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Eagles are large, powerfully built birds of prey, with heavy heads and beaks. Even the smallest eagles, such as the booted eagle, which is comparable in size to a common buzzard or red-tailed hawk, have relatively longer and more evenly broad wings, and more direct, faster flight. Like all birds of prey, eagles have very large, hooked beaks, strong, muscular

legs, and powerful talons. The beak is typically heavier than that of most other birds of prey. Eagles' eyes are extremely powerful. It is estimated that the martial eagle, whose eye is more than twice as long as a human eye, has a visual acuity 3.0 to 3.6 times that of humans. This acuity enables eagles to spot potential prey from a very long distance.

Obituaries

Dianne Lee Averitt

ROCKY MOUNT - Dianne Lee Averitt, age 64, passed away on May 10, 2018 at UNC Nash Hospital of Rocky Mount, NC.

Ms. Averitt was born in Roxobel, Bertie County, NC on April 26, 1954, a daughter of the late Clifton and Ernestine White Brandt. Dianne worked as a Procurement Buyer for Johnson's Controls in Tarboro, NC, until her retirement in 2017. She loved riding horses, her dogs, which were her children, and was a confidant to many. Dianne had a contagious smile that made everyone's day better, and she loved to joke.

Besides her parents, Dianne was preceded in death by her grandmother that raised her, Clara Elizabeth White, two brothers, Gary White, and Julian Jernigan; uncles, James White and Calvin White; and an aunt Viva Pollard.

Left to cherish her memory is her brother, William Jernigan of Ahoskie, NC, an uncle, Charles White and wife, Charlotte, of Roxobel, NC; and two aunts, Virginia Jilcott of Tarboro, NC, and Anna Mae Castagna of Rocky Mount, NC and numerous nieces nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Garrett-Sykes Memorial Chapel of Murfreesboro, NC with Rev. Josh Bowen, officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service on Monday and all other times at the home of Richard and Renee Jilcott.

Memorial contributions may be made directly to PAWS of Hertford County, P.O. Box 153, Murfreesboro, NC 27855 or online by visiting www.tnccfund.org/search then type Dianne Averitt.

Garrett-Sykes Memorial Chapel is handling the arrangements for the Averitt family and online condolences can be directed to the family by visiting www.garrettsykesfs.com.

Paid Obituary



Francis Bertram Russell, Sr.

MIDDLESEX - Francis Bertram Russell, Sr., 82, of 8 Trusting Ln, Middlesex, NC, and formerly of Windsor, NC, died May 10, 2018. He was born in Marion, VA, on June 28, 1935 to the late Janie Pierce and Bertram Russell. He is also predeceased by his only brother, James Wilbur Russell.

He spent most of his life in Windsor, NC, where he enjoyed fishing, hunting and golf. The neighborhood knew of his love of gardening and willingness to share its bounty. Professionally he was a lumber mill supervisor for Herndon Lumber Co. in Lewisville, NC, and then for 25 years for Weyerhaeuser Co. in Plymouth, NC.

A longtime member of Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor, Francis served as a deacon, S.S. teacher and officer of the Baptist Men's Org. He sang in the adult and men's choirs during most of his life. In his community he was an active member and officer of the Windsor Lion's Club.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Katherine Ellington Russell; a daughter, Janine R. Andreassen and her husband William of Rolesville, NC; a son, F. Bert Russell, Jr. and his wife Shannon of Warrenton, VA; one grandson, Graham Russell and four step-grandchildren: Ethan, Sydney, and Brennan Scarratt and Nathan Andreassen. Also surviving are 5 nephews and 3 nieces and their families; 3 sisters-in-law, Grace Russell, June Daniel and JoAnn Ellington and 1 brother-in-law, Stewart Ellington.

Francis and Katherine moved to Emit in Northern Johnston County in 2010, and moved their membership to Antioch Baptist Church. Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 14, 2018 in Antioch Baptist Church with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening in Antioch Baptist Church.

Francis will be remembered as a faithful and devoted husband, father, and grandfather to his family.

Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, NC Hwy 39, Middlesex, NC 27557 or Friends of Hospice, Hospice of Nash General, 2460 Curtis Ellis Dr., Rocky Mount, NC 27804.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at parishfh.com.

Paid Obituary

AHOSKIE — Stanley Allen Brown, died on Friday, May 11, 2018. Funeral Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 11 a.m., at Amanda S. Cherry Resource Center. Visitation 1-7 p.m., Friday, May 18, 2018, Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie. Arrangements by Hunter's Funeral Home, Ahoskie.

ROBERSONVILLE — Homer Lee Harris, 76, died on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Funeral Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 2 pm, at Roberson Missionary Baptist Church in Robersonville. Visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by Cherry's Funeral Home of Windsor.

AHOSKIE — Serafina Lee Jenkins Ireland, 39, died on May 7, 2018. Funeral Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 1 p.m., at Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie Chapel. Arrangements by Garrett-Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie.

MERRY HILL — Frances Williams Stewart, 66, died on Friday, May 5, 2018. Funeral Sunday, May 13th at 2 pm, at Peterson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Merry Hill. Arrangements by Cherry's Funeral Home of Windsor.

