superintendent position was expanded, three new positions were created and several existing positions have been eliminated. New and expanded positions will begin on Oct. 2.

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BIRTHDAYS

Best wishes to everyone who celebrates birthdays today, especially Joe Blakely, Virginia Gillis and Garron Moss.

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Cindy White, left, director of The Bayberry Inn talks with her residents who are waiting outside in the parking lot while members of the Sanford Fire Department wrap up putting out a fire that started in one of the rooms in the building.

FIRE

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He praised the firefighters' efforts.

"They were here very quickly," he said. "I was impressed."

Cynthia Craig, 72, who has lived there for

six months was appreciative as well.

"They had a quick response," she said.

White said that at that time the residents would be moved to a nearby church to get out of the heat and accommodations would be made to house the residents at another location if need-

ed until the building can be reoccupied.

Page said the source of the fire is still under investigation. He added off-duty firefighters showed up to assist their fellow firefighters in their effort to put out the fire.

"A fireman's job is 24-7," he said.



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Currently, the bees are located in these hives. Sanford City Council members had the chance to sample honey produced by them on Tuesday.

BEEES

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beekeeper Jody Moore of the Rocky River Bee Farm to establish the hives.

"They (horticulture department) do the weekly maintenance and site selection," Fortune said. "The bees like to face a certain direction. The horticulture department built everything down there and they work with Jody weekly. We just want you to understand what we've got going out there."

Moore, who recently obtained his Master Beekeeper Certification, is one of only 10 people to hold that degeneration in North Carolina. His honey was also judged best honey in the region east of the Mississippi in a national competition.

"You're all probably curious about what is going on," Moore told council. "Each one of these hives is like its own city. They have one queen. When they go out to do their thing, the bees always come back to their hive. Some are more industrious than others, just like cities. You may see one that is growing and one that is kind of stagnant."

Moore said there were many things to watch for during each season.

"There are many things that they have to overcome," he said. "Things kind of wane and wax — they're in their own world. When I come out to do my checks there are certain things I watch for. When a hive is doing really well, there's a natural tendency to want to break in half and get

a new queen. I try to control that — take that new queen out until we get through the season."

Moore said a queen bee is only around or useful for 3-4 years and bees have an instinct which lets them know when they need a new queen.

"In the spring, I'm out here a lot to check," he said. "In the summer, there's what we call a summer dearth. If you look out and see that we've had rain and everything's green, but really there aren't a lot of blooms naturally for the bees to work."

Moore said in spring and fall, the bees are busy pollinating. They build up honey in the fall to survive the winter.

"The great things about honey is that it never goes bad," Moore said. "If I don't take it and they don't eat it this winter, we can always take it off in the spring."

This is the first year for the hives. Moore also said that five pounds of nectar will make one pound of honey. One bee makes 1/12 teaspoon of honey in its entire life.

Mayor Rebecca Wyhof Salmon asked about how many bees were in the hives.

"It changes," Moore said. "In the peak in spring, there are probably 50,000 to 60,000 in a box. In the winter, when there's nothing coming in, it may get down in the 20-30,000 range. Then they'll swing back in the spring. The national average is that 40% of the bee colonies die every year."

"It's such an important thing," Salmon said. "I think it's great that we can have these so people can understand the importance of pollina-

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are not enough activities for the youth to get involved in.

"They need to build something in the community to give them something to do," she said. "A lot of people can't afford the Boys and Girls Club."

Hall, Williams and others in the community said that despite the shooting incident that took place recently there is always a lot of "drama" going on in the neighborhood.

"There's always something going on over here," she said. "It's a mix of kids and adults."

Gilmore Terraces is made up of 70 duplex

and single family units.

Symertee Richardson, 74, has lived in Gilmore Terrace for two years and said she heard about the incident but stays to herself and believes that's best for her.

"I'm the type of person who stays to myself," she said. "I don't get into nobody's business. I may sit on my porch now and then. I was on my porch when I saw the police out there the other day and brought myself in the house."

Frazer said a motive behind the shooting has not been established.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting contact the Sanford Police Department at 919-775-8268.

SCHOOLS

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Stacie Eggers, formerly assistant superintendent for human resources, will become assistant superintendent for operations. In her expanded role, Eggers will continue to oversee human resources, but also will be responsible for additional, related activities. Those include finance, federal programs and auxiliary services — a broad area encompassing facilities and maintenance, transportation, child nutrition, safety and security, and athletics.

In her expanded role, Eggers will be assisted by Salvatore Cosimo, formerly assistant principal at B.T. Bullock Elementary, who has been named executive director of human resources, one of the three newly created positions.

Two other Lee County Schools staff members will move into newly created positions reporting to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction:

Dr. Lisa Duffey, formerly principal of J.R. Ingram Elementary, has been named Executive Director of Student Services.

Trysha Mazzola, formerly social worker at Southern Lee High School, has been named mental health coordinator and policy advisor.

Three positions have been eliminated with those responsibilities shifting to other positions: assistant superintendent of auxiliary/student services, student services coordinator and assistant director of exceptional children.

In addition to changes made as part of the central office reorganization, three existing positions have been filled.

Ricky Secor, formerly principal at Broadway Elementary, has been named director of federal programs.

David Blackmon, formerly assistant principal at J. Glenn Edwards Elementary, has been named safety and security coordinator.

Melissa Brewer, formerly assistant principal at W.B. Wicker Elementary, has been named principal at J.R. Ingram Elementary, succeeding Dr. Lisa Duffey, who is moving to the central office.

Recruitment and selection for currently open positions is already underway.

"The board fully supports the reorganization and we're all looking forward to a successful year ahead," Board of Education Chair Sherry Lynn Womack said. "We commend Dr. Dossenbach for his innovative, data-based decisions that will provide solid changes in the best interest of our schools, staff and students. We look forward to the future success of Lee County Schools."

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