

Frightening reminder about life

Occasionally I have nightmares about tornados. In those dreams I see one coming towards me and feel helpless as I wait for it to hit. I had never actually experienced one, or even seen one, until Saturday. My sister, Tyson, and I were coming back home from town when the rain started. I heard something on my car radio about a tornado warning in Caswell County, but didn't think too much of it.

As we sat eating lunch in the kitchen the wind started picking up and Tyson and I mentioned to each other that we had just heard the warnings for neighboring counties. Then, a few minutes later, a big gust hit, the house shook a little and we heard a faint thump.

At this point we decided to relocate to the bathroom, where Tyson looked out of the window and said she saw the large oak tree in our backyard falling. At the time I thought she was referring to the large chunks of limbs blowing off the trees, because that's all I could see from where I was standing, but even that was enough to convince me this was no ordinary storm. We ducked down and moved closer to the middle of the house as the storm quickly passed. I still wasn't thinking "tornado" until Tyson said, "I think that was a tornado."

That statement was pretty much confirmed when I

opened the front door and saw the top half of the oak tree in the front yard rammed into the ground over by the side of the porch. The porch itself was missing two posts.

I didn't realize how blessed we were to be alive until I was able to walk around outside and survey the damage.

If the part of the tree in the front yard had not miraculously fallen or been blown to the side, and if the uprooted tree in the back had not fallen away from the house, we would have had a vastly different experience that afternoon. God had protected us when we barely

even knew to seek protection. It was a frightening reminder that this life is too fragile and too short to waste on ultimately meaningless pursuits, rather than fostering an ever-deepening relationship with God and helping others to do the same.

I have certainly seen God working in this community through the storm, through those who have helped us along with others, who experienced much more damage than we did.

It is amazing how quickly things are being cleaned up along the storm's path by the many people willing to lend a helping hand, and by those with power companies and emergency services, who have worked tirelessly and efficiently at their jobs.



Grey Pentecost

The Latest Agenda

MEETINGS

THE CHAMPION GROUP OF AA holds open meetings at noon on Tuesdays; Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Friday at noon and Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 422 N. Main St. in the "Gray House."

AA BACK ROOM GROUP meets Sundays at 6 p.m. at the Hurdle Mills Fire Department.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

SAFE HAVEN OF PERSON COUNTY SUPPORT GROUP meets on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 119 S. Main St. Discussion is led by trained counselors and Safe Haven staff.

ETC.

The Senior Center will have an **EASTER EGG HUNT** Thursday, April 21 at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Bring your own basket or bag so you can collect eggs. Come out and join the hunt ... and maybe spot the Easter Bunny as well.

An American Red Cross **BLOOD DRIVE** will be held Friday, April 22 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at Walmart, 1049 Durham Rd. Call Dale Eggert at 336-597-2927 for an appointment.

FUND-RAISERS

Brookside United Methodist Church will hold a **COMMUNITY DINNER** Tuesdays, April 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Eat-in or takeout available. Chef Norm's menu is sliced turkey breast, dressing with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, tea and homemade desserts. All donations go to support Relay for Life.

Traffic stop leads to drug charge

Roxboro police arrested Jeffrey Dean Scarborough, 32, of Bishopville, S.C. Friday on a pair of drug charges following a traffic stop on Durham Road.

Scarborough was reportedly a passenger in the vehicle that was stopped by police.

During a subsequent search of the vehicle and its occupants, Scarborough was reportedly found to be in possession of two grams of crack cocaine. Drug paraphernalia was also reportedly found in the vehicle.

Scarborough was charged with

a felony count of possession of crack cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Scarborough was initially held under a \$500 secured bond. He is scheduled to appear in Person County District Court on May 31.

Fraud-related arrest

Markeiton Tremayne Pettiford, 26, of 136 Cleveland Lane

was arrested by Roxboro police Saturday on a felony charge of obtaining property by false pretense.

A warrant for Pettiford's arrest was issued in November of 2009.

Pettiford, who is scheduled to appear in district court on April 26, was initially held under a \$1,000 secured bond.

Felony charges lodged

Deputies with the Person County Sheriff's Office arrested Jarel Lamar Powell, 24, of 55 Faulkner Long Rd. Monday on felony charges of abandonment of a child and conspiracy.

Powell was released under a \$2,500 unsecured bond, pending a May 10 appearance in district court.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Senior Center: Closed Good Friday; Open Monday

State Employees' Credit Union: Closed Good Friday; Open Monday

Banks: Open normal banking hours

County Offices: Closed Good Friday; Open Monday

City Offices: Closed Good Friday; Open Monday

Person County Public Library: Closed Good Friday and Saturday; Open Monday

Post Office: Open normal hours

Person County Museum of History: Open Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 4 p.m.; closed on Monday

ABC Stores: Open Good Friday and Saturday; Closed Monday

The Courier-Times: Open Good Friday; Closed Monday

The City of Roxboro Sanitation Dept. will be off on Friday, April 22. Garbage for Good Friday will be collected on Thursday, April 21 along with the Thursday route. If anyone has questions, call the Clearinghouse at 599-5658. Please put garbage out by 6 a.m.

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Midnight showing of FAST FIVE Thursday, April 28	INSIDIOUS (PG13) Fri.-Sat. 6:50 9:20 Sun.-Thurs. 6:50
	WATER FOR ELEPHANTS (PG13) Fri.-Sat. 1:25 4:25 7:10 9:40 Sun. 1:25 4:25 7:10 Mon.-Thurs. 4:25 7:10

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 23
10:30 a.m.
Cost: FREE

2 Age Divisions
5 & Under (Arena Skate Center Only)
6-12 yrs. (Complex wide except Arena)
Over 60,000 sq. ft. of Easter Eggs!
Hunt For Candy, Free Prizes & Other Prizes

FIND ONE OF FIVE GOLDEN EGGS to win fabulous prizes (limit one Golden Egg per Family)

Special 11 a.m. Movies!

Easter Weekend Celebration & Savings!

Friday & Saturday Special

9oz. Sirloin, Salad Bar, 1 Side & Roll \$14.95

Regular Menu with Specials for Easter Sunday 11-2

Regular Dinner Menu 5-9

The Easter Bunny will be HERE
To Play Games with the Kids from 2pm-3pm!
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