RICH SQUARE — Janice Jean Thompson Walton, 77, died on May 9, 2018. Funeral Monday, May 14, 2018 at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Rich Square Church. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc., Rich Square.

POWELLS POINT — Carson Anthony White, 34, died on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, funeral home. Arrangements by Miller & Van Essendelft, Funeral and Cremation Providers, Hertford.

WINDSOR — Harvey Everett Jackson, 77, died on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Funeral Tuesday, May 15th at 11:00 am, at Edgewood Cemetery. Visitation following the service at the graveside. Arrangements by Walker Funeral Home of Windsor.

WINDSOR — Cecil Miller Pierce, 90, died on Sunday, May 13, 2018. Funeral Wednesday at 3 p.m., at Walker Funeral Chapel. Visitation one hour prior to the chapel service.

JAMESVILLE — Robert "Bob" Wayne Nunnally, Sr., 76, died on May 1, 2018.

MURFREESBORO — Jose Luis Casillas Batas, 56, died on May 4, 2018. Funeral Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 2 p.m., at Wilder's Funeral Home Chapel, Rich Square. Arrangements by Wilder's Funeral Home, Inc.

Out&About

Out and About lists current events sponsored by nonprofit groups in Bertie County. Please send listings to the Bertie Ledger-Advance at P.O. Box 69, Windsor, NC, 27983, bring them by the office at 109 S. King St., fax them to (252) 794-2835 or e-mail them to lbeachboard@ncweeklies.com. All event listings must be submitted by 10 a.m. each Monday.

Scholarship Applications

The Windsor Rotary Club currently is accepting scholarship applications for the Rick Woodard Scholarship. The annual scholarship is given to a student who is pursuing a career in the medical field and is a resident of Bertie County. For more information or an application, contact LuAnn Joyner, Windsor Rotary Club Scholarship Committee Chairman, at LuAnnJoyner@vidanthealth.com or 252-794-6653/252-741-0927.

May 16 & 17

Class

The Continuing Education Division of Martin Community College is offering a Notary Public class from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17 at the MCC Bertie Campus. The fee is \$70 and the book is \$27.16. For more information or to register, contact Leslie Bond at 252-789-0248 or via email at leslie.bond@martincc.edu.

May 19

Luncheon with Herbs

Historic Hope Foundation will host a fundraiser "Luncheon with Herbs" from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at the Windsor Community Building. The speaker will be Dorita Boyd from Raindrop Ridge Farm Nursery. The topic will be "Growing Herbs, and the Culinary Use of Eight Herbs." Tickets are \$25. Please RSVP no later than May 10. For more information or to register, contact Norma Wesson at 252-325-1087.

May 22

Commercial and Private Pesticide Training

The Bertie County Extension office will be conducting an "All Category" pesticide recertification training from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 22 at the Windsor Community Building, 201 S. Queen St. in Windsor. For more information or to register, call the Bertie Extension Office at 252-794-5317

May 24

Stroke Screening

Vidant Bertie Hospital will host stroke screening from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, May 24 at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 302 S. Queen St. in Windsor. The event is free to the public. To register or for more information, call 1-855-MYVIDANT (1-855-698-4326).

May 26

Horse Show

The Roanoke/Cashie Youth Dream Team is hosting an Open Fun Horse Show and Barrel Racing Saturday, May 26. Gates open at 7 a.m. and opening ceremony starts at 9 a.m. The price is \$5 at the gate and children 10 and under are admitted free. The event will be held at Barnhill's Dairy, 2955 Old Creek Rd. in Greenville. For more information, contact the Roanoke/Cashie Youth Dream Team at rcyouthdreamteam@yahoo.com.

May 27

Class of 1965 Reunion

The Southwestern High School Class of 1965 reunion will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27 at Moratoc Park, 102 River Dr. in Williamston. For more information, call 252-395-0805 or 252-724-0348.

May 30

2018 Seasoned Senior Fest

The 2018 Seasoned Senior Fest will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 30 at the Cashie-Heritage Convention Center, 118 County Farm Rd. in Windsor. Transportation is available. For more information or to pre-register, contact 252-794-5315.

June 11

Men's Health Event

Vidant Bertie Hospital will host its annual Men's Health Event at 6 p.m. Monday, June 11 at Heritage House Restaurant. Vidant Clinical Nutrition expert, Judith Garrett, and a primary practice physician from Edenton will be the guest speakers.

June 13

Free Workshop

NCWorks and the Bertie County Public Library have partnered to present "Career Ready- Interviewing for Success" from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 13 at the Bertie County Public Library, 111 U.S. 13 Bypass, Windsor. This is a free event. For more information, contact the Bertie County Public Library at 252-794-2244.

June 14

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, June 14 at the Windsor Community Building. Bertie County Farm Bureau sponsors the blood drive.

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Ongoing

DAV Claims

The Disabled American Veterans meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month to file claims at the Am Vets Post 227 Building, 214 E. Main St. in Williamston. There is no charge for this service. For more information, contact service officers Charles Lins at 252-508-6326 or Charles "Red" Beppard at 252-802-0633.

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