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Opinion



North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein there is nothing more important than taking care of children. Page 4

'Move Over' penalties increase

County law enforcement, police pleased

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WILLIAMSTON - Possible penalties covered by North Carolina's Move Over Law are now stronger than before.

New legislation - known as the Officer Jason Quick Act - went into effect Dec. 1. "The Move Over Law is ex-

tremely important to all emergency services workers, as the time we are exposed to the potential of traffic is some of the most vulnerable moments," explained Williamston Police Chief Travis Cowan.

"It is comforting to know that lawmakers are paying attention to this important issue,"

Cowan added. "But what we really are looking for is the help from the motoring public."

Chief Michael Peaks with Williamston Fire-Rescue-EMS also appreciates the attention of lawmakers to this issue.

Peaks explained, "Unfortunately every year our profession has line of duty deaths

that are directly connected with working emergency scenes."

"The increase in penalties for the Move Over Law is an attempt to bring awareness to those who are trying to protect others," he added.

His plea to the public: "When approaching an active scene, slow down, and move over so you can go through at a speed

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Church&Faith



Pastor Jay Rivenbark says Christians should be thankful Jesus re-gifted himself to them. Page 5

2019: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

First quarter is mix of good, bad

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Headlines for stories both good and bad were abundant in the 2019 editions of the *Martin County Enterprise & Weekly Herald*.

Here's a look at the headlines that dominated news coverage in the opening quarter of the year:

Jan. 4: Clarence Biggs transitions from one role to another;

Jan. 4: Zachary Taylor is named Martin County Dispatcher of the Year;

Jan. 8: Hamilton commissioners table a request to lower the deposit for town electricity;

Jan. 11: The Williamston Wastewater Treatment Plant receives an "excellent" recognition from the N.C. American Water Works Association and the N.C. Water Environment Association;

Jan. 15: The Roanoke River is above flood stage;

Jan. 15: State Sen. Erica Smith is appointed to three committees: Appropriations/



The fire in this big rig caused the driver to flee his vehicle for safety in March of 2019.

Base Budget, Commerce and Insurance and Transportation;

Jan. 18: Hamilton Mayor Gil

Matthews says he has lost influence with the town's current board of commissioners;

Jan. 18: A group of local

citizens ban together to help 'Ziggy,' a local stray that is fe-

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Sports



Fourth & Long Columnist David Friedman gives his wish list for Christmas as a sports fan. Page 9

Quarter 2: Johnson, Staton memorials

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Growth, change and historic busts by law enforcement filled the headlines in 2019 editions of the *Martin County Enterprise & Weekly Herald*.

Here's a look at the headlines dominating news coverage in the second quarter of the year:

April 2: Governor's reward announced in 2018 murder of Tafari Griffin;

April 5: Marker approved to memorialize Judge Clifton Johnson;

April 9: The Message of Easter opens 40th season;

April 12: Martin County Board of Commissioners accept offer to purchase property and facility now home to Northeast Regional School of Biotechnology and Agri-science in Jamesville;



Jamesville's annual Herring Festival draws more than 5,000.

April 16: National Telecommunications Week celebrated;

April 23: Ground breaking held at Martin Community Col-

lege for Public Safety Training facility;

April 26: Jamesville's Herring Festival draws over 5,000;

April 26: Linwood "Linnie" Boyd leaves lasting legacy after his passing;

April 30: Census 2020 help sought by county leaders;

May 7: Martin Community College leader placed on leave;

May 7: Travis Davenport gets life without parole in first degree murder of Michael Griffin;

May 14: N.C. 125 Bypass Opens;

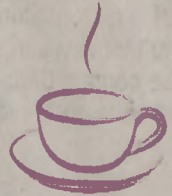
May 17: Robersonville Fire Department purchases Heavy Rescue Truck 577;

May 21: New Basic Law Enforcement Training Program director named at Martin Community College;

May 24: Specialist Robert Milton "Pop" Staton, MIA, to be honored on Memorial Day;

May 28: Proposed county

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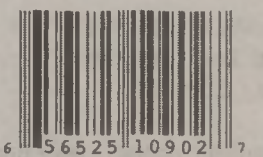


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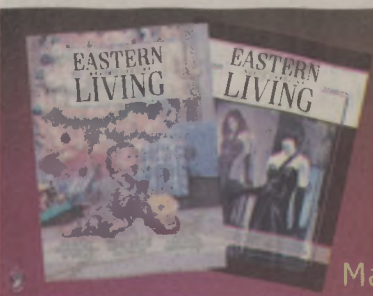
